

Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession

2017–2018 Membership

Asta K. Sveinsdottir, chair (2018)

Perry Zurn, associate chair (2018)

Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo (2018)

Kenny K. Easwaran (2018)

Jose Medina (2019)

Susanne J. Sreedhar (2019)

Kyle Adams (2020)

Saray Ayala (2020)

Kory P. Schaff, newsletter editor

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Annual report 2017-2018

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Ásta K. Sveinsdóttir (Chair, 2018), Perry Zurn (Associate Chair, 2018), Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo (2018), Kenny K. Easwaran, (2018) Jose Medina (2019), Susanne J. Sreedhar (2019), Kyle Adams (2020), Saray Ayala (2020), Grayson Hunt, Newsletter Editor (ex officio)

The Newsletter

It had been difficult to get material for the Newsletter and the Committee decided 2016-2017 to move to an annual schedule and publish a Fall issue only until circumstances change in that regard. Grayson Hunt took over from Kory Schaff for the Fall 2018 issue. Material is mostly drawn from APA sessions.

Panels at the APA Meetings

The committee sponsored panels at the Central and the Pacific divisional meetings.

Central: Queer Latinidad

Participants: José Medina (Northwestern University, chair), Mariana Ortega (John Carroll University, speaker), Andrea Pitts (University of North Carolina at Charlotte, commentator), Emanuela Bianchi (New York University, commentator)

Pacific: Unequal Protection: From Anti-LGBTQ Legislation to Title VII Discrimination

Mary Bloodsworth-Lugo (Washington State University) chaired the session and speakers were: John Corvino (Wayne State University) “Religious Liberty Exemption and Legalized Discrimination”, Kory Schaff (California State University, Los Angeles) “Sex Discrimination at Work”, and Marie Draz (San Diego State University) “The Use of Sex: Thinking Genealogically about Administrative Violence”.

The committee also co-sponsored the following sessions:

Doing Philosophy with a Disability. Arranged by the APA Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession.

Justice in the Aftermath of Injustice: The Limits of Liberalism for People of Color. Arranged by the APA Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers.

Philosophical Outreach: The Face and Space of Philosophy. Arranged by the APA Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy.

Transfeminisms. Group session organized by Society for Women in Philosophy.

Other Matters

The committee did some outreach, including post in the closed Facebook page for LGBTQ philosophers and on listservs.

The committee made recommendations in 2016-2017 to the APA Board that preferred pronouns be included on name tags and stickers have been adopted for that purpose for the upcoming APA meetings. We have now adopted this for one meeting cycle and have yet to incorporate feedback from that experience to streamline the process.

The chair of the committee serves ex-officio on the APA inclusiveness committee and provides feedback when that committee is consulted.

Ongoing Issues

The committee continues to develop recommendations for best practices regarding naming trans* individuals in journals. The APA board asked us to gather data on journal practices and put it to the APA Board. That work has been slow. We hope that we can gather enough data soon, so that the APA Board can issue recommendations. These recommendations would be helpful for journals that ask for guidance with regard to these issues.

The Graduate Student Council reached out to us to support their recommendation that the APA consider the climate for LGBTQ individuals when deciding divisional meeting lo-

cations. The recommendation for how the climate should be figured in location deliberations is still being worked on.

The committee is interested in starting a prize for LGBTQ philosophy, but has yet to make concrete plans to that effect.