

July 24, 2010

Dear SPEP Members,

As you know, 2011 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). The meeting will be held in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, October 19-22, 2011. The SPEP Executive Committee has formed an advisory committee which has the charge of developing and recommending ideas for the celebration. The committee consists of Walter Brogan ([walter.brogan@villanova.edu](mailto:walter.brogan@villanova.edu)) and Leonard Lawlor ([lul19@psu.edu](mailto:lul19@psu.edu)), as the co-chairs; Debra Bergoffen ([dbergoff@gmu.edu](mailto:dbergoff@gmu.edu)); Kelly Oliver ([Kelly.oliver@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Kelly.oliver@vanderbilt.edu)), Lenore Langsdorf ([lenore@siu.edu](mailto:lenore@siu.edu)); John McCumber ([mccumber@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:mccumber@humnet.ucla.edu)); Ladelle McWhorter ([lmcwhort@richmond.edu](mailto:lmcwhort@richmond.edu)); and Thomas Nenon ([tnenon@memphis.edu](mailto:tnenon@memphis.edu)).

We are writing to you now to ask you to suggest ideas for the anniversary meeting.

The 2011 anniversary SPEP meeting will in most respects resemble other SPEP meetings, in that the majority of the program will be selected through masked (“blind”) review by the Executive Committee; please note that the submission deadline is February 1, 2011. In addition, the Executive Committee has made the following tentative plans: The 2011 anniversary meeting will open on Wednesday night, October 19, with a plenary panel, followed by a banquet, at which there will also be a panel presentation (perhaps more informal, involving reminiscences). Senior scholars who are long-term members of SPEP will be invited to participate in the Thursday and Saturday plenary panel sessions. We are adding an eleventh concurrent session to the usual program, which may be used for invited anniversary panels.

Please send us suggestions for topics and speakers for all the anniversary sessions (both for the plenary sessions and for the sessions in the eleventh slot) that address figures and issues especially central to SPEP traditions, emerging issues in the SPEP traditions, ongoing debates in the SPEP traditions, or other topics that you would like to see on the anniversary program.

The Anniversary Advisory Committee has also been charged with collecting SPEP artifacts, which we would like to display at the meeting. If you have any artifacts (such as photographs, old programs, flyers, or posters), please share them with us. Please send any SPEP related artifact you may have either to Walter Brogan, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA, 19085, or to Leonard Lawlor, Department of Philosophy, Penn State University, 240 Sparks Bldg., University Park, PA, 16801. We will also make every effort to return them to you after the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting.

Please send us your ideas and suggestions by October 31, 2010, since that will allow us to review the suggestions at the next annual meeting, which takes place November 4-6, 2010, in Montreal.

We look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions for this important event.

Sincerely,

Walter Brogan and Leonard Lawlor