Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research

2014-2015 Membership

Mohan Matthen, chair (2015)
Louise Antony (2015)
Randal Auxier (2016)
Bat-Ami Bar On (2015)
John M. Doris (2017)
David J. Hills (2017)
Cindy Holder (2016)
Serene Khader (2017)
Rebecca Kukla (2016)
Helen Longino (2015)
Kieran Setiya (2017)
Rachel E. Zuckert (2017)
The Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research had an active year in 2014-15. In addition to adjudicating various awards, and recommending others for action by the Board, it also discussed negotiations relating to new endowments, and changes to the terms of existing endowments.

The Committee Chair has a fairly heavy load, including many scheduled decisions. Starting this year, the National Office offered significant administrative support, and this has helped very considerably in the timely execution of many tasks. The Chair is very grateful to Linda Nuoffer for her efficient and capable work.

In August 2014, the Chair of the Committee was approached by Professor Angelo Corlett, who proposed to leave his entire estate to the APA to endow a prize in analytic ethics and political philosophy. The Chair of the Committee worked with Amy Ferrer, Executive Director of the Association, to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the prospective donor. Ultimately, a draft Memorandum was tentatively agreed to and submitted to the Committee for discussion. The Committee proposed small amendments that unfortunately proved unacceptable to the prospective donor. The discussions were then taken over by the Board in anticipation of new guidelines for the acceptance of gifts and establishment of prizes.

The Dewey Foundation sought to make some changes to its support of the Dewey Lectures. The endowment for these prizes will now be transferred to the APA, which will award $1000 to each lecturer, with no travel funds or post-lecture reception (as in the past). Additionally, the Dewey Foundation wished to endow a prize in the name of Israel Scheffler awarded once every three years to honor the best book in the philosophy of education published in the preceding five years. In discussions, the Committee was somewhat concerned that the number of books published in this area was not large enough to sustain a competition of this type. For
this reason, it was proposed to amend the award so that it would honor a book or connected work comprising three or more papers, the most recent of which was published no more than five years previous. This amendment was acceptable to the Foundation. The Foundation also agreed that all members of the APA would be eligible for this award (not just “American philosophers” as originally proposed).

A question arose about the eligibility for the Routledge, Taylor and Francis Prize. The intention of the prize was to honor work by philosophers who do not have tenure track positions. The wording mentions adjuncts, but this would exclude post-doctoral fellows. After consultation with the incoming Chair and the LPR committee, the following wording was recommended to and accepted by Routledge: “Eligibility is restricted to those who hold limited-term research or teaching positions at an institution of higher education at the time of submission.”

The Committee discussed applications for APA Small Grants. It recommended (to the Board) full funding for the Online Bibliography of Environmental Thought ($3000), and for a temporary archivist for the Society for Women in Philosophy ($5,000). It also recommended partial funding in the amount of $2,500 for Contrariwise, a high school journal of philosophy. There was significant support in the Committee also for partial funding for the Junior Metaphysics Symposium for recent PhDs (partial: $1,400), the Seminar on Building Power of Nonpower (partial: $2,000) and the University of Connecticut Logic symposium (partial: $2,000). These recommendations were passed on to the Board of Officers.

A committee jointly constituted with Phi Beta Kappa awarded the Lebowitz Prize to Alvin Goldman and Jennifer Lackey. (Committee: Lynn Pasquerella, Robert Koons, Serene Khader, John Doris (chair), Anita Silvers, Naomi Zack.)

The De Gruyter Stiftung Kant Lecture Prize was awarded to Professor Onora O’Neill. (Committee: Helen Longino (chair), Randall Auxier, Helga Varden, David Hills, Rachel Zuckert)

Christopher Mole was nominated for the Edinburgh Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh.
Institute approved the nomination. (Committee: Mohan Matthen (chair), Cindy Holder, and Rachel Zuckert.)

The Kavka Prize was awarded to Carol Hay for “The Obligation to Resist Oppression” (Committee: Rebecca Kukla (chair) Allen Wood, Alex Guerrero, Jason Brennan.)

The APA/Philosophy Documentation Center Prize was awarded to the University of North Carolina Outreach Program.

The APA Book Prize will be adjudicated by the following Committee: Louise Antony (chair), Serene Khader, and Robert Pasnau. This Committee will report in September 2015.

The Sanders Book Prize was awarded to Diana Raffman for *Unruly Words*. The runner up is Dana Nelkin (*Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility*) and the second runner up is Hilary Kornblith (*On Reflection*). (The Committee, chaired by Mohan Matthen, who moderated but did not otherwise participate substantively, was John Doris, Cindy Holder, and Kieran Setiya.)

The Chair solicited nominees for the Carus Lectures from members of the Board of Officers, and submitted the nominees to the LPR committee.

The Chair solicited nominees for the Quinn Prize from members of the Board of Officers, and submitted nominees to the Board.

The Gittler Prize was awarded to Carol Gould for *Interactive Democracy*. (Committee: Bat-Ami Bar On (chair), Mark Alfano, Robert Almeder, William Auden, and Sally Haslanger.)

The Sanders Lecture for 2016 will be delivered by Ned Block at the Central Division. (Committee: David Hills (chair), Louise Antony, Katalin Balog, Terry Horgan, Serene Khader.)
The Romanell Lecture for 2017 will be delivered by Jennifer Hornsby at the Central Division meetings. (Committee: Mohan Matthen (chair), Helen Longino, Rebecca Kukla, and Kieran Setiya.)

The Committee’s membership was renewed on July 1st, 2015. Many thanks to departing members, Louise Antony, Helen Longino, and Bat-Ami Bar On for their valuable service. Welcome to Elizabeth Camp, Hilary Kornblith, William Lycan, Jennifer Nagel, and Marina Oshana as incoming members. I will cease to serve as Chair; Walter Sinnott-Armstrong is the incoming Chair. Welcome to him as well!

Respectfully submitted,

Mohan Matthen