

## New Year's Message, 2012

**Dear APPA Members,**

2011 was an excellent year for APPA. First and foremost, our critical mass of renewing members and journal subscribers, along with many new members and subscribers, enabled our Association to continue thriving.

Philosophical practice received renewed media attention this year as well, with a feature in the *Washington Post*, and public radio broadcasts in the US, Canada, and abroad. APPA members and practitioners remain in the forefront of the global movement.

APPA enjoyed a wonderful Annual Meeting and dinner in June, and conducted a fully-subscribed Certification program in August.

Our Journal, *Philosophical Practice*, also had a banner year. We once again published three excellent issues on schedule (volume 6.1 in March, 6.2 in July, 6.3 in November), bringing our cumulative output to 18 issues -- a significant contribution to the literature in the field.

And during 2011, APPA successfully negotiated an important distribution contract with EBSCO, a leading distributor of serial scholarly publications. *Philosophical Practice* will be carried on EBSCO's flagship citation database, into more than 17,500 university libraries and research institutions world-wide.

This means that every article and book review published in our Journal will be searchable in EBSCO's database -- by author, title, subject, and keywords. Our Journal and its contributors therefore stand to gain considerable exposure, and citations, in the coming years. By the same token, APPA also stands to gain more members, subscribers, and contributors as well. It's a win-win-win scenario.

None of this would be possible without the fine work of our editorial team, including Nancy Matchett (Reviews Editor), Kate Mehuron (Managing Editor), Greg Goode (Technical Consultant), and Thomas Griffith (Legal Consultant). And of course we also rely on our editorial boards, referees, and contributors. I urge you all to redouble your commitments in the coming years, so that *Philosophical Practice: Journal of the APPA* will continue to flourish.

That said, Kate Mehuron now faces other pressing duties, and must relinquish her position as Managing Editor. She has done a great job for two years and six issues; we will miss her, and we wish her well.

We now seek Kate's successor, as of January 2012. Kate will provide guidance through the publication process of Volume 7.1, March 2012. If anyone is interested in being Managing Editor, please send me an email, [lou.marinoff@appa.edu](mailto:lou.marinoff@appa.edu)

## **Looking Ahead, 2012**

Anticipating growing demand in Hispanic countries, APPA is planning to publish a Spanish-language edition of our Journal -- *Filosofia Practica: Revista de la APPA*. To that end, we have a preliminary editorial team in place. The Editor-in-Chief will be Jose Barrientos Rastrojo (Spain); the Managing Editor, Francisco Iracheta (Mexico); the Reviews Editor, Giselle Monges (Argentina). We will keep you informed as this project moves forward.

The 11th International Conference on Philosophical Practice is being organized by Prof. Young E. Rhee and other South Korean practitioners, in conjunction with Taiwanese and Japanese colleagues, and will be held at Kangwon National University, Chuncheon, Korea, from July 16-19, 2012. We hope to see many of you there. Submission and registration information can be found at <http://www.ht21c.org>

Upcoming New York events in 2012: APPA will hold its annual meeting in June (date to be announced), and a Certification Program for philosophical counselors from August 10-12, 2012.

Pierre Grimes, a long-time practitioner and doyen of Socratic Midwifery, will give a presentation at Esalen Institute sometime in 2012, as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. We will keep you posted on those dates.

An important anthology on philosophical practice is slated to appear in 2012, representing an addition to a series of anthologies entitled *Five Questions*. <http://www.vince-inc.com/automatic.html>

In this series, luminaries in various philosophical fields are asked five questions about their field, and their responses are collected and published. An impressive array of topics has been covered in this series. The editor of this forthcoming volume on philosophical practice is Danish philosopher Jeanette Bresson Ladegaard Knox.

### **Proposed M.A. Program in Applied Philosophy at CCNY**

As many of you know, I was on sabbatical from City College from September 2010 to September 2011, and enjoyed a wonderful year of travel, writing, photography, and renewal, among other good purposes for which sabbaticals are intended.

Fresh from all this, I resumed my duties in Fall 2011 as Chair of Philosophy at City College and, with renewed energy, took up the perennial quest to establish an M.A. Program in Applied Philosophy, which will include a concentration in Philosophical Practice. Thanks to supportive colleagues and a visionary senior administration, progress is being made.

We are in the process of preparing a document that must eventually circulate throughout the entire CUNY system, garnering approval from a number of College and University

governance bodies before making its way to the Board of Trustees and, ultimately, to the New York State Board of Regents, which oversees all accredited programs. Thus, persistence and patience are the orders of the day, and of many days to follow. I hope to have more definitive news at APPA's annual meeting in June.

Meanwhile, on behalf of APPA's Directors and Officers, let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued membership in and engagement with APPA, and to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and successful New Year.

Best personal regards,

Lou Marinoff