

# WESLEYAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*PROMOTING PHILOSOPHY IN  
WESLEYAN COMMUNITIES*



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## INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

### “The Quest for Truth: Issues in Epistemology”

1:00 WELCOME: Acting Executive Council

1:10 PRESENTER: Eric Brown, “Openness to Reality and Truth: McDowell on Skepticism”  
RESPONDENT: David Shier

1:50 PRESENTER: H. Peter Steeves, “Cezanne’s Out”  
RESPONDENT: John Culp

2:30 PRESENTER: Christina M. Gschwandtner, “Can the Truth be Named Truly? Religious Language and its Truth Value in Paul Ricoeur’s Hermeneutic of God”  
RESPONDENT: Randy Auxier

3:10 Break – Group Photograph

3:30 PRESENTER: Michael A Babcock, “Reid Redivivus: Exploring the Philosophical Premises of Cognitive Science”  
RESPONDENT: Brint Montgomery

4:10 PRESENTER: John Zeis, “Faith and Reason: the Puzzle Solved”  
RESPONDENT: Terry Fach

5:00 PRESENTER: Barry Bryant, “The Scale of Assent: Wesley’s ‘Compendium of Logic’”  
RESPONDENT: Eric Severson

5:40 DINNER

7:40 ORGANIZING MEETING: All participants are urged to attend.

Presenters have 20 minutes to give their paper or a summary thereof. Respondents have 5 minutes for their remarks. 15 minutes of general discussion is set aside for each paper.



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## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIETY

The Wesleyan Philosophical Society has recently been formed, and you are asked to consider becoming a member.

The purposes of this new society are three-fold:

- \* To promote and provide a forum for philosophy emerging from a Wesleyan perspective.  
(No one philosophical type, tradition, or methodology will be regarded as normative.)
- \* To promote philosophy in Wesleyan communities, including colleges, universities, seminaries, denominations, centers for the study of Wesleyan thought, local congregations, and other arenas.
- \* To promote the interaction among, and provide support for, philosophers within the Wesleyan tradition.

The primary activities of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society are two. First, the society holds an annual meeting, which consists mainly of papers given by WPS members. Second, the society referees an online journal consisting of papers written by philosophers. The online journal features two main sections: one section for papers written by graduate students and professional scholars, and another section for philosophy papers written by undergraduates. The journal address is: [HTTP://DAVID.SNU.EDU/~BRINT.FS/WPSJNL/INDEX.HTM](http://DAVID.SNU.EDU/~BRINT.FS/WPSJNL/INDEX.HTM)

In addition to providing an opportunity to support Wesleyan philosophical scholarship, membership in this society affords one (1) an opportunity to have papers considered for publication in the online journal, (2) an opportunity to have papers considered for presentation at the annual WPS conference, and (3) society voting privileges.

Thank you for contemplating what your part might be in what we consider an exciting opportunity in philosophical endeavor.

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## *Online Journal Submission Guidelines*

The WPS Online Journal welcomes manuscripts from philosophers, theologians, and researchers on topics relating to the systematic, pastoral, social, or ethical dimensions of Wesleyan thought and its connections with philosophy and philosophical analysis. Submitted manuscripts undergo blind review. Comments concerning the articles of previous issues are also invited and may be published in subsequent issues as continuing debate. Book reviews of actual publications relevant to the society's purpose are welcome.

Authors should submit two copies of a manuscript to be considered for publication. The manuscript should be typed and double-spaced. Endnotes are preferred and full references required. A 100-150 word abstract should be included. A short biographical note pertaining to the author's credentials and/or place of service/education is expected. The final version of an accepted manuscript must follow the journal's style requirements, and the final manuscript must be submitted on diskette (for PC, not Mac). Email attachments are acceptable.

Article manuscripts, commentaries, book reviews, and news items should be submitted to: Brint Montgomery, c/o Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Southern Nazarene University 6729 NW 39th Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73008 Email: [Brint@snu.edu](mailto:Brint@snu.edu)

## **WESLEYAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY'S ONLINE JOURNAL ADDRESS:**

**[HTTP://DAVID.SNU.EDU/~BRINT.FS/WPSJNL/INDEX.HTM](http://DAVID.SNU.EDU/~BRINT.FS/WPSJNL/INDEX.HTM)**

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## *Membership Application*

(2002)

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### CHARTER MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES:

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFERENCE ESSAY CONSIDERATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR ONLINE JOURNAL ESSAY CONSIDERATION

SOCIETY VOTING PRIVILEGES

### ANNUAL DUES

\$25 PROFESSORS AND PROFESSIONALS      \$15 GRADUATE STUDENTS  
\$10 UNDERGRADATES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED (SIGN CHECKS TO WPS)

***Send Registration and Check to: NNU, Robert J. Thompson,  
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# Call for Papers

## Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting: Lexington Kentucky 2003

Next year in a theme consistent with the joint meeting of the WTS and Society of Pentecostal Studies, the Wesleyan Philosophical Society is announcing a call for papers concerning religious experience. Discussions within this subject might include, but are not limited to, the use of language in communicating religious experience; phenomenological analysis; the status of the Self during a revelatory event; doxastic and other epistemological ramifications; limits of credulity; viability of religious experience in communal discourse; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person validation criteria; religious experience within other traditions; miracle as revelation; information theory and theistic communication; individuation of religious experience; justifying existence of religious experiences; religious experience and mental qualia; religious experience and esthetics; nature of religious experience; union versus autonomy within religious experience; and naturalistic challenges to religious experience.

Submit all proposals to:

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Deadline for proposals: Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002