

# SSPP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2006 - ROUGH DRAFT

## Please join us for the following events...

### 1. 2006 MEETING AT SPEP

#### PANEL: Rethinking Democracy

Time: 9am- 11:15am

Location: Conference room, A2 (same room)

Moderator: Graciela Lechuga-Solis, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco, Mexico

“Rawls, Foucault, Michael Moore and 50 Cent on the Terms of Democratic Discourse,” Michael Brownstein, Penn State.

“Derrida and the Inventions of Democracy,” Peter Gratton, Chicago State University

“Althusser, Concrete Analysis, Democratic Decision Making,” William S. Lewis, Skidmore College.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Thursday October 12, 2006

Location: Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, conference room A2

Time: 11:30 am- 12:15 pm

Further information can be found at the SPEP website ([www.spep.org](http://www.spep.org)).

Executive Board elections will be held at this meeting. Those who cannot attend may submit online ballots to [vote@sspp.us](mailto:vote@sspp.us) by October 2006.

#### Nominees for the 07-08 E-board (listed alphabetically):

- 1) Steven De Caroli (Philosophy, Goucher College)
- 2) William S. Lewis (Philosophy, Skidmore College)
- 3) Piya Pangsapa (Women’s Studies, University at Buffalo)
- 4) Jason Read (Philosophy, U. of Southern Maine)
- 5) Hasana Sharp (Philosophy, McGill University)
- 6) Amy E. Wendling (Philosophy, Creighton University)

#### MEETING AGENDA

- 1- Introduction and discussion of items put to vote in the following order:
  - a- Vote on the Executive E-board positions of 2007-2008. Executive board members are responsible for running the society. Once elected, they will choose one of them to become the "Secretary-General" of the society. The constitution describes the role of executive officers in Article III.
  - b- Confirmation of the Co-Directors and members of the Publications and Conference committees for 2007-2008.
  - c- Vote on raising membership dues to fulfill our publications obligations with ISP. Raising membership dues (by 10 or \$15) would help us to enter into a contractual agreement with ISP for an SSPP annual issue.
  - d- Vote on whether to hold independent meetings of the society
  - e- Input from members on whether to hold supplementary regular panels in the future (APA Pacific, Canadian Philosophical Association, or elsewhere).
  - e- Input from members on what themes or topics should the 2008 CFPS cover.
  - f- Other items and suggestions: members' activities, projects, and concerns (items that are not constitution- or policy-related) could be introduced by members from the floor to be added to the vote as write-in items.
- 3- Voting: ballots will be provided (for members present; ballots or proxy ballots officially communicated to the e-board will be accounted for in the final results).

- 4- Reports from Executive Board members to the membership (Publications; Conferences and Meetings; Membership and Budget).
- 5- Next Annual Business Meeting; Issues pertaining to 2008 meetings.
- 6- Vote results announced.
- 7- Membership concerns, recommendations to the executive board, and other items.

## **2) APA EASTERN MEETING IN 2006**

Due to communication problems, SSPP panels' information will not be included in the printed program of the Eastern Division of the APA, but will be included in the Addenda, printed and distributed at the meeting. All those presenting, remember to ask for a copy of the addenda when you get to Washington, DC. Two SSPP panels on "Religion and Politics" are on the Eastern Division program (see time and place below), and we encourage members to attend both panels. For information about the APA Eastern Division meeting, and on travel or accommodations, please consult [www.udel.edu/apa](http://www.udel.edu/apa).

### **Religion and Politics I: December 28 (Thursday), 5:15-7:15 (Wilson C)**

*Moderator:* Manuel Chávez-Jiménez, Binghamton University and St. Lawrence University

"Levinas and the State of Palestine," Jason Caro, U. of Houston, Downtown

"Kierkegaard and Levinas on God and Neighbor," Aaron Fehir, Purdue U.

"Capitalism and the Forces of "Islam"," Fouad Kalouche, Albright College.

### **Religion and Politics II: December 30 (Saturday), 11:15-1:15 (Wilson B)**

*Moderator:* Fouad Kalouche, Albright College

"Real Subsumption, the 'faith-based' self, and Resistance: notes toward a plebeian religio-politics," Christopher Fox, Newman U.

"Patriotic Dreams, Illicit Sex, and Divine Graces: The Intersection of Religion, Politics, and Sexual Normativity in Conservative Christian Discourse on Homosexuality," Ludger Viefhues-Bailey, Yale University

"Between Passion and Politics: Kierkegaard, Benjamin, and Religious Ethics," Annika Thiem, University of California, Berkeley

## **3) APA PACIFIC MEETING IN 2007**

Precise times and dates TBA. Conference is April 3-8, San Francisco, CA - Westin

### **Panel 1 - "Wendy Brown's Challenges to Feminist and Leftist Political Theory"**

Speaker: Anna Carastathis (McGill, U.)

Speaker: Hasana Sharp (McGill U.)

Respondent: Wendy Brown (UC Berkely)

### **Panel 2 - Social and Political Philosophy Today**

Michael Marder, New School "Risky recognitions: The Concept of Political Risk in Carl Schmitt"  
OTHERS????

#### 4) Table of Contents of *International Studies in Philosophy* SSPP Guest Issues

##### ISSUE 38.2 TOC (IN PROCESS)

A Conversation with Noam Chomsky (Alejandro de Acosta and Falguni Sheth)  
The Leisure of Walking: Resisting the Busyness of Consumption (Zachary Davis)  
Relocating the Non-Place: Reading Negri With/Against Haraway (Margret Grebowicz)  
Control and Expose: The Work of Neoliberalism (Trent H. Hamann)  
Transitional Truth and Historical Justice: Philosophical Foundation and Implications of the TRC (Leigh M. Johnson)  
The Global Duty to Care and the Politics of Peace (Sarah Clark Miller)  
Race and the Politics of Citizenship: The Conflict over Jus Soli and Jus Sanguini (Mickaella L. Perina)  
Towards an Ethics of Place: A Philosophical Analysis of Cultural Tourism (Mary C. Rawlinson)  
The Case for Comparison Between Nazism and the War Against Terror: A Study in Bio-Politics (Lissa Skitol)  
The Dignity of Labor? : A Marxist Challenge to Traditional Marxism (Amy E. Wendling)

#### 5) CALL FOR PAPERS 2007

##### FOR THE SOCIETY'S MEETING TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH The Eastern APA (American Philosophical Association) in 2007

The SSPP invites papers for two conference panels. We are seeking papers that address issues pertaining to:

##### Feminist Political Theory

Feminism has always been political. But the types of political interventions that feminists have championed have varied widely in their strategies, their aims, and their contexts. In light of this complex theoretical history, and in acknowledgment of the increasingly global nature of feminist discourse, there are good reasons to reassess the state of feminist political theory in all its formations: radical and liberal, local and global, past and present. We are looking for papers that address the various ways that feminism has engaged the complexities of political discourse.

Complete papers of 3000-5000 words (that can be summarized and presented in 20-30 minutes) should be submitted for consideration for the 2007 meeting (deadline: March 1, 2007). The meeting will be scheduled for December 27-30, 2007 in Baltimore.

Authors should include their name(s) and contact information on the cover page ONLY.

Papers should be emailed as attachments in Word or RTF format to [papers@sspp.us](mailto:papers@sspp.us).

##### FOR THE SOCIETY'S MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPEP (Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy) in 2007

The SSPP invites papers for two conference panels. We are seeking papers that address issues pertaining to:

##### Paradoxes of Race

Race, when not viewed in terms of simplistic binaries, is deeply paradoxical. It is very often situated ambiguously with respect to a number of entrenched divisions: between nature and history, self and other, mind and body. And, more generally, it is often seen as both historical and natural, as both discursively constructed and essentialized through the body. In light of these ambiguities, what can philosophy offer to a critical analysis of race? We are looking for papers that address these racial ambiguities—papers that advance conceptual and historical understandings of race, rather than papers which simply expose the racist past of the history of philosophy.

Complete papers of 3000-5000 words (that can be summarized and presented in 20-30 minutes) should be submitted for consideration for the 2007 meeting (deadline: March 1, 2007). The meeting will be scheduled for November 8-10, 2007, in Chicago.

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#### **6) MEMBERSHIP DUES AND/OR DONATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSPP**

You can pay your membership on line (using a credit card) by using the link on our website, under membership, to the secure site of the PDC (Philosophy Documentation Center). Otherwise, you can print out the “application form” from the web site ([www.sspp.us/membership.html](http://www.sspp.us/membership.html)), fill it out, and mail your check made out to SSPP to:

SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (or SSPP)  
Philosophy Documentation Center  
P. O. Box 7147  
Charlottesville, VA 22906-7147

You can also “charge” your membership dues on a credit card by either filling out the application form at our website or by calling 1-800-444-2419 (US & Canada) or 1-434-220-3300.

Our membership dues are necessary to support the society’s activities, including the setup of meetings, events, and publications, of our members. All of our planning is contingent on building a solid base of members who are willing to actively participate in shaping the society and to contribute towards its well-being—including financially, if they can. As the society builds a solid membership base, we hope to assist and support the setting up of events, meetings, conferences, and publications in different locations of the world (where our members could actively participate in organization), covering various subject matters—thus making the society a supra-national network and not merely a society based in the united states.

Being a not-for-profit 501c(3) corporation we can also accept donations or contributions that should be fully tax-deductible. Please contact the Secretary-General if your department or institution can contribute to SSPP and would like to be acknowledged as a supporter of our conferences, meetings, publications, and other activities.

*Thank you for being a member and contributing to the collective space of engagement!*

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD (2005-2006)**

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