

**WESLEYAN
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*PROMOTING PHILOSOPHY IN
WESLEYAN COMMUNITIES*

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIETY

A new philosophical organization – 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) discount conference fees, (2) an opportunity to have papers considered for publication in the online journal, (3) an opportunity to have papers considered for presentation at the annual WPS conference, and (4) society voting privileges.

The leadership of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society is temporarily in the hands of an executive council whose members include Brint Montgomery, Thomas Jay Oord, and Robert J. Thompson. At the society's inaugural meeting in 2002, the election of a formal executive council will occur. Members will have the opportunity to exercise voting privileges at that time.

You will find, enclosed with this letter, information about how to become a member of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society, including information about membership costs. A list of those who have already become members – our “charter members” – has also been provided.

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A call for papers has been stapled to this informational letter. As you will note, the inaugural meeting of the society will be held in Hobe Sound, Florida, on Thursday, February 28, 2002. This conference meets the Thursday prior the annual Wesleyan Theological Society meeting, also in Hobe Sound. The subject of the first WPS conference is epistemology.

Finally, included here are guidelines for essay submissions to the Wesleyan Philosophical Society's online journal. We encourage you to send an essay for consideration when mailing your membership registration form and fees. If you are a professor of philosophy at an undergraduate institution, we would encourage you to copy the enclosed registration form for your students. We encourage undergraduates to become WPS members so that they can have their philosophical essays considered for online journal publication.

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

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