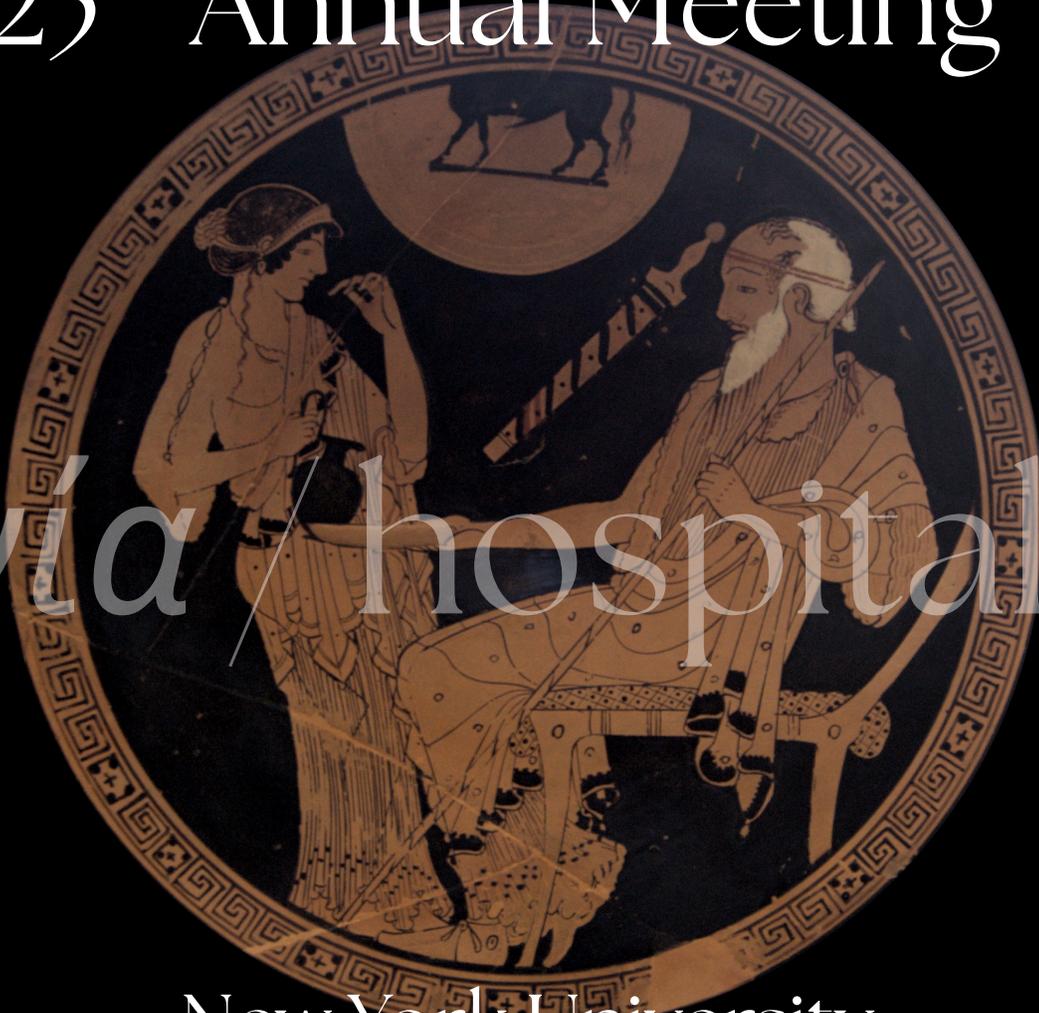


Ancient Philosophy Society 25th Annual Meeting

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New York University
April 16 - 18, 2026

Silver Center for Arts and Science
31 Washington Place, New York

"Are you bringing a stranger, Theodorus, or are you unwittingly bringing a god?" Plato, Sophist 216a

The Ancient Philosophy Society for the Study of Ancient Greek and Roman Thought was established to provide a forum for scholarship on ancient Greek and Roman texts and their diverse receptions. Honoring the richness of the American and European philosophical traditions, the Ancient Philosophy Society supports phenomenological, postmodern, Anglo-American, Straussian, Tübingen School, hermeneutic, comparative, psychoanalytic, queer, decolonial, feminist, philosophy of race, and other interpretations of ancient Greek and Roman philosophical and literary works. The theme of the 2026 conference is Hospitality or *Xenia*, celebrating the 30th anniversary of Jacques Derrida's 1996 seminar, later published with Anne Dufourmantelle as *Of Hospitality* (Stanford University Press, 2000).

Thursday, April 16
Hemmerdinger Hall

25th Annual Meeting, APS

8:30 AM **Registration, coffee and pastries – Silverstein Lounge**

9:00-9:15 AM **Welcome and Introduction**

9:15-10:55 AM **Session 1 - Plato and Care**

Chair: Martha Woodruff, Middlebury College

Colin Smith, Ohio State University, "Vulnerability and Care in the *Euthyphro*"

Comment: Elizabeth Hill, Colby College

Elena Bartolini, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, "Caring for Plato: *Epimeleia* as a philosophical practice"

Comment: Anne-Marie Schultz, Baylor University

11:10 AM-12:50 PM **Session 2 - Perspectives on the *Theaetetus***

Chair: Holly Moore, Luther College

I-Kai Jeng, National Taiwan University, "Wisdom as Knowledge of Problem-Solving in *Theaetetus*"

Comment: Sean Driscoll, University of Memphis

Zara Amdur, Texas Tech University, "The Risks of Midwifery in Plato's *Theaetetus*"

Comment: Jenny Strandberg, Sacred Heart University

12:50-1:50 PM **Lunch (on your own)**

Meeting of the APS Executive Committee

1:50-3:30 PM **Session 3 - Oedipus, Plato, Hospitality**

Chair: William Koch, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY

Marina Berzins McCoy, Boston College, "Aging and Hospitality to the Self and City in Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonus*"

Comment: Babette Babich, Fordham University

Nickolas Pappas, City University of New York, "Philosophers Going Non-Native"

Comment: Mary Townsend, St John's University, New York

3:50-5:30 PM **Session 4 - Aristotle on Life and Being**

Chair: Norah Woodcock, Princeton University

Cameron Coates, University of the South, Sewanee, "Life, Soul, and Degrees of Vitality in Aristotle"

Comment: Michael Wiitala, Cleveland State University

Francisco Gonzalez, University of Ottawa, "Reading Aristotle Physics I.1-3 with H.G. Gadamer"

Comments: Mark Sentesy Wagner, Loyola University Maryland

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5:45 PM

Keynote Address

Michael Naas, DePaul University

“Having Them for Lunch: Hospitality in an Age When Might Makes Right”

Chair: Avital Ronell, New York University

7:00 PM

Opening Reception – Silverstein Lounge

Friday, April 17

Hemmerdinger Hall

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9:15–10:55 AM

Session 5 - Plato and Comedy

Chair: Gwen Grewal, New School for Social Research

Jessica Polish, Independent Scholar, “Perhaps Some of You May Think I am Jesting”: The Divine Comedy of Socrates and the Delphic Oracle in Plato’s *Apology*”

Comment: Mateo Duque, Binghamton University

Samuel Yelton, New School for Social Research, “Athens the Imposter: Comedy, Critique, and Empire in Plato’s *Ion*”

Comment: Santiago Ramos, Independent Scholar

11:10 AM–12:50 PM

Session 6 - Socrates and the Stranger in the Sophist

Chair: Gregory Kirk, Northern Arizona University

Caroline Arnold, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, “Socrates’ Silence in the Sophist”

Comment: Anna Zikova, New School for Social Research

Alex Montag, Tulane University, “Bound by Xenia: The Case for the Eleatic Stranger’s Agreement with Socrates”

Comment: Madeline Brenchley, Boston College

12:50–1:20 PM

Lunch - Silverstein Lounge

1:20–2:05 PM

APS Business Meeting

2:05–3:45 PM

Session 7 - Book Panel: Sean Kirkland, *Aristotle and Tragic Temporality*

Chair: Walter Brogan, Villanova University

Adriel M. Trott, Wabash College

Dhananjay Jagannathan, Hunter College, City University of New York

Respondent: Sean Kirkland, DePaul University

4:00–5:40 PM

Session 8 - Law and Hospitality in Plato and the Poets

Chair: Andrea Tisano, New York University

Brian Marrin, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, “Law and the Tragic Poets: On Plato’s *Minos*”

Comment: Shane Ewegen, Trinity College

Dianne Rothleder, Loyola University Chicago, “Hospitality on Trial”

Comment: Jack Condie, New School for Social Research

6:00 PM

Keynote Address

Demetra Kasimis, University of Cambridge

“Hospitality’s Hidden Abode”

Chair: Victoria Wohl, University of Toronto

Dinner on your own

9:30–11:10 AM

Session 9 - Engagements with Stoicism

Chair: Michael M. Shaw, Utah Valley University

Jacob Abolafia, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, “Philo of Alexandria and Stoic Egalitarianism”

Comment: Panos Eliopoulos, University of Ioannina, Greece

Robin Weiss, National Taiwan University, “The Stoic Definition of Law in Its Relation to Justice”

Comment: Phillip Mitsis, New York University

11:25–1:15 PM

Session 10 - Cynic Hospitality and Plato’s Persian Reception

Chair: Josh Hayes, Alvernia University

Julio Pérez García, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, “Are Dogs Allowed? Ancient Cynics and Hospitality”

Comment: Pascal Massie, Miami University of Ohio

Katharine Loevy, Pacific University, “Nezami’s Plato—Philosophy Through the Prism of Music”

Comment: Rosabel Ansari, Stony Brook University

1:15–2:15 PM

Lunch (on your own)

2:15–5:15 PM

Session 11 - 20th-21st Century Receptions of Plato

Chair: Jill Gordon, Colby College

Yidi Wu, Boston University, “A Secret State within a Nation State: Eros in Plato, the George Circle and the Rise of National Socialism”

Comment: Zach Rivers, New York University

Huaiyuan “Susanna” Zhang, Pennsylvania State University, “Levinas’s Ethical Reinscription of Platonic Eros in Plato’s *Phaedrus*”

Comment: Bernardo Andrade, Augsburg University

Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas, “The Hospitality of Philosophy: Plato’s *Phaedrus* and Necrowriting”

Comment: Andrés Fabián Henao Castro, University of Massachusetts Boston

5:30 PM

Capstone Panel in honor of Nicole Loraux

Chair: Brooke Holmes

Miriam Leonard, University College London

“Nicole Loraux and the Stranger in Philosophy”

Kalliopi Nikolopoulou, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

“Condition(s) of Hospitality: Homer, Plato, and the Forgotten Face of *Xenia*”

Giulia Sissa, University of California Los Angeles

“After Nicole, with Nicole, thanks to Nicole. A Truly Heuristic Perspective in Classical Studies”

7:30 PM

Conference Banquet, Loring Place

21 West 8th Street

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