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"It is evident that the *polis* belongs to the things that are by nature, and that human being is by nature a political animal" (Aristotle, *Politics* I.2, 1253a2–3)

# Ancient Philosophy Society 12th Annual Independent Meeting

April 19–22, 2012 / San Francisco

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# Thursday April 19, 2012

Location: McLaren Conference Room 252

1:00-6:00 - Registration

1:45-2:00 **Welcome: Eileen Fung**, Associate Dean for Arts & Sciences (USF) and **Jeffrey Paris**, Chair of the Philosophy Department (USF)

2:00-3:45 **Session I: Connecting the Dots: Aristotle on *Ethos* and *Polis***

Chair: **John Baldari** (University of Nevada)

a. **Andrew Jampol-Petzinger** (Fordham University): "The Place of the *Polis* in Aristotle's Account of Virtue"

Commentator: **Eve Rabinoff** (Boston College)

b. **Osman Nemli** (Emory University): "Aristotle and the *Ethos* of the *Polis*"

Commentator: **Brian Buckley** (Santa Clara University)

4:00-5:45 **Session II: Means and Ends in Epicurus and Cicero: Hypothetical Drugs and the Meaning of Knowledge**

Chair: **Burt Hopkins** (Seattle University)

a. **Michael Augustin** (Georgia State University): "Would Epicurus have drugged his followers?"

Commentator: **Derin McLeod** (UC Berkeley)

b. **Robin Weiss** (DePaul University): "In Cicero's *De Finibus*, The Search for an *Ars Vitae* Neither too Technical Nor too Theoretical"

Commentator: **P. Christopher Smith** (University of Massachusetts Lowell)

6:00: **Informal reception** in Kalmanovitz Hall (Philosophy Dept.)

**Friday April 20, 2012**

*Location: Lone Mountain Room 100*

**8:30-10:15 Session III: Stoic Understandings of Ownership and Friendship**

Chair: **Thomas Cavanaugh** (University of San Francisco)

a. **Alex Dressler** (University of Wisconsin-Madison):

“Mothers, Sons, and Metaphysics: The Role of the Feminine in Hellenistic and Roman Accounts of Awareness and Ownership of the Self “

Commentator: **William Koch** (University of North Florida)

b. **Tony Long** (UC Berkeley): “Stoic Philosophy of Friendship”

**Q & A** to immediately follow the paper

**10:30-12:15 Session IV: Plato’s Reframing of Ownership and the Common Root of Tyranny and Philosophy**

Chair: **Dan Labriola** (University of St. Andrews)

a. **Sara Brill** (Fairfield University) “Plato’s Critical Theory”

Commentator: **Georgia Mouroutsou** (Humboldt Universität Berlin)

b. **Andrew German** (Tel Aviv University) “Tyrant and Philosopher: Two Fundamental Lives in Plato”

Commentator: **Anne Mamary** (Monmouth College)

**12:30-1:45 Lunch & Optional Workshops**

**Lunch Panel 1: Publishing in Ancient Philosophy (KA 209)**

**Marina McCoy** (Boston College)

**William Wians** (Merrimack College)

**Lunch Panel 2: Fragmentary Pedagogy (KA 309)**

**Holly Moore** (Luther College)

**Eric Sanday** (University of Kentucky)

**Rose Cherubin** (George Mason University)

**Jill Gordon** (Colby College)

2:00-3:45 Session V: Aristotle on Overcoming Master Rule and Transcending Natural Law

Chair: **Klaus Corcilius** (UC Berkeley)

a. **Adriel Trott** (University of Texas-Pan American): "Ruling In Turn: Political Rule Against Mastery in Aristotle's *Politics*"

Commentator: **Ryan Drake** (Fairfield University)

b. **John Thorp** (Western University): "Aristotle on the Variability of Natural Law"

Commentator: **William Wians** (Merrimack College)

4:00-5:45 Session VI: Leaks, Storms and Other Perils in Stoic Philosophy

Chair: **LaChanda Davis** (Loyola University Chicago)

a. **Emily Hulme** (University of Arizona): "Leaky Boats, Stormy Seas: Political Philosophy in *De Tranquillitate Animi* and *De Otio*"

Commentator: **Silvia Benso** (Rochester Institute of Technology)

b. **Christopher Paone** (Southern Illinois University Carbondale): "The Perils of Roman Justice and Cicero's Pragmatic Solution"

Commentator: **Nickolas Pappas** (City College of New York)

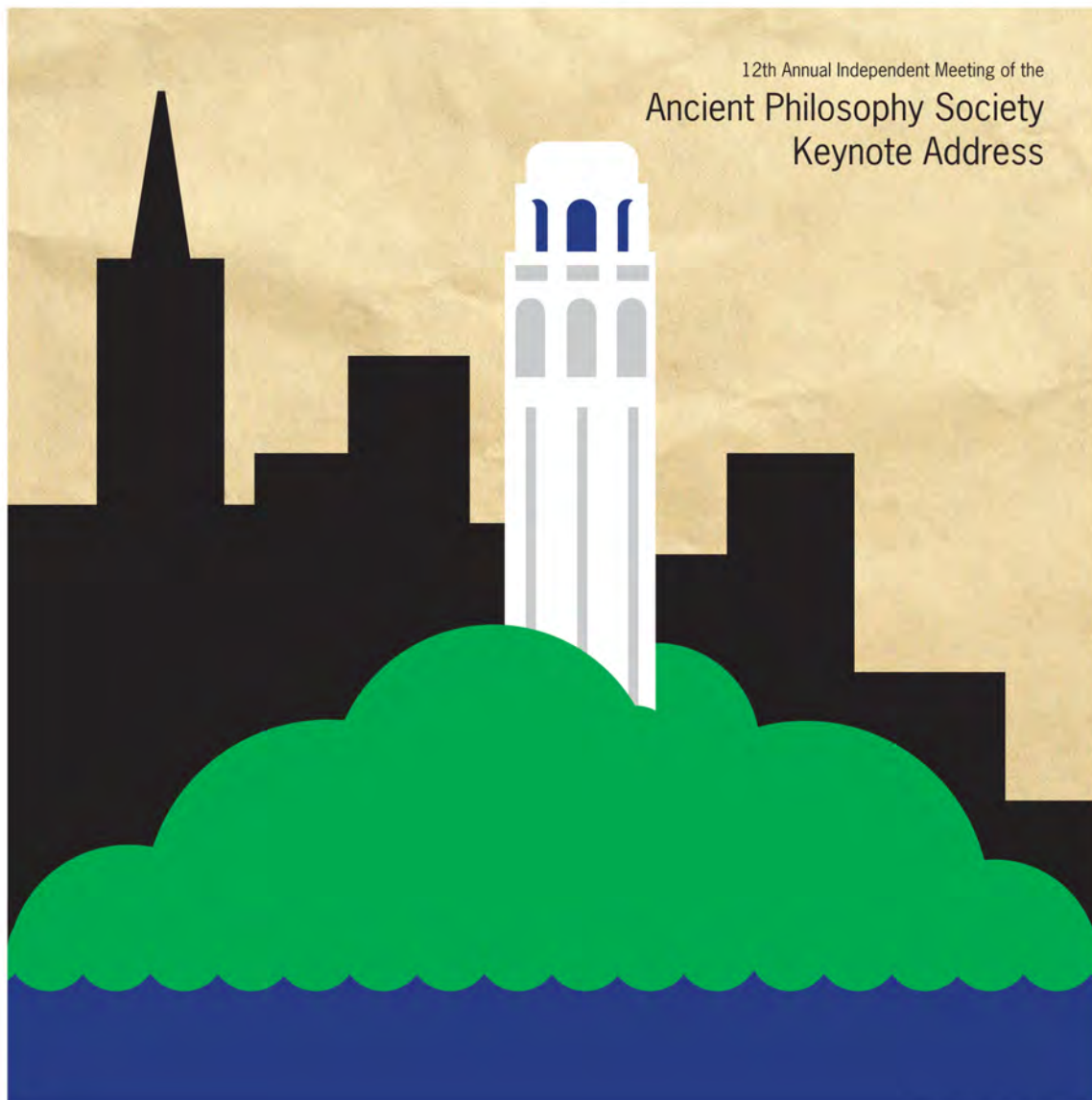
6:00-8:00 Keynote (Lone Mountain, Del Santo Reading Room)

**Anastasia-Erasmia Peponi** (Stanford University): "Dance, Aesthetics and the *Polis*"

Moderator: **Anne-Marie Schultz** (Baylor University)

8:00: Reception (Lone Mountain, Del Santo Reading Room)





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# “Dance, Aesthetics and the *Polis*”

Anastasia-Erasmia Peponi

Professor of Classics, Stanford University

Friday, April 20 / 6:00–8:00 pm / Lone Mountain Del Santo Reading Room / University of San Francisco



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**Saturday April 21, 2012**

*Location: Lone Mountain Room 100*

**9:00-11:30 Session VII: Buzzing Bees, Human Nature and the Shining Sun: Various Interpretations of Aristotle and Heraclitus**

Chair: **Josh Hayes** (Santa Clara University)

a. **Joseph Karbowski** (Notre Dame University): "Human Nature in Aristotle's *Politics*"

Commentator: **Willie Costello** (University of Toronto)

b. **Ömer Orhan Aygün** (Galatasaray University): "On Bees and Humans: Phenomenological Explorations of Hearing Sounds, Voices and Speech in Aristotle"

Commentator: **Michael Shaw** (Utah Valley State University)

c. **Anthony Fernandez** (University of South Florida): "A Phenomenological Interpretation of Heraclitus"

Commentator: **Dan Larkin** (University of Memphis)

**11:45-1:15 Lunch and Business Meeting**

**1:30-3:30 Round Table on Heidegger's 1924 Reading of Aristotle's *Rhetoric***

Chair: **Walter Brogan** (Villanova University)

**Robert Metcalf** (University of Colorado Denver): "On Character and Time-of-Life [*hêlikia*]: *Rhetoric* II.12-14"

**Friederike Rese** (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg): "The Ambivalence of *Logos*: Heidegger's Stance Towards *Doxa* in His Interpretation of Aristotle's *Rhetoric*"

**Francisco J. Gonzalez** (University of Ottawa): "Can Aristotle Make Heidegger More Agreeable? Some Thoughts on Heidegger's Reading of Aristotle's *Rhetoric* in 1924"

### 3:45-5:15 Session VIII: Understanding the Activity of the Soul and the Socratic Elenchus

Chair: **Michael Begun** (Fordham University)

a. **James Ambury** (Fairfield University): "Plato's Conception of Soul as Reflexive Indeterminate Action"

Commentator: **Lauren Ware** (University of Edinburgh)

b. **Emily Fletcher** (University of Toronto): "*Hippias Minor* and the Limitations of Socratic Elenchus"

Commentator: **Jeremy Bell** (DePaul University)

### 6:00-8:00 Keynote

**Christof Rapp** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München): "Aristotle on Modulating the Feelings of a Public Audience"

Moderator: **Sean Kirkland** (DePaul University)

**8:00 Banquet:** Restaurant Jannah, 1775 Fulton Street, San Francisco



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# “Aristotle on Modulating the Feelings of a Public Audience”

Christof Rapp

Chair for Ancient Philosophy and Rhetoric, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU)  
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**Sunday April 22, 2012**

*Location: Berman Hall, Fromm Hall*

**9:00-11:30 Session IX: From Knowing to Dialectic and Shame:  
Grasping Key Concepts in Aristotle**

Chair: **Miranda Nell** (New School for Social Research)

a. **James Kintz** (Loyola Marymount University): “The Unity of the Knower and the Known: The Phenomenology of Aristotle and the Metaphysics of Husserl”

Commentator: **Michael Wiitala** (University of Kentucky)

b. **John Tutuska** (University of Dallas): “Political and Private Virtue: Dialectic in the *Nicomachean Ethics*”

Commentator: **Sirin Yilmaz** (Villanova University)

c. **Marta Jimenez** (Emory University): “The Virtues of Shame: Aristotle on the Positive Role of Shame in Moral Development”

Commentator: **Jan Szaif** (UC Davis)



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