

REVISED CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY 48th ANNUAL MEETING March 11-14, 2021

Location: ONLINE

NEW DEADLINE: October 1, 2020, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy cordially invites the submission of papers and proposals for its 48th annual meeting, to be held online due to the coronavirus pandemic. 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 October 1, 2020. This is a firm deadline. We will stop accepting submissions at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on October 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**.

Anonymity: Papers 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/Moderators: 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 must be suitable for anonymous review and 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 and 3-5 keywords. **BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING:** (1) Accepted papers will be posted to the website; (2) a commentator’s substantial response will also be posted; and (3) a space for asynchronous online discussion of papers and commentaries will be made available. **DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING:** An online, synchronous, video meeting will be scheduled for moderated Question and Answer.

Discussion: We seek proposals designed to foster group inquiry and lively back and forth discussions. Accepted proposals will be scheduled as online, synchronous, video meetings. The following three Discussion Proposal types will be considered:

A. Panel Discussion: A panel discussion should provide an opportunity to examine specific problems or topics from a variety of perspectives. To keep sessions engaging, panelists will be encouraged to limit their live video presentations to 10 minutes. The remainder of the time will be reserved for lively back and forth dialogue, debate, problem-solving, etc. Proposals should be from 1000-1500 words in length and include: (1) a list of the panelists’ names and affiliations who have agreed to participate, (2) a description of what the session will discuss, (3) an explanation of the relevance of this issue to the study of American philosophy or to wider social and philosophical issues, and finally (4) an indication of how each panelist will foster discussion on this issue. Panels might discuss important ideas, figures, or pedagogies for advancing American philosophy, widely construed.

B. Author Meets Critics Discussion: 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.

C. 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.

NOTE: All three types of Discussion Proposals will be selected based on the strength of their abstracts, the rationale provided for their inclusion in the conference program, and the promise they demonstrate for generating discussion. Unlike Papers, Discussion Proposals should NOT be anonymous.

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 December 15, please contact the Secretary.

Scheduling: The Program Committee assumes that it may schedule a paper or session at any time between Thursday at 10am CT and Sunday late afternoon CT.

Availability of accepted submissions online: SAAP will post accepted Papers and Discussion Proposals to the website. They 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.

PRIZES

Prizes: Only Papers are eligible for the Greenlee, Blau, Mellow, Addams, and Inter-American Philosophy Prizes. 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 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 peer-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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