APA Committee on
Lectures, Publications and Research
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The members of the LPR Committee for 2007-2008 were Carol Gould (Associate Chair, 2011), Peter Graham (2010), Mitchell Green (2008), Hilary Kornblith (2009), David Lyons (2009), Christian Miller (2008), Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (2008, Chair), Charles Taliaferro (2010), Rega Wood (2009), and Ernest Sosa (ex officio). Since Mitch, Christian, and Ernie are leaving the committee this year, let me take this opportunity to thank them for their service. The new members next year will be: Charles Griswold (2011), Ron Mallon (2011), and Kwame Anthony Appiah (ex officio). Thanks for agreeing to help us out.

During the academic year 2007-8, the LPR committee took the following actions on prizes:

The APA/PDC Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs was awarded to The Philosophy Program at Davidson College. The selection subcommittee included David Lyons, Mitchell Green (chair), and Rega Wood.

The Article Prize for younger philosophers in 2008 was awarded to Jonathan Schaffer for his article "Knowing the Answer." The selection committee was chaired by Peter J. Graham. The other members were Charles Taliaferro, Christian Miller, Hilary Kornblith, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong.

The Carus lectures will be delivered by Ernest Sosa at the Central APA meetings in February 2010. (An extension from 2009 until 2010 was granted by mutual agreement.) The selection was made by the whole LPR committee.

The Edinburgh Fellowship was awarded this year to Leemon McHenry for his project on the philosophy of Timothy Sprigge.

The first Joseph B. Gittler Prize for "an outstanding scholarly contribution in the field of the philosophy of one or more the social sciences" was awarded to Stephen Stich. The selection subcommittee consisted of Carol Gould, Christian Miller, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong.

The Prometheus Lecture was delivered by Elliot Sober at the Pacific APA meetings in March, 2008. The selection committee consisted of John Fischer, Michael Gazzaniga, Brie Gertler, Paul Kurtz, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (chair).
The Rockefeller Prize was awarded to Glen Hoffmann for his essay, "Truth, Superassertability, and Conceivability". The selection subcommittee consisted of David Lyons and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong.

A Romanell Lecture will be given by Elliot Sober at the Eastern APA meetings in December, 2008. In order to give more lead time to future speakers, the committee also selected Romanell lecturers for the next two years. Barry Stroud will deliver a Romanell Lecture at the Central Division in 2009. Alvin Goldman will deliver a Romanell lecture at the Pacific Division meeting in 2010. The selection committee consisted of Brie Gertler (Central Division, chair 2007-8), Hannah Ginsborg (Pacific Division, chair 2008-9), and Hilary Kornblith (Eastern Division, chair 2009-10).

The Royce lectures will be awarded next in 2010.

The Annual Alfred Schutz Memorial Lecture will be given by Professor Mary Rogers in October 2008 at the meetings of the SPHS and SPEP at Duquesne.

The Sharp Prize on the philosophy of war and peace was not awarded in 2008.

Our LPR committee has also been working hard on some new prizes that might become available in the future.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all of the committee members.