Call for Papers for the 61st Annual SPEP Conference

61st Meeting of the
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Thursday, October 12-Saturday, October 14, 2023

Host Institution:
Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University)

Book Session Submission Deadline:
December 1, 2022

Paper and Panel Submission Deadline:
January 20, 2023

The Executive Committee of SPEP invites:

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

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

and

BOOK SESSION SUBMISSIONS (see instructions below).

Papers and panels from diverse philosophical perspectives in all areas of Continental Philosophy (broadly construed) are welcome and will be anonymously reviewed.

ALL PAPER SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE 2023 SINGLE PAPER SUBMISSION FORM; ALL PANEL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE 2023 PANEL SUBMISSION FORM.

The selection process for the program is highly competitive. Please ensure prior to submission that you are able to attend the meeting.

All conference participants must register for the 2023 conference and be members in good standing for the program year. Participants who neglect to register and pay dues for the program year will not be considered for subsequent years until they have paid their outstanding balance.

Please consult the Toronto Hilton's accessibility page for details about hotel accessibility. The SPEP EC will provide additional information regarding accessibility, e.g., for local transportation, via later email(s) to the membership.
Instructions for Submissions

Submitting Paper and Panel Proposals:

1. 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 single paper for consideration, but you may not appear on a panel submission. Be advised that previously published work cannot be submitted (and will not be considered).

2. All submissions must be submitted electronically. Please submit your paper via the 2023 Single Paper Submission Form and your panel via the 2023 Panel Submission Form. The forms include instructions on how to upload your paper or your panel submission. Your submission (or your panel submissions) must be uploaded to the form either as a Word document or a PDF.

3. Electronic Receipt Deadline: 11:59 p.m. EASTERN STANDARD TIME Friday, January 20, 2023

4. Your submission consists of 1) a completed submission form and 2) (a) Word document(s) or PDF(s) prepared for anonymous review and uploaded to the submission form.

5. The author (or panel organizer) must indicate on the form if they wish to have their paper (or their panelists’ papers) considered for the following prizes: “Best Submission by a Graduate Student,” “Best Submission by a Junior Scholar,” “The Iris Marion Young Prize for the Best Paper in Feminist Philosophy,” “The Sylvia Wynter Prize for the Best Paper considering anti-blackness, Africana and Indigenous diasporas, colonialism, post-colonialism, settler-colonialism,” “The S. Kay Toombs Prize for the Best Paper addressing disability, ableism, research in philosophy of disability, and/or research in critical disability studies,” and/or “The Kyoo ‘Q’ Lee Prize for Best Paper on LGBTQ Issues in Philosophy.” Please make sure you meet the eligibility requirements specified below for these awards before marking your paper for consideration.

Format of Submissions:

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 (of no more than 3,000 words each, exclusive of notes and references). Only panels of two or three speakers will be considered. The SPEP Executive Committee assigns moderators for all sessions.

On the submission form, you must indicate five keywords, as well as primary and secondary areas of specialization, for both single paper and panel submissions. This will help the Executive Committee group single papers into panels when the conference program is being organized and/or will help ensure panels are sent to the appropriate reviewer.
Since papers and panel proposals are chosen through an anonymous review process, 
names and addresses of authors must be omitted from the abstracts, papers, and 
footnotes. The word count for papers must be submitted; papers that exceed the 
3,000-word limit will not be considered. Please use gender-inclusive language in 
accordance with the “Guidelines for Non-Sexist Use of Language” published by the APA 
and available at: 

Notification:

A. Notification of receipt of your submission: Upon receipt of your submission, you 
will receive an automated electronic acknowledgment from the Secretary-Treasurer 
indicating she has received your submission. If you do not receive a response within 
one day, please send a follow up email to <mcmahonspep@gmail.com>.

B. Notification of Inclusion in the 2023 SPEP Conference Program: Authors of 
single-paper submissions and the panel organizers of panel-submissions will hear from 
the Executive Committee by June 1, 2023 whether their submission has been accepted 
or rejected for inclusion in the 2023 SPEP Conference Program.

Prizes:

SPEP is pleased to offer six prizes for exemplary submissions. Each prize-winner will be 
awarded $500, and will be recognized on the SPEP program and at the SPEP Business 
Meeting. Winners of the Junior Scholar and Graduate Awards are eligible for the other 
prizes, but no individual can win more than one of the Young, Wynter, Toombs, and Lee 
prizes. All prize winners, including those receiving an Honorable Mention, are strongly 
encouraged to submit their papers to the SPEP special issue of the Journal of 
Speculative Philosophy. Authors are advised to carefully read eligibility criteria (e.g., 
regarding the identity and rank of authors) for each individual prize before indicating that 
they wish to have their paper considered for a prize.

- **Best Submission by a Junior Scholar.** To be eligible for the SPEP Junior 
  Scholar Award, you must have earned a PhD in the last five years (no earlier 
  than January of 2018). You must declare your desire to be considered for this 
  prize on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission. In addition to the 
  $500 prize, the winner will be granted a travel and hotel allowance. The 
  runner-up for the award will be featured on the program as the SPEP Junior 
  Scholar Award Honorable Mention. An individual may win this prize only once. 
  Winners will be notified by June 1, 2023.

- **Best Submission by a Graduate Student.** All currently enrolled graduate 
  students are eligible for the SPEP Graduate Student Award. You must declare 
  your desire to be considered for this prize on the cover sheet that accompanies 
  your submission. In addition to the $500 prize, the winner will be granted a travel 
  and hotel allowance. The runner-up for the award will be featured on the program
as the SPEP Graduate Student Award Honorable Mention. An individual may win this prize only once. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2023.

- **The Iris Marion Young Prize for the Best Paper in Feminist Philosophy**, awarded by the Committee on the Status of Women. You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission. The winner will be chosen by the CSW through anonymous review and will be notified by June 15, 2023.

- **The Sylvia Wynter Prize for the Best Paper considering anti-blackness, Africana and Indigenous diasporas, colonialism, postcolonialism, settler-colonialism** by a Black, Indigenous, and/or person of color junior scholar (that is, a pre-tenure scholar or graduate student) awarded by the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission. The winner will be chosen by the REDC through anonymous review and will be notified by June 15, 2023.

- **The S. Kay Toombs Prize for the Best Paper addressing disability, ableism, research in philosophy of disability, and/or research in critical disability studies** by a junior scholar (that is, a scholar who has earned a PhD in the five years prior to the submission date) or graduate student awarded by the Committee on Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion. You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission. The winner will be chosen by the CADI through anonymous review and will be notified by June 15, 2023. The author of the prize-winning paper will also be invited to submit their paper to the *Journal of Philosophy of Disability*.

- **The Kyoo “Q” Lee Prize for Best Paper on LGBTQ Issues in Philosophy** by a junior scholar, graduate student, or independent scholar/researcher that either 1) engages LGBTQ philosophy, addressing issues of gender, sexuality, queer theory, and/or trans philosophy (especially papers engaging LGBTQ issues in conversation with questions of race, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, culture, class, migration, religion, and/or age) and/or 2) is submitted by a self-identified LGBTQ philosopher. Priority will be given to scholars who work across genres (broadly construed) in innovative ways. You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the cover sheet that accompanies your submission. The winner will be chosen by the LGBTQ Advocacy Committee through anonymous review and will be notified by June 15, 2023. Awardees will be invited to be formally recognized at the annual LGBTQ Advocacy Committee Session on the main SPEP program.
Nominating Books for Book Sessions:

In order for a book to be considered for a special session, an email from the author to the Book Selection Advisory Committee Chairs (Yannik Thiem <yannik.thiem@columbia.edu> and Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson <verlenbu@syr.edu>) and to both Co-Directors (Alan Schrift <schrift@grinnell.edu> and Shannon Sullivan <ssullivan@uncc.edu>) requesting such consideration is required. Please also submit two copies of the book to the Book Selection Advisory Committee Chair whose address is below. Please also submit an electronic copy, if one is available, to Yannik Thiem <yannik.thiem@columbia.edu>, should there be difficulties getting copies to the readers. The deadline for the email and receipt of the books is December 1, 2022. An author may submit only one book for consideration. It is the author’s responsibility to verify that their book has been sent to the Book Selection Advisory Committee Chair. NOTE: If you have a book under consideration for a special session, you may still submit a single paper for consideration, but you may not appear on a panel submission. If your book is selected for a book session and your single paper submission is accepted for presentation, you will have to choose whether to have a book session or a paper presentation on the 2023 conference program.

Send books to:
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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, 2019. A book can be submitted for consideration no more than three times.

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, 2023.

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

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This document can also be found on the SPEP website at: 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/