

Dear SACP Conference Participants,

We are looking forward to seeing you at next month's annual conference of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy at SUNY-Binghamton from June 19-22nd. I'm writing you with information about the program, payment of conference fees, travel and lodging. Before doing this, I'd like to offer special thanks to Joy Tassej and Charles Goodman at BU's Philosophy Department for all their incredible help in putting these arrangements together. I'd also like to thank the SACP Board for all they did in helping to prepare the program.

The first attachment to this email represents the draft program for the conference. You will receive finalized paper copies when you arrive, of course. In tandem with this program, I'd like to announce and congratulate the winners of our Graduate Student Essay Prizes. Jill Peters from VU University of Amsterdam has received third prize, Gino Signoricchi from the University of New Mexico second and Thomas McConochie from the University of New South Wales first. We will be hearing their papers at the first plenary panel of the conference.

The program has identified chairs for each panel, and I hope those of you who have been so identified will be willing to introduce the panel participants at the opening of each session and keep time for each presentation. Each presenter will have at least half an hour a piece, and we will leave it to each chair and panel to decide how you want to arrange the time in terms of the ratio of presentation to questions and when you would like to reserve time for questions in your session.

You may register and pay your SACP membership and conference registration fees in advance of arriving in Binghamton or upon arrival during our conference registration session as indicated in the program. The conference registration will take place in the lobby of Newing Hall (see attached campus map) from 2:00-3:30 on Thursday afternoon, the 19th, and for those of you with cars, you may, as described below, pick up campus parking stickers there as well. For those who wish to register in advance, please fill out a conference registration sheet at:

<http://www.sacpweb.org/res/conferences.php?PHPSESSID=c29c9a56a0c059a625bd683ee361eb18>

and send it to our Treasurer, Michael Barnhart, at either the the address indicated or his email address (Michael.Barnhart@kbcc.cuny.edu). If you would like to pay your fees by check in advance, you may send it along with your registration forms as instructed.

To pay annual SACP membership and conference fees online, please sign up for a free PayPal Account and submit your membership and/or conference registration fees, all at once. Go to:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/home>

sign up for or log in to your account, then click the "Send Money" tab at the top left of the page. When the next screen appears, type paypal@sacpweb.org into the email line, put the membership and/or registration fee in total into the amount line, click "I'm paying for goods and services" and then click "Continue." You may bring a printed receipt of your payment with you to the conference in case there are any questions about your registration.

If you prefer to pay your membership and conference registration fees on site, this should be done by check, as we are not equipped to accept credit card payments on site.

The following links describe travel routes to Binghamton. The first link features various air routes to the city and the second details driving directions.

<http://www.binghamton.edu/visiting-campus/maps-and-directions.html>

<http://www.binghamton.edu/visiting-campus/driving-directions.html>

Lodging during the conference is available in dorm facilities at Refuse Hall on campus. Rooms are available for both double and single occupancy. Those who wish to share a room (86 double-rooms are available) will pay a fee of \$37.40 per night, which includes a general room and linen fee. Those who wish to have their own rooms (59 single rooms are available) will pay a \$45.10 per night fee, once again including general room and linens fee. You may make your room reservations at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S6BHY8K>

If you would like to pay your dorm fees before arriving, checks should be made payable to: **Binghamton University** and sent directly to:

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If you'd prefer to pay for your rooms on arrival, we can collect your checks when you register for the conference. But payment for the rooms must be made to Binghamton University and not to the SACP. If anyone has questions about dorm housing, please contact Joy Tasse at her email address: jtasse@binghamton.edu or phone number [607-777-3616](tel:607-777-3616).

Those of you who prefer to reserve rooms in area hotels should search for availability in Binghamton, New York at your convenience.

The second attachment on this email is a campus map. Our sessions, as the conference program points out, will take place in the C4 building and the Lecture Hall. Campus parking is

available in lot T-1, right across from Refuse Hall, the dorm facility with available rooms for us, for \$8 per day. For those of you who want to park cars on campus, you can obtain stickers for the duration of your stay through Joy Tassej when you register for the conference.

The dinners during each evening of the conference will be catered by the campus Sodexo. I will be arranging the menu in the next few weeks with them and will order, as I usually do, 1/3 vegetarian dishes. You will be responsible for your own breakfasts, lunches and coffee or tea during session breaks. On Thursday and Friday, the campus Marketplace, where pancakes, eggs, salads, pizza, pasta and some Chinese food are available, will be open, but not during the weekend days.

Please let me or Joy Tassej know if you have any questions. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you for what will be a wonderful and fascinating conference at Binghamton.

Best regards,

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