

CALL FOR PAPERS

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY
48th ANNUAL MEETING
March 11-13, 2021

Location: Denver, Colorado

The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy cordially invites the submission of papers and proposals for its 48th annual meeting, to be held in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the conference is “Democracy: Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why?” While papers and proposals in all areas of American Philosophy are welcome, some preference will be given to papers and proposals that respond to this year’s conference theme. Scholars who are not presently members of the Society, but whose work is in American thought, are especially encouraged to submit.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

You do not need to be a member to submit a paper or a proposal, but you must be a member in order to present your accepted submission. To become a member, please visit [the Society's membership page](#).

DEADLINE for submissions is September 1, 2020. This is a firm deadline. We will stop accepting submissions at 11:59 pm Pacific Time on September 1. Please submit your paper or proposal following the guidelines below.

All submissions must be submitted electronically via the 2021 SAAP meeting submission website: <http://conf.american-philosophy.org/saap2021/openconf.php>.

Electronic submission requires the following: (1) Submission Title, (2) Submission Type, (3) Author(s) Information, (4) Abstract, (5) Keywords, (6) a **Submission File prepared for anonymous review**, and (7) your **Audio/Visual requirements, if any**.

Anonymity: Papers and Panel Proposals **must be suitable for anonymous review**. Please refrain from making references to your own work, your location, or anything obvious that could reveal your identity. If the author's identity can be determined through self-references, endnotes, etc., the submission may be disqualified. Avoid headers/footers because they often contain information that breaches anonymity. NOTE: PDF files are preferred. MS Word documents can sometimes reveal the author's identity through word tags. Microsoft explains how to change or erase these [here](#).

Number of Submissions: Please note that multiple submissions will **not** be accepted and that persons participating in invited sessions may **not** submit to the regular program.

Commentators and Session Chairs: Persons interested in serving in these capacities should contact the 2021 Program Co-Chairs, Alexander Stehn (alex.stehn@utrgv.edu) and Kathleen Wallace (Kathleen.A.Wallace@hofstra.edu), and indicate areas of interest.

SUBMISSION TYPES

Submissions that do not meet the following guidelines will not be considered.

Paper: Papers should be no longer than **3000 words** (excluding endnotes, footnotes, and bibliography). Longer papers will not be considered. Submissions must include a 100–150 word abstract. Accepted authors will have 20 minutes to present their work during a session and, in most cases, will be followed by a ten minute commentary and a period of open discussion.

Panel Discussion: A panel discussion should provide an opportunity to examine specific problems or topics from a variety of perspectives and should do more than present a set of related papers. Panel proposals should include a description of the issue that the session will address, an explanation of the relevance of this issue to the study of American philosophy or to wider social and philosophical issues, and an indication of how each paper in the panel addresses this issue. Panel Discussion proposals should include: (1) a title, (2) an abstract of 450-600 words for the panel as a whole, and (3) either complete papers (of no more than 3000 words excluding endnotes, footnotes, and bibliography) or abstracts (of at least 600 words) for *each* paper in the panel. Please do **not** send a separate file for each panelist.

Author Meets Critics Proposals: Author Meets Critics proposals must include:

- Name and affiliation of book's author(s).
- Complete title of the book.
- Publication date and name of publisher (only books published in or after 2018 will be considered).
- Brief statement of the book's significance for American philosophy and rationale for inclusion in the program.
- Names and affiliations of confirmed critics and session organizer, and why they were chosen.

The committee anticipates a very limited number of these sessions, perhaps two or three.

Book/Article Discussion: Proposals should include a brief summary of the book or article to be discussed and its general relation to American philosophy or wider social and philosophical issues. Proposals should not exceed 1500 words. All accepted book/article discussions will be scheduled as round-table discussion breakfast sessions at the hotel restaurant.

Please note that only Book/Article Discussions, Author Meets Critics, and Panel Proposals can be submitted with *only* an abstract.

If you have ideas for special sessions beyond the categories indicated in this CFP, please contact the Program Co-Chairs by July 1, 2020.

NOTE WELL: Please note any AV needs with your online submission by indicating them under “Optional Comments.”

Confirmation: All persons making submissions to the annual meeting website will receive automatic confirmation of receipt of their submission. If the listed contact person for a submission does not receive an automatic confirmation shortly after completing the submission process, then that person should check their spam folder. If the automatic confirmation is not in the spam folder, please contact the Secretary at tunstald@gvsu.edu.

If you have not received notification regarding the Program Committee's decision about your submission by November 15, please contact the Secretary.

Scheduling: The Program Committee assumes that it may schedule a paper or session at any time between Thursday at 1:00 pm, and Saturday late afternoon.

Availability of accepted submissions online: SAAP will post anonymized versions of accepted papers, panel proposals, and book/article discussion submissions, as well as non-anonymized versions of accepted Author Meets Critics proposals, to the annual meeting website. Those submissions will be removed from the website shortly after the 2021 meeting ends. The Secretary will inform the authors of accepted submissions that their submissions have been removed from the website via email.

NOTE WELL, GRADUATE STUDENTS: Travel funds are available to assist students whose papers are accepted for the program. Please contact Bill Myers, SAAP Treasurer, at bmyers@bsc.edu for more information.

PRIZES

Prizes: Only papers that are accepted to the **regular** program (that is, not panels or invited group presentations) are eligible for the Greenlee, Blau, Mellow, and Inter-American Philosophy Prizes. Panels are eligible for the Addams Prize if completed papers are submitted along with the panel abstracts. Papers previously submitted to *The Pluralist* are not eligible for prizes. For full descriptions of the prizes, please click [here](#).

Greenlee Consideration: If you are currently a student or within five years of having completed your Ph.D., you are eligible for consideration for the Douglas Greenlee Prize. If you qualify for the Greenlee Prize, please click “Yes” for “Greenlee Prize Consideration” when prompted during the online submission process.

Addams Prize Consideration: Any submission on issues in feminist thought as they occur in American philosophies, including their intersections with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, (dis)ability

and age, etc., is eligible for this prize. If your submission is eligible for the Addams Prize, please indicate this on your submission by clicking “Yes” for “Addams Prize Consideration” when prompted during the online submission process.

Publication Possibilities: SAAP will plan to publish selected papers from the annual SAAP meeting. If your paper is accepted for the annual meeting, it will be considered for publication unless you indicate in your submission under “Optional Comments” that you do not wish this to be the case. Only those papers that are complete at the time of submission will be considered for publication.

Note on Review Process and Conference Theme Selection: All submissions are anonymously reviewed by at least three members of a six-person program committee. Four of the program committee members are members of the SAAP Executive Board—namely, the two first year at-large Board members and the two program co-chairs. The other two program committee members are SAAP members appointed by the President. Each paper or proposal is reviewed by a team of three reviewers, with each team including one program co-chair. Each paper or proposal receives a numerical score, and the top scoring papers and proposals are accepted for presentation. Eligible papers are reviewed a second time for the various prizes. The conference theme is selected by the local host(s) and is intended to set the tone for the conference.

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