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Welcome to the fourth issue of the *ASPCP Newsletter*. I have received several positive comments regarding the first issues and would like to thank those responsible for their feedback. If you have suggestions and/or criticisms, please submit them.

## Submissions

The *ASPCP Newsletter* welcomes articles (in English) on any aspect of philosophical practice. Authors submitting articles should send three copies prepared for blind refereeing. It is preferred that final copies of accepted manuscripts be submitted on 3 1/2 inch floppy disks in Word Perfect 5.1 or 6.0, Word Perfect for Windows, Microsoft Word, or ASCII format, although this is not necessary.

In addition, the *ASPCP Newsletter* also welcomes news items, book reviews, critical notices, and discussion notes on issues of interest to philosophical practitioners.

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## Notes from the ASPCP Annual Meeting

The ASPCP annual meeting was held in conjunction with the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA. Outgoing President, Maria Tillmanns, spoke on the accomplishments of the ASPCP during the past year and welcomed Dr. Louis Marinoff as the ASPCP President for 1997. Dr. Marinoff spoke of some of the things he would like to accomplish during his tenure as ASPCP President, including ASPCP's role as a cosponsor of the Third International Conference on Philosophical Practice, which is to be held in New York City from July 22 - July 25, 1997 (see below for details). A decision concerning President-elect for next year has yet to be made. Dr. Kenneth Cust has agreed to remain Secretary/Treasurer for the time being.

## Renewal of ASPCP Membership

The issue of ASPCP membership fees was discussed and voted on. Effective January 1, 1997 ASPCP membership fees were increased to \$15.00 per year. In addition, and effective as of the same date, ASPCP membership fees become due on February 1st of each year. Members joining in the middle of the year can pay for the remainder of the year on a prorated basis. The Secretary/Treasurer will deal with renewing members on an individual basis in order to bring their renewal date up to the February 1st deadline. A membership renewal form will be included with each January issue of the *ASPCP Newsletter*. This will allow for a more expeditious procedure for keeping track of the ASPCP database of members.

The date for each current member of the ASPCP is printed on the outside of the envelope. Please check this date and ensure that your annual dues are up to date. If your membership fees are not current, please take the time

to complete the renewal form and return it to Dr. Kenneth F.T. Cust. Members who consistently fail to renew their membership will be dropped from the mailing list.

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### ASPCP Membership Certificate

Some ASPCP members did not receive an ASPCP Membership Certificate (see page 6 for an example) when they joined the society. I want to rectify the error and will do so when members renew their membership in the society. If you did not receive such a certificate, please indicate this on the membership renewal form and I will send one to you once I receive your request for renewing your membership.

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### ASPCP Central Division Meeting

Pittsburgh Hilton, Pittsburgh, PA

Thursday, April 24, 1997  
5:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Chair: Kenneth F.T. Cust, Central Missouri State University.

5:15 - 6:15: Warren Shibles: University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. "Philosophical Counseling and Emotion."

6:15 - 7:15: Joe Frank Jones: Barton College. "Constructivism and Philosophical Counseling."

Friday, April 25, 1997  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00: Pierre Grimes: Golden West College. "Philosophical Midwifery."

8:00 - 9:00: Pierre Grimes, Demonstration of Philosophical Midwifery.

9:00 - 10:00: ASPCP Business Meeting: The agenda will include information on ASPCP membership, certification, ASPCP participation in the 3rd International Conference on Philosophical Practice, and other related matters.

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### Third International Conference on Philosophical Practice

The Graduate Center of the City University of New York

July 22 - 25, 1997  
New York City

#### Sponsor

Division of Humanities, The City College of the City University of New York

#### Cosponsors

American Society for Philosophy, Counseling & Psychotherapy  
The C.U.N.Y. Academy for the Humanities and Sciences Department of Philosophy, The City College of New York

#### Preliminary Program -- Subject to Change

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration, Wine & Cheese Reception

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Plenary Session -- Opening of the Conference

- Louis Marinoff (USA): Welcoming Remarks
- Gerd Achenbach (Germany): Keynote Address (title forthcoming)
- Ida Jongsmas (Netherlands): "Which Philosophers or Philosophical Concepts are Particularly Suited to a Philosophical Counseling Session?"
- Peter March (Canada): "Vernacular Philosophy"

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
(late registration)

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Session.  
Theme: Critical Thinking

- Harriet Chamberlain (USA): "The Critical Spirit: A Repertoire for Philosophical Practice"
- Elliot Cohen (USA): "Critical Thinking and Computer Programming in Philosophical Counseling" (with software demonstration)

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Nutrition Break (vituals provided)

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions  
Theme: Foundational Issues

#### Session I

- Eckart Ruschmann (Germany): "Foundations of Philosophical Counseling"
- Eitel Weingarten (Israel): "Descartes, Precursor of Philosophical Counseling"

#### Session II

- Rachel Blass (Israel): "A New Look at an Old Question: How Different is Philosophical Counseling From Psychotherapy?"
- Kenneth Cust (USA): "Two Crucial Differences Between Philosophical Counseling and Traditional Psychotherapy"

#### Session III

- Andrew Gluck (USA): "Philosophical Practice and Religious Faith"

- Chris Phillips (USA): "Freud's 'Resentment' of Nietzsche and Its Implications for Philosophical Counseling and Psychoanalysis"

#### Session IV

- Jon Borowicz (USA): "Philosophy as Conversion"
- David O'Donoghue (USA): "William James, Pragmatism and Philosophical Counseling"

**12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch Break

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Sessions

Theme: Variegated Practices

#### Session I

- Colin Clayton (UK): "The Role of Philosophical Counseling for Drug Users"
- Peter Raabe (Canada): "From the Field Notes of a Philosopher: On Critical Thinking Within a Community of Inquiry as a Method in Philosophical Group Counseling for Recovering Addicts"

#### Session II

- Anette Prins-Bakker (France): "Do [Physical] Exercises Have a Place in Philosophical Counseling?"
- Yvonne Verweij (Netherlands): "The Meaning of the Body in the Philosophical Counseling Practice"

#### Session III

- Pierre Grimes (USA): "The Validation and Verification of Philosophical Midwifery"
- Regina Uliana (USA): "Philosophical Midwifery and Understanding the Problem of Recidivism"

#### Session IV

- Lois Holzman (USA): "Wittgenstein and Vygotsky in Therapy: A Performed Philosophical Conversation" (video presentation)
- Christine LaCerva, Debra Pearl, Hugh Polk, Karen Steinberg (USA): "Performing Philosophical Conversations: The Social Therapeutic Approach to Helping People Develop Emotionally"

**3:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

Nutrition Break (victuals provided)

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Sessions

Theme: Theories in Practice

#### Session I

- Ran Lahav (Israel): "Philosophical Counseling as a Process of Edification: Theory and Practice"
- Lydia Amir (Israel): title forthcoming

#### Session II

- Christian Hick (Germany): "Of Liberty and Power: Re-Thinking Personal Relations"
- Zeus Yiamouyiannis (USA): "Valuing the Relation-Self: Toward a Philosophy of Interpersonal Self-Esteem"

#### Session III

- Stanley Chan (Canada): "Time and Dying"
- Patrick Neubauer (Germany): "The Structures of Lived Time as a Diagnostic Tool for Philosophical Counseling"

#### Session IV

- George Hole (USA): "An Honesty Exercise: Skillful Means of Enlightened Self-Examination"
- Karin Murriss (UK): "Philosophical Counseling -- Constructing New Metaphors"

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Supper Break

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Plenary Session

Theme: Practice with Groups

- Dries Boele (Netherlands): "The 'Benefits' of a Socratic Dialogue"
- Eite Veening (Netherlands): "Debating Ethical Argumentations with Professional Groups (DEAP)"

**Thursday, July 24, 1997**

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Plenary Session

Theme: Influences on Practice

- Petra von Morstein (Canada): "The Philosophical Offering: Dead and Live Philosophers in Philosophical Counseling"
- Louis Marinoff (USA): "Atlas Shrugged, Taggart Wept, Akston Counseled: How Ayn Rand Reinvented Philosophical Practice"

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

Nutrition Break (victuals provided)

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Session and Workshops

#### Session I

- Maria Tillmanns (USA): "Philosophical Counseling in a Dualistic World"
- Shlomit Schuster (Israel): "Philosophical Narratives and Philosophical Counseling"

#### Session II

- Eric Hoffman (USA): "The Essential Experience Workshop: A Context for Philosophical Practice" (workshop)

#### Session III

- Harriett Chamberlain (USA): "The Critical Spirit" (workshop)

**12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch Break

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Workshops

#### Session I

- Kenneth Kipnis (USA): "Code Development for Collegial Organizations: The Core Values Approach" (workshop)

## Session II

- Anette Prins-Bakker (France): "Do [Physical] Exercises Have a Place in Philosophical Counseling?" (workshop & prior paper share title)

## Session III

- Christoph Weismuller & Ute Maria Kraemer (Germany): "A Suggestion for a Method in Philosophical Counseling in the Case of Serious Situations of Crisis" (workshop)

**3:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

Nutrition Break (victuals provided)

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Workshops

## Session I

- Eite Veening (Netherlands): "Debating Ethical Argumentations with Professional Groups (DEAP)" (workshop & prior paper share title)

## Session II

- Petra von Morstein (Canada): "Work and Self" (workshop)

## Session III

- Lydia Amir (Israel): workshop title forthcoming

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Supper Break

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Plenary Session.

Theme: Practice as Science, Practice as Art

- Paul Sharkey (USA): "What Every Philosophical Practitioner Should Know About Pathological Mental Illness" (a public health presentation)
- Jess Fleming (Taiwan): "Stand-Up Philosophy" (a comical presentation)
- Greg Tropea (USA): "Listening to Stories -- Songs of Interpretation and Understanding" (a musical presentation)

**Friday, July 25, 1997**

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Plenary Session.

Theme: Practice and Interpretation

- Barbara Norman (South Africa): "Existential-Hermeneutic Counseling as Education: The Release of Philosophical Being"
- Steven Segal (South Africa): "A Heideggerian Conception of the Relationship Between Different Forms of Counseling"

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

Nutrition Break (victuals provided)

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Plenary Session.

Theme: Applied Philosophy

- Morton Winston (USA): "Moral Constructivism and Social Action"
- Christian Perring (USA): "The Role of Philosophy and Phi-

losophers Outside the Academic World: A Comparison of Bioethics and Philosophical Counseling"

**12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch Break

**1:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Short Socratic Dialogues (workshops)

Maximum 8 participants per group.

Facilitators:

1. Dries Boele
2. Ida Jongma
3. Jos Delnoij
4. Louis Marinoff

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Workshops

## Session I

- Pierre Grimes (USA): "Workshop on Philosophical Midwifery" (workshop)

## Session II

- Shlomit Schuster (Israel): "Buber's I-Thou" (workshop)

## Session III

- Ria Vriend (Netherlands): "A Meaningful Life; What...? By What Means...? To What End...?" (workshop)

**3:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

Nutrition Break (victuals provided)

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Concurrent Workshops

## Session I

- James Elliott & Kathy Elliott (USA): "Philosophical Counseling as an Aspect of Anthetic Therapy" (workshop)

## Session II

- Christine LaCerva, Debra Pearl, Hugh Polk, Karen Steinberg (USA): "Performing Philosophical Conversations: The Social Therapeutic Approach to Helping People Develop Emotionally" (workshop & prior paper share title)

## Session III

- Julie Gabel (USA): "Workshop on Philosophical Midwifery" (workshop)

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Plenary Session -- Closing of the Conference

**3rd International Conference on Philosophical Practice**

**Conference Registration**

Registration Fees:

	received by May 31, 1997	received after May 31, 1997
Students	\$75	\$100

Others \$125 \$150

This fee includes admission to the reception, and to all plenary and concurrent presentations and workshops. The fee is waived for participants on the program, except for those participants who reside in the tri-state (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) area.

### Payment of Fees

Please make check or money-order in \$US payable to:  
CCNY Division of Humanities

and send it to

Louis Marinoff  
Department of Philosophy  
The City College of New York  
137th Street at Convent Ave.  
New York, NY 10031

Please include your name and affiliation (if any) as you wish them to appear on your name-tag, plus your full mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address (if any). A receipt, a map, and other materials will be mailed to you.

If you have further questions, please contact Louis Marinoff:  
Phone: (212) 650-7647  
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## 3rd International Conference on Philosophical Practice

### Accommodation Options

#### Economy / Centrality / Luxury

(all prices are per room per night)

#### Economy Option

• Columbia University Conference Housing  
(Broadway at 116th Street)  
Phone (212) 854-2946  
Fax (212) 854-8668  
Email: [Hotel@Columbia.edu](mailto:Hotel@Columbia.edu)

single rooms \$45 / hotel rooms \$70 single or \$84 double /  
VIP suite \$125

Best rates in town! All rooms are located in one building. The single rooms are private, lockable bedrooms in a shared suite that includes kitchen, living room and bathroom. There are 4 to 6 bedrooms attached to each suite. You may exercise any of the following suite options when reserving a single room: smoking or nonsmoking suites; male, female or mixed suites; or suites filled by compatriots. Columbia Conference Housing will do its best to oblige. They are holding 130 single rooms for us.

The hotel rooms are all located on one floor of the facility. They have private bathrooms, and are available for single or double occupancy. They are holding 10 hotel rooms for us. The VIP suite -- one of a kind -- is beautiful and affordable.

When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are attending the Conference on Philosophical Practice, so that the above rates will apply. Moreover, the accommodations at Columbia are all tax-exempt, so you save an additional 13%. The only drawback is a 20-minute subway ride from Columbia (116th Street) to the conference (42nd street). This is a very short ride by New York standards; it doesn't qualify as commuting.

#### Centrality Option

Hotel Newton, Excelsior Hotel, Hotel Beacon

• Hotel Newton  
2528 Broadway at 94th Street  
Phone: (212) 678-6500  
Fax: (212) 678-6758

single \$70 / double \$90 / parking \$14

• Excelsior Hotel  
45 West 81st Street at Columbus Avenue  
Phone: (212) 362-9200  
Fax: (212) 580-3972

single \$95 / double \$125 / suites \$110 & \$155 / 2 bedroom  
suites \$155

• Hotel Beacon  
2130 Broadway at 75th Street  
Phone: (212) 787-1100  
Fax: (212) 724-8119

single or double \$99 / suites \$130 / parking \$15

These three hotels are located on the fashionable Upper West Side, and are a 10-minute subway ride from the conference. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are attending the Conference on Philosophical Practice, so that the above rates will apply. Moreover, these rates are also tax-exempt, so you save an additional 13%. But please note that \*no\* rooms are being held for us at these three hotels; reservations are all subject to availability. So if you choose this option, reserve soon!

#### Luxury Option

• Grand Hyatt New York  
Park Avenue at Grand Central Station  
Phone: (212) 850-5900

single or double \$175

This is a fine hotel, located on 42nd Street just 2 blocks from the conference. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are attending the Conference on Philosophical Practice, so that the above rate will apply. They are holding 30 rooms for us until the cut off date of July 7, 1997. This is in fact an excellent deal on a double room (\$87.50 per person, plus taxes). If you would like to share a double room (with 2 beds) and are looking for someone share with, contact Louis Marinoff and he'll try to pair you. Please note that the Grand Hyatt does not offer this pairing service, but the conference organizer does (at no extra charge).

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## Notes of Interest

### Increased Exposure for Philosophical Counseling

Dr. Kenneth F.T. Cust was profiled in an article in the latest issue of *Utne Reader*, which has a circulation base of 300,000 readers. The article -- written by Laura Wexler -- offers a brief description of a 2 hour counseling session with Dr. Cust. It has generated a substantial interest in philosophical counseling in general and the ASPCP in particular. Since the article has been in print he has received numerous requests for information (as many as 5 per day) on philosophical counseling, practicing philosophical counselors, and membership in the ASPCP.

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### List of Practicing Philosophical Counselors

Given the increased interest the aforementioned article has generated, I would like to compile a list of practicing philosophical counselors and make it available to people who phone and/or write asking for such information. The list will be published on the ASPCP's WWW site and in the next issue of this newsletter. If you would like your name to be included as a practicing philosophical counselor, please send me all the relevant information.

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### Israel Society for Philosophical Practice and Counseling

ISPPi is the translation into Latin letters of the Hebrew initials representing the "Israel Society for Philosophical Practice and Counseling."

In May 1996, some Israeli philosophical counselors and other interested philosophers agreed on forming a contact group, which became in November 1996 a formal society. The aim of ISPPi is to promote affirmative contact among philosophical practitioners and to encourage the development of philosophical counseling through sharing professional experiences, knowledge and information.

The Executive Committee consists of Dr. Ora Gruengard, Ettel Weingarten (MA), and Shlomit Schuster (MA). The secretariat is with the last-mentioned, while the other positions have not been defined.

Associate membership is open to all, but regular membership is limited to philosophers with at least an MA degree. Membership is from January to January the following year. Dues: thirty New Israeli Shekels or ten USA Dollars. All those interested in receiving more information (i.e. the brochure "Philosophical Counseling" or the constitution of ISPPi) or in subscriptions for membership, should contact the following address:

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c/o Shlomit Schuster  
Horkania 23, # 2  
Jerusalem, 93305

Phone: (972) 2-6795090,  
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## Sample ASPCP Membership Certificate

The following is a sample of an ASPCP Membership Certificate. However, unlike this example, the real certificate will be printed in landscape format rather than portrait format. If you have not received your certificate, please indicate this on the membership renewal form and one will be mailed to you. ASPCP Membership Certificates are suitable for framing.

<b>American Society</b>	
<b>for</b>	
<b>Philosophy, Counseling, and Psychotherapy</b>	
<b>Certifies that</b>	
<b>Your Name Here, PhD</b>	
is a Member of this Society, the objective of which is to promote philosophical integrity in psychotherapy and the professional advancement of Philosophical Counseling	
<b>Founded The Twenty-ninth Day of December</b> <b>Nineteen-hundred-ninety-two.</b>	
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