

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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I. Report of the Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting

The Ninety-Eighth Annual SSPP meeting was held April 13-15, 2006, at the Charleston Riverview Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University) managed local arrangements.

Dr. Thomas Polger (University of Cincinnati) chaired the philosophy program committee. The philosophy program consisted of 60 papers, 36 with commentaries, in 24 sessions with five invited sessions. 52 colleges and universities were represented.

Dr. John S. Monahan (Central Michigan University) chaired the psychology program committee. The psychology program consisted of 47 papers in 13 sessions with two invited sessions and the Key Barkley Symposium on the History of Psychology. 24 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

The President's Invited Speaker was Dr. James McClelland (Carnegie Mellon University), who presented "Semantic Cognition: A Parallel Distributed Processing Approach." John Bickle (University of Cincinnati) was the philosophy discussant; Claude Cech (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) was the psychology discussant. The Society's annual business meeting was a plenary session.

Each year, the SSPP bestows the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award to members or applicants for membership who are doctoral candidates or have received the doctoral degree within the last five years. The Griffith Award Committee selects the philosopher and the psychologist who give the papers of highest merit. Dr. John Bickle (University of Cincinnati) chaired the Griffith Committee for Philosophy, which recognized Andrea Scarantino of Georgia State University, for his paper and presentation, "Emotions as Unmotions." Dr. David Washburn (Georgia State University) chaired the Griffith Committee for Psychology, which recognized L. A. Tagliabue, (Emory University), for her paper and presentation "The Category Effect in Visual Search: Beyond Living and Nonliving Contrasts." The award carries a \$200 cash prize and commemorative paperweight.

Graduate Student Travel awards of \$100 in philosophy were given to Elka Shortsleeve of the University of Florida for her paper, "Knowledge and Certainty: A Speech-Act Contextualist Account," and to Jordan Stein of the University of California – Irvine for his paper, "Relating Assent and Belief Through Disquotations." Graduate Student Travel awards of

\$100 in psychology were given to Emily H. Harris of Georgia State University for her paper (co-authored with Michael J. Beran and David A. Washburn), "High Rollers?: Monkeys Decide Between Low Probability/High Reward and High Probability/Low Reward Outcome" and to Natasha A. Barrett of Georgia State University for her paper (co-authored with David A. Washburn), "Measurement of Mental Activity from Functional Transcranial Doppler Sonography."

Council recommended approval of 15 applicants for full membership and 14 applicants for associate membership in Philosophy. These applications were approved unanimously. Council recommended approval of 6 applicants for full membership and 8 applicants for associate membership in Psychology. These applications were approved unanimously. In recognition of their outstanding contributions to academia and to the Society, Roger Thomas and Ulrich Neisser from psychology and Douglas Browning and Dwight Van de Vate from philosophy were unanimously voted Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports were read. James Pate announced that the site of the Ninety-Ninth Annual SSPP Meeting in 2007 will be in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton Midtown.

The following officers were elected at the 2006 business meeting: Dr. Hajime Otani (Central Michigan University), President-Elect; Dr. Michael J. Beran (Georgia State University), Treasurer, Dr. Bill Faw (Brewton-Parker College), Council for Psychology, and Eddy Nahmias (Georgia State University), Council for Philosophy.

Continuing officers are Dr. Debra Sue Pate (Jackson State University), Past-President; Dr. Nicholas Georgalis (East Carolina University), President; Dr. Sanford Goldberg (University of Kentucky) and Dr. Robert Richardson (University of Cincinnati) Council for Philosophy; Dr. John Monahan (Central Michigan University), Council for Psychology; Dr. Kenneth Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), Secretary,

Philosophy Archivist, and AAAS representative; and Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University), Psychology Archivist, Hotel Negotiator, and AAAS representative. Dr. James Dye continues as Webmaster.

Retiring officers are Dr. David Washburn (Georgia State University), Past-President; Dr. Charles Early (Roanoke College), Council for Psychology, and Dr. Jennifer McKittrick, (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), Council for Philosophy.

II. Announcements

A. The 2007 SSPP meeting in Atlanta, GA (from James Pate, SSPP Hotel Negotiator)

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will hold its 99th meeting at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel at Colony Square from April 5, 2007, to April 7, 2007. Either a single or double room will be \$109.00 per night plus 15% tax. The convention rate applies for three days before and three days after the meeting if rooms are available. Parking is \$18.00 per day for valet parking and \$16.00 per day for self-parking. The hotel is at 188 14th Street, which is about ½ block from Peachtree Street. Additional information about the hotel is available at the hotel's web site,

http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/search/hotel_detail.html?propertyID=838.

The deadline for making room reservations is March 14, 2007, but I hope that you will make your reservations early. If the room block is over-subscribed early, I perhaps can negotiate a room block increase with the hotel. You may make reservations by accessing a special web site (<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/sspp2007>) or by calling a toll free number (1-888-627-7217). You should state that you will be attending the meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), and you should request the convention rate. The Society is obligated to occupy a block of guest rooms in order to avoid charges to the Society.

Most major airlines serve the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. The taxi fare from the airport to the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel is \$32.00 for one person and \$2.00 for each additional person. A shuttle from the airport to the hotel is available for \$18.50. The MARTA train fare is \$1.75, and the Arts Center Station is approximately four blocks from the hotel.

Since the Society last met in Atlanta (2003), some new attractions have opened or will open before the meeting next April. The Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the world according to their advertisements, is open and is attracting large numbers of people. Next door to the Aquarium is a new version of The World of Coca Cola, and both are near the Olympic Centennial Park. The High Museum of Art, Symphony Hall, and Theater Atlanta are about three blocks from the hotel. Many restaurants are in the mall at Colony Square, which is attached to the hotel, or within easy walking distance of the hotel. More information about the city and its attractions will be provided in a future Newsletter, and information about Atlanta is available at <http://www.atlanta.net/visitors/index.html>.

If you encounter any difficulties in making a hotel reservation, please contact James L. Pate (404-351-2199, 404-309-0253, or jpate@gsu.edu).

James L. Pate
Hotel Negotiator

B. 2007 President's Invited Speaker (from Nicholas Georgalis, SSPP President)

John Searle
Slusser Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy
314 Moses Hall 2390
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720-2390

Title: TBA

Professor Searle was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford,

from which he received a D. Phil. in 1959. Since then, he has at the University of California, Berkeley. At last count, Searle has authored 16 books and countless articles. In addition, there have been numerous papers, books, and conferences on his work. He has also been honored with numerous visiting professorships and hundred of guest lectures.

C. The SSPP welcomes these new members

Applications from the following individuals were reviewed by the membership committee for their respective disciplines, recommended by Council, and unanimously accepted by a vote of the members into the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Applications for membership received at or near the annual meeting are processed during the subsequent year. Contact the Secretary with questions.

Full Members - Philosophy: Tom Burke, Mary Clayton Coleman, Steven Hendley, Emmett Holman, Henry Jacoby, Fred Kronz, Pete Mandik, Alyssa Ney, Bongrae Seok, and James Shelton.

Associate Members - Philosophy: Heather Allen, David Banman, Kelvin Booth, Gillian Bowling, Stephen Crowley, Steven Harris, Carole Lee, Alan Nichols, Liz Stillwaggon, Stacey Swain, and Sam Von Mizener.

Full Members - Psychology: Kenneth Feigenbaum, Emily Klein, Michael J. Owren, Christopher Ramey, L. Leigh Rankin, Lori Schmied, and Lauren A. Tagliatela.

Associate Members - Psychology: Laura Brewster, Theodore Evans, Melanie McCarthy, J. Bates McKinney, Eric Petterson, and Williams Sorotkin.

III. Calls for Papers

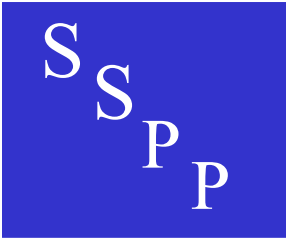
A. Richard M. Griffith Awards

This is the first call for papers for the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Awards. Two cash awards of \$200 each plus engraved paperweights will be made for the

papers of greatest excellence, one in philosophy and one in psychology, presented at the annual conference in 2007. The awards are presented at the business meeting which concludes the conference. The rules for this competition state that applicants must either have received their Ph.D. no more than five years prior to the date of the annual meeting at which the paper is presented or must be current candidates for the Ph.D. Only papers by one author are eligible. All Griffith Award applicants must be either SSPP members or applicants for membership and must indicate their eligibility on their paper submission forms.

B. Graduate Student Travel Grants

Up to six travel grants (up to three in philosophy and up to three in psychology) of \$100 each will be awarded to graduate students whose papers are accepted for the 2007 program. Students can apply for these grants simply by indicating their eligibility on their SSPP submission form. To be eligible for a travel grant, the applicant must be a member or applicant for membership in SSPP and a graduate student in a doctoral program in philosophy or psychology. Applicants may be either the sole or joint authors of the paper or abstract they submit. The travel grants will be awarded on a competitive basis by the Program Committee of each discipline, whose chair will notify recipients at the same time they are sent their acceptance notices for the program



Call for Papers

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology announces a call for papers for its Ninety-Ninth Annual Meeting, to be held in Atlanta, GA. SSPP meetings feature concurrent programs in philosophy and psychology, as well as plenary sessions jointly sponsored by the philosophy and psychology program committees. The deadline for all submissions is **November 15, 2006** (postmarked, midnight for electronic submissions).

A. *PHILOSOPHY*: The Philosophy Program Committee encourages submissions of papers in any area of philosophy. The aim of the committee is to present as balanced a program as the quality of submissions in each area permits. **Submissions exceeding 3,000 words will not be considered.** Submission should include a word count and an abstract of no more than 150 words. Self-reference should be deleted to permit blind reviewing; authors should indicate their identity only on the cover sheet that accompanies their submission. All papers submitted and presented should employ gender-neutral language.

Papers may be submitted in electronic or hard copy to:

Dr. Chase Wrenn
Department of Philosophy
Campus Box 0218
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0218
sspp.philosophy@gmail.com

Certain papers may be selected for commentary depending on overall programmatic considerations. People who wish to comment on a paper or to chair a session may volunteer by sending a short version of their curriculum vitae directly to the program chairperson.

B. *PSYCHOLOGY*: The Psychology Program Committee encourages submissions in all areas of psychology. All papers submitted and presented should employ gender-inclusive language.

For experimental, correlational, or observational papers, send an electronic copy or three hard copies of an abstract not to exceed two pages. References cited should be added as an additional page. Contributions must be based on methods appropriate to psychology as a natural or social science. Abstracts must be double-spaced with one-inch margins and at least 12-point font. The context, contribution, and importance

of the research as well as the hypothesis or question being investigated should be stated clearly. The principal variables and the research design should also be specified.

For historical, methodological, and issues papers, send either an electronic copy or three hard copies of the complete manuscript. The text should not exceed 7 pages. References cited should be added as additional pages. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and at least 12-point font. Include an abstract of 100 words or less that indicates clearly the context, contribution, and importance of the paper.

Submission of symposia, panel discussions, and debates is also encouraged. In particular, sessions are encouraged that include participation by psychologists and philosophers or that focus on topics of interdisciplinary interest. For symposia or sessions, the organizer should prepare a session abstract, not to exceed two pages, describing the session's or symposium's theme, content, and importance. The organizer may also choose to have each contributor prepare an abstract that summarizes his or her own contribution. All symposium materials should be collected by the organizer and submitted together. Organizers are encouraged to contact the psychology program chair to discuss ideas for symposia and similar sessions.

Submissions may be sent to:

Dr. Lisa Osbeck
Department of Psychology
University of West Georgia
Carrollton, GA 30118
losbeck@westga.edu

For psychology papers to be considered for the Griffith prize, complete papers must be submitted as PDF files or three hard copies to the psychology program chair by March 1, 2007.

SSPP Submission Form for the 2007 Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia

April 5-7, 2007

Deadline for submissions: **November 15, 2006** (postmarked)

TITLE OF PAPER OR SYMPOSIUM: _____

AUTHOR(S) AND AFFILIATION:

1st Author	_____	Affiliation	_____
2nd Author	_____	Affiliation	_____
3rd Author	_____	Affiliation	_____
4th Author	_____	Affiliation	_____
5th Author	_____	Affiliation	_____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER:

HOME PHONE _____ **OFFICE PHONE** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SSPP STATUS OF SUBMITTER: Full, Emeritus, or Honorary Life Member _____
Associate Member ____ Applicant for Membership ____

FIELD OF SUBMISSION: Philosophy _____ Psychology _____
General Area _____

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE AND SUBMITTING THIS PAPER FOR THE RICHARD M. GRIFFITH MEMORIAL AWARD?

(Only papers by one author who has either received the Ph.D. within the last five years or is a current Ph.D. candidate and who is an SSPP member or applicant for membership are eligible. In psychology, complete papers must be submitted as PDF files or three hard copies to the program chair by March 1, 2007.)

Yes _____ Date or anticipated date of Ph.D. _____

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE AND SUBMITTING THIS PAPER FOR A GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT?

(All graduate students whose submission to the program conforms to the SSPP submission requirements relevant to their discipline are eligible, provided they are members or applicants for membership. They may be either the sole or joint author of the paper or abstract they submit.)

Yes _____

OVERHEAD AND LCD PROJECTORS WILL BE PROVIDED. LAPTOP COMPUTERS WILL NOT.

ARE YOU WILLING TO CHAIR or COMMENT AT THE 2007 MEETING? Yes ____ No ____

*This form, or a reproduction, **must** be submitted with **each** paper, together with an abstract and/or manuscript, according to the instructions in the Call for Papers. Check the above information very carefully as it will appear in the program exactly as you have written it.*

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Founded in 1904

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology has approximately 600 members consisting of both philosophers and psychologists. The purpose of the society is to promote philosophy and psychology in the southern section of the United States by encouraging new research, facilitating the exchange of ideas, fostering the educational foundation of philosophy and psychology, and improving the academic status of these subjects.

The primary activities of the society are its annual conferences. These annual meetings consist of concurrent programs in philosophy and psychology as well as joint, plenary sessions of mutual interest to philosophers and psychologists. Each annual meeting features a distinguished speaker invited by the President, alternating between a philosopher and a psychologist. Recent President’s Invited Speakers have been James L. McClelland (2006), Kenneth Shaffner (2005), Stephen Kosslyn (2004), Cynthia Willett (2003), Frank Farley (2002) and Ned Block (2001).

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: _____ Full _____ Associate _____ Emeritus
_____ New Application _____ Change of Status
_____ Philosophy _____ Psychology

Name: _____ Preferred Title: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED DATES

DEGREES & YEARS

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (current & recent)

RANK OR TITLE

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Full membership in the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology usually requires a Ph.D. in philosophy or psychology and professional involvement in either teaching or research in the relevant discipline. Those who do not have a Ph.D. but are actively involved in teaching or research are eligible for associate membership. Applicants for associate membership should submit a copy of their curriculum vitae with their application. Full members who have retired are eligible for emeritus membership, for which no dues is charged. DUES: New applicants, including those applying for a change of status from associate to full, are required to pay their dues in advance of consideration of their applications. Dues will be credited for the year which begins on the day of the business session of the next annual meeting, at which time applications for membership will be officially reviewed. Meanwhile applicants will receive all mailings of the society. In the event of unfavorable action on this application, the dues will be refunded. Checks may be made payable to The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Dues Enclosed: ____\$35.00 (one-year full membership) ____\$15.00 (associate membership for up to three years)

SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

Dr. Michael J. Beran, Treasurer, 3401 Panthersville Road. Decatur, GA 30034