Call for Papers for the 50th Annual SPEP Conference

50th Anniversary Meeting of SPEP
Wednesday, October 19 – Saturday, October 22, 2011
Sheraton Society Hill
Philadelphia, PA

Host Institutions: Villanova University and Penn State University

The Executive Committee of SPEP invites:

COMPLETE PAPERS (no more than 3,000 words) with abstracts (75-100 words)

and

PANEL PROPOSALS consisting of one panel abstract (no more than 500 words) and complete papers (no more than 3,000 words per paper).

Papers and panels from diverse philosophical perspectives in all areas of Continental Philosophy are welcome. As this meeting is the occasion of SPEP’s 50th Anniversary, the Executive Committee invites papers and panels that reflect on the rich history of SPEP as well as SPEP’s future.

All submissions will be considered under a blind review process. Please DO NOT SEND any submissions TO THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE. SEND ALL PAPER AND PANEL SUBMISSIONS DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY/TREASURER.

Instructions for Submissions

Submitting Paper and Panel Proposals:
Please note the specific requests in the instructions for submission as some specifics have changed since last year:

1. New for 2011: A person may submit only one paper for consideration each year. If you have a book under consideration for a special session, you may still submit a paper for consideration.

2. All submissions must be submitted electronically. Please send your submission directly to the Secretary/Treasurer, Shannon Lundeen at shannonspep@gmail.com.
3. Electronic Receipt Deadline: 11:59 p.m. EASTERN STANDARD TIME, Tuesday, February 1, 2011

4. The subject line of the email should read: 2011 SPEP Submission.

5. Your submission should contain TWO ATTACHMENTS:
   1) Abstract AND Submission in one document prepared for blind review.
      Even if you are submitting a panel proposal, the panel abstract and all of the papers should be in one document. See “Format of Submissions” for more information.
   2) A Cover letter that provides detailed contact information (including physical and electronic addresses) of the author(s), lists the word count of the paper(s), and indicates whether the author wishes to have the paper considered for “Best Submission by a Graduate Student” or “Best Submission by a Junior Scholar” (please be sure to indicate how you meet the eligibility requirements; for a full description and eligibility conditions of each prize, please see below under “Prizes”). In addition, if you anticipate the need for audio/visual equipment should your submission be accepted in the 2011 SPEP Conference program please indicate exactly what you will need in your cover letter.

Format of Submissions:

New for 2011: All abstracts for single papers must include five key words. This will help the Executive Committee group single papers into panels when the conference program is being organized.

Single-paper submissions must include complete papers (of no more than 3,000 words exclusive of notes and references) and abstracts (of no more than 100 words).

Panel proposals must include a title, an abstract of no more than 500 words for the panel as a whole, and complete papers (no more than 3,000 words exclusive of notes and references) for each paper in the panel.

Since papers and panel proposals are chosen through an anonymous review process, names and addresses of authors must be stated only on one separate cover sheet and omitted from the abstracts, papers, and footnotes. The word count for papers should appear on the cover sheet; papers that exceed the 3,000 word limit will not be considered. The word limit is exclusive of notes and references; the limit of 3,000 words is strictly enforced. Please use gender-inclusive language in accordance with the “Guidelines for Non-Sexist Use of Language” published by the APA and available at: http://www.apaonline.org/publications/texts/nonsexist.aspx.

Notification:

A. Notification of receipt of your submission: Upon receipt of your submission, you will receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the Secretary-Treasurer indicating she has received your email and its attachments. If you send your submission in within five days of the deadline (February 1, 2011) you can
expect to receive an automated response from the Secretary/Treasurer within fifteen minutes of receipt. If you do not receive a response in this timeframe, please send a follow up e-mail immediately to ensure that your submission is received.

B. Notification of Inclusion in the 2011 SPEP Conference Program: Authors of single-paper submissions and the panel organizers of panel-submissions will hear from the Executive Committee by May 15, 2011 whether their submission has been accepted/rejected for inclusion in the 2011 SPEP Conference Program.

Prizes:
There are two prizes available: the best submission by a junior scholar and the best submission by a graduate student. To be eligible for the SPEP Junior Scholar Award you must have earned a Ph.D. in the last five years (no earlier than January of 2006). All currently enrolled graduate students are eligible for the SPEP Graduate Student Scholar Award.

Each prize is $500.00 plus a travel and hotel allowance. Each of the award-winning submissions will be selected through an anonymous review process. You must declare your desire to be considered for an award and your status as a graduate student or as a junior scholar on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission, which has been prepared for blind review. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2011.

Nominating Books for Current Research Sessions:
Postmark Deadline: Tuesday, February 1, 2011

New for 2011: In order for a book to be considered for a special session, a letter/email from the author to the Book Selection Committee Chair and to one of the Co-Directors requesting such consideration is required.

Send to:
Shannon Winnubst (Chair of SPEP Book Selection Committee)
3111 Lafayette Avenue
Austin, TX
78722

Eligible Books: Authors or publishers are encouraged to send two copies of monographs on topics of interest to continental philosophers, published on or after January 1, 2008.

Notification:
The Committee’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive Committee, and the authors of the books chosen for Current Research Sessions will be notified by: June 1, 2011.

For further information, please contact either one of the Executive Co-Directors:

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SPEP Website: http://www.spep.org

Members of SPEP are also encouraged to submit their papers to the APA for consideration. Guidelines for submission can be found at: http://www.apaonline.org/.