

APPA Annual Meeting & Dinner Saturday July 13, 2013

Free and Open to All Members

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Meeting Location

The City College of New York 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031 Philosophy Department Conference Room North Academic Center, Fifth Floor, Room 5/144

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Program

9:30 Registration (in the above Conference Room, NAC 5/144)

10:00 Lou Marinoff: Annual Report

10:30 **Pierre Grimes**: Theory of Philosophical Midwifery

12:00 Lunch

1:00 **Pierre Grimes**: Demonstration of Philosophical Midwifery

2:30 Refreshment break

3:00 Richard Messing: The Logic of Free Will

4:00 **Barbara Jones**: Cabaret, The Virtue of Lovingkindness

5:30 Close of Meeting, travel to restaurant

6:00-8:00 Mexican dinner & symposium (location TBA)

APPA Annual Meeting, July 13, 2013 Program Summary

Lou Marinoff: Annual Report on APPA, and related matters.



APPA president Lou Marinoff reports on developments within the association, and on the association's role in the global philosophical practice movement. Founded in 1999, APPA currently has members in 47 US states and 45 foreign countries. All members will receive the annual report. Those who participate will derive added value!

Pierre Grimes: Philosophical Midwifery, Theory & Demonstration



Pierre Grimes is the founder of the Philosophical Midwifery movement, which is an adaptation of Socratic midwifery, and is a mode of philosophical counseling. The name Philosophical Midwifery comes from Plato's dialogue, the *Theaetetus*. It is a purely rational method of pursuing questions, a dialectic, that uncovers false beliefs, traces them to their origins, and through understanding their roots and influence on one's life deflates their influence.

Richard Messing: The Logic of Free Will



A chronic personal problem arises when the sufferer realizes they are unable to exercise free will in the aspect of life from which they suffer. If a person does not fully understand the underlying principles of free will, they may perceive they are exercising their will freely when in fact they are not, in which case something they do not know is controlling them like a puppet. Given the importance of free will to the human condition, The Logic of Free Will is a compelling philosophical approach for the practice of counseling.

Barbara Jones: Cabaret, "You've Got to Have Heart"



This is part of a series of one-woman cabaret performances on the virtues needed for enjoying authentic happiness and a life well-lived. Each show utilizes well-known and well-loved songs from the American Popular Songbook with the intention of encouraging the audience to think about and practice a particular virtue – in this case, the virtue of humanity. Strengths of humanity include positive traits manifested in caring relationships with others.