

Committee on Philosophy and Law

2018–2019 Membership

Robert C. Hughes, chair (2020)

Luis Duarte D'Almeida (2019)

Anthony R. Reeves (2019)

Craig Agule (2020)

Rebecca Chan (2020)

Colleen M. Murphy (2020)

Govind Persad (2020)

Annual Report
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (7/1/2018-6/30/2019)

Robert Hughes	Chair	7/1/2018	6/30/2020	hughesrc@wharton.upenn.edu
Luis Duarte D’Almeida	Member	7/1/2016	6/30/2019	luis.duarte.almeida@ed.ac.uk
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Govind Persad	Member	7/1/2018	6/30/2020	govind.persad@gmail.com

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 1, 2018

Matthew Lister, Derrick Darby, and David T. Wasserman finished their terms on the committee on June 30, 2018. We thank Derrick and David for their work on the committee, and we thank Matthew for his diligent work as chair and for his continuing support of the committee’s activities. We welcomed Rebecca Chan and Govind Persad as new members, serving from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. Robert Hughes began his term as chair having served as associate chair in the previous year.

COMPLETED EVENTS

Eastern Division Meeting – New York, NY (January 7-10, 2019)

APA Committee Session: Author Meets Critics: Leo Zaibert, *Rethinking Punishment*
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Robert Hughes (University of Pennsylvania)

Critics:

Daniel Viehoff (New York University)

David Gray (University of Maryland School of Law)

Craig Agule (Rutgers University–Camden)

Author: Leo Zaibert (Union College)

APA Committee Session: Punishing Children
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Robert Hughes (University of Pennsylvania)

Speakers:

Michelle Dempsey (Villanova University) “It Takes a Village: Juvenile Crime and Collective Responsibility”

Amy Berg (Rhode Island College) “Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice”

Craig Agule (Rutgers University–Camden) “Is Desert for Kids?”

Central Division Meeting – Denver, CO (February 20-23, 2019)

APA Committee Session: The Law and Ethics of Health Insurance
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Govind Persad (University of Denver)

Speakers:

Jill Graper Hernandez (University of Texas at San Antonio)

Amy Sepinwall (University of Pennsylvania)

Jonathan Herington (Kansas State University)

Pacific Division Meeting – Vancouver, BC (April 17-20, 2019)

APA Committee Session: 2019 Berger Memorial Prize in Philosophy and Law
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Robert Hughes (University of Pennsylvania)

Speaker: Deborah Hellman (University of Virginia) “A Theory of Bribery”

Commentators:

David Silver (University of British Columbia)

Ekow Yankah (Yeshiva University)

APA Committee Session: Culpability and Punishment
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Craig K. Agule (Rutgers University–Camden)

Speakers:

Marcia Baron (Indiana University Bloomington) “Negligence, Mens Rea, and What We Want the Element of Mens Rea to Provide”

David Brink (University of California, San Diego) “What’s Special about Juvenile Justice”

APA Committee Session: Book Symposium: Sarah Song, *Immigration and Democracy*
Arranged by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law

Chair: Robert Hughes (University of Pennsylvania)

Speaker: Sarah Song (University of California, Berkeley)

Commentators:

Adam Hosein (Northeastern University)

Matthew Lister (Deakin University)

Christine Straehle (University of Ottawa)

Shelley Wilcox (San Francisco State University)

PLANNED EVENTS

The Committee on Philosophy and Law currently is planning on sponsoring sessions at the 2020 Eastern Division Annual Meeting on punishment and on Alex Sarch's book *Criminally Ignorant*. We plan to sponsor a session at the 2020 Central Division Annual Meeting on Alec Walen's book *The Mechanics of Claims and Permissible Killing in War*.

BERGER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Deborah Hellman won the 2019 Berger Memorial Prize for her article "A Theory of Bribery," which was originally published in *Cardozo Law Review*. A subcommittee of four members selected the paper from a strong pool of nominated papers. We thank the members of the subcommittee for their work in selecting the paper, Deborah Hellman for her excellent paper, and all the participants in the Berger Prize session for a thoughtful and engaging discussion. We are grateful to the family of Fred Berger for their generous support of the Berger Prize.

THE FUTURE

On learning of the Board's decision to sunset the APA Committee on Philosophy and Law in July 2020, the members of the committee were unanimously of the opinion that the APA should continue to support interdisciplinary connections between philosophy and law and that the best way to do this would be to retain the current committee structure. After discussion, there was no clear consensus within the committee about what would be the next-best alternative. There was support for the idea of creating a new APA-affiliated group and for the suggestion that the APA might create a new committee devoted to promoting interdisciplinary connections generally.

We remain hopeful that the APA will continue to support philosophers working in the legal academy and that that legal philosophy will remain well represented on the programs of future APA meetings.