

APA Committee on Hispanics

2008 Report

2008 Annual Report

As the outgoing chair of the Committee on Hispanics, I would like to report to the Executive Committee of American Philosophical Association about our activities during the academic year 2007-08. We have continued to work toward promoting Latin American philosophy as a fully autonomous sub-specialty within the discipline and toward raising the profile of Hispanics in the profession. With these goals in mind, we planned carefully our contributions to the main program sessions at all three divisional meetings over the past year. Our contributions to the Association's meetings were the following events.

At the Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, December 2007

Two special sessions: Session I featured the winner of the Annual Prize in Latin American philosophy, followed by a reception.

Session II was a philosopher-meets-critics session focused on the work of Ernest Sosa, who participated as a respondent.

A reception open to all interested in Latin American philosophy.

Annual business meeting of the Committee.

At the Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, March 2008

One special session on skepticism in Latin America.

At the Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2008

One special session on Gennan philosophy in the Americas.

We are now in the process of planning for a session at the upcoming Eastern Division Meeting at Philadelphia in December 2008. This will be a special session on Hispanic thought and classical American philosophy. Among the participants are Nathan Houser, Jaime Nubiola,, Rosa Mayorga, and Bernardo Cantens.

We have tried to maintain a consistent standard of quality and scholarly integrity in our programs, and we believe that all of our activities have been centered around philosophical topics of interest to Hispanics/Latinos, at the same time welcoming the interest of a more general audience within the profession. In all four sessions organized this year, presentations and

discussions were well attended. Our reception at the Eastern Division Meeting likewise had a good turnout, with more participants than the reception room could hold. Of course, the Committee is pleased with its apparent popularity, and it seeks to promote a sense of community among Hispanic and Latino philosophers of many different philosophical persuasions. Needless to say, it remains of central importance that we continue to serve all of these philosophers, who are diverse, both in the traditions they endorse and in the approaches to philosophy they cultivate.

On organizational matters, with some new members in the Committee now and Bernie Cantens taking over as Newsletter editor, the Committee is well positioned to continue its successful work in the year to come. Finally, I would like to welcome and offer encouragement to Eduardo Mendieta, the incoming chair of the Committee. I'm sure that under his leadership we will continue to make considerable progress in our defining purpose of promoting Latin American philosophy and the interests of Hispanic/Latino philosophers in the profession.

Sincerely,
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