

**MISSISSIPPI PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
THEME: LIBERTARIANISM: FOR AND AGAINST
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
THURSDAY, MARCH 24; FRIDAY, MARCH 25; SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011**

This year's conference is made possible by generous donations from the MSU Department of Philosophy and Religion, the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office and Institute for Humanities, and the Provost's Office.

Tentative schedule (as of 3/15/11)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 noon, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor: Registration, Box Lunches for speakers and MPA members

12:45-1:00 pm: Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Trisha Phillips, Mississippi State University and MPA President, and John Bickle, Mississippi State University and MPA Vice President and Program Chair

SESSION I: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND APPLICATIONS TO CURRENT ISSUES, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor

1:00-1:50 pm: Dennis Lunt, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, "Freedom for the Faithful: The Radical Reformation and American Libertarianism"

2:00-2:50 pm: Emma Friedman, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, "Slave Contracts and the Kantian Basis for Individual Rights in Libertarian Theory"

3:00-3:50 pm: Jonathan Edelman, Mississippi State University, "Henry David Thoreau's Yoga of Freedom: Libertarianism Among the Trees and Ponds"

3:50-4:30 pm COFFEE BREAK

SESSION II: INVITED KEYNOTE LECTURE AND MSU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITIES DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union 3rd Floor

4:30-6:00 pm: Matt Welch, Editor-in-Chief, *Reason Magazine*, Washington, D.C., "The Pre-Philosophy of Libertarianism"

Matt Welch's lecture is sponsored in part by a generous gift from the Mississippi State University College of Arts and Sciences Institute for Humanities Distinguished Lecture Fund. For the talk announcement visit: <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/cas/events/>

7:30-10:30 pm: CONFERENCE BANQUET. Mississippi Bar-be-cue (Ribs, pork, chicken, fried catfish, vegetables for vegetarians, pie, beer, wine, iced tea), catered by Pap's Place in Ackerman, MS, and to held at the Amy Tuck Building and grounds, Oktibbeha County Lake

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 am: Coffee, Tea, and Morning Snacks, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union 3rd Floor

SESSION III: "APPLIED" POLITICAL ISSUES, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor

9:00-9:50 am: PRESIDENT'S INVITED ADDRESS: Trisha Phillips, Mississippi State University, "Libertarianism and Health Care Reform"

10:00-10:50 am: Ronald Orovitz, Cincinnati, OH, "Tax Power: A Proposal for Resolving the Great Antagonism of American Political Philosophy"

11:00-11:50 am: Jacob Affolter, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, "Could High Liberalism Ever be a Second-Best Option? A Defense of Libertarianism"

LUNCH BREAK (RESERVED SPACE, MARKETPLACE AT PERRY DINING HALL, MSU CAMPUS)

11:50 am-1:20 pm

SESSION IV: BEYOND THE MINIMAL STATE? Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor

1:30-2:20 pm: Robert E. Mongue, University of Mississippi, "Beyond the Minimal State"

2:30-3:20 pm: Patrick Cullen, Southern New Hampshire University, "In Defense of Traditional Human Rights"

COFFEE BREAK, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor
3:20-4:00 pm

SESSION V: NEW FOUNDATIONS FOR LIBERTARIANISM, Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union, 3rd Floor

4:00-4:50 pm: Max Hocutt, University of Alabama, "Libertarianism without Natural Rights"

5:00-5:50 pm: John Bickle, Mississippi State University, "A Virtue Ethics Foundation for Libertarian Political Philosophy"

OPEN EVENING IN STARKVILLE AND SURROUNDS

Enjoy the Regtime Jazz Festival being held this weekend, Mississippi State vs. Auburn College Baseball (Friday night's game starts at 6:30 pm), the weekly Arts and Sciences Happy Hour at Zorba's Greek Tavern (Main Street, downtown), or any of the town's many bars and restaurants

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 am: Transportation arranged for conference participants from Starkville to Bickle-Bernstein Farther Along Farm

9:45 am-2:00 pm: CLOSING BRUNCH RECEPTION for speakers and invited guests, Bickle-Bernstein Farther Along Farm, Webster County, Mississippi, with hiking on our 60 acres of pastureland and woods, boating and fishing on our 5 acre lake, and brunch food suitable for vegetarians and non-vegetarians all.

2:00 pm: Transportation arranged for conference participants, back to Starkville