

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHIATRY
ANNUAL MEETING 2015 - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
THEME: OPEN

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The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) aims to promote discussion between the fields of philosophy and psychiatry. The group's website notes that "[p]hilosophical methods bring to psychiatry a kind of analysis and critique that are invaluable in their clarity of thought, meaning, and application to practice. But over the years, we also have found that, in addition to having its own philosophical problems, psychiatry also informs philosophical theorizing itself". In other words, the clinical encounters psychiatrists have with patients may be rich resources for philosophical contemplation, i.e. to what degree is all 'sanity' tinged with a bit of insanity?, what are the sources of personhood?, what is normal?

Although past conferences have been organized around a specific theme, for its 27th annual meeting, AAPP invites abstracts for presentation on any topic that addresses philosophical issues relevant to psychiatry, or psychiatric issues and experience that is relevant to philosophy. Our aims for this conference are to bring together thinkers from a variety of disciplines who are interested in philosophy of psychiatry and to provide a forum for the presentation of exciting work on both emerging and classic questions in 'philosophy and psychiatry.' Papers may address, for example, issues raised by psychiatric research, clinical practice, or the social or experiential dimensions of mental disorders. They may also discuss the implications of any aspect of psychiatry for philosophical problems.

We are interested in papers drawing from any subdiscipline of philosophy, including:

Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Science
Ethics
Phenomenology
Philosophy of Technology
Feminist Philosophy
Social and Political Philosophy

Psychiatric themes can address any issue in psychiatric education, research, diagnosis, or mental health care. The psychiatric issues should have clear philosophical implications, or demonstrate the importance of philosophical positions in psychiatric work.

Abstracts of 500 – 600 words, prepared for anonymous review, should be sent to both of the conference organizers. Questions about the conference should also be addressed to them. Abstracts are due on October 15, 2014. Notices of acceptance or rejection will be sent by January 15, 2015. Presentations will be strictly limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion.