Food for Thought: Drop-in Discussions with Young Philosophers

The $100 grant from the Berry fund allowed us to do several things.

First, as per our grant proposal, we designed and purchased a large vinyl banner and business cards. The banner increased the visibility and visual appeal of our installation, and the business cards allowed visitors to contact us with follow-up questions or requests for additional information.

Second, one of our students was so inspired by the APA grant that he took it upon himself to design and build a new and improved booth that is specific to “Food for Thought.”

Third, with our new booth, banner, business cards, and gas money, we hit the road. Every Saturday we have been in our area’s only year-round indoor farmers market, and now that our local harvest season has begun, we’re also installed each week at our area’s largest outdoor farmers market. In late September, we will also be installed at a Maker Faire and a film festival, and we continue to look for more opportunities to take philosophy into our community.

Lastly, this project has been highly successful in two essential regards. First, we have engaged the community with countless civil and thoughtful conversations about philosophical questions and topics, and the public reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. Second, the participating students have met a wide range of people and personalities, they’ve become better listeners and thinkers, and in philosophical discussions they have both persuaded and been persuaded by many of our visitors.

I would like to thank the APA and the Committee on Public Philosophy, and look forward to continuing “Food for Thought” with new locations and new students.

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