CALL FOR PAPERS

VIII CSUN Philosophy Student Conference
Frí., April 14, 2017

Deadline for Submissions:
Fri., March 24, 5:00pm

Why should I think about submitting something?
Because philosophy is dialogue. Because dialogue creates philosophy. Because, after all, we do not have so many occasions to get together and talk about philosophy outside the classroom. Because life does not present so many occasions to test our philosophical ideas…. And because, if all this were not enough, you will be able to add a line to your CV saying you presented at the “VIII CSUN Student Philosophy Conference.”

What can I submit?
Anything (i.e. any academic paper), as long as it is of philosophical interest.

How do I prepare a submission?
The submission should be a long abstract (summary) of the paper. It should not be longer than 750 words and it should include the following: (1) a clear presentation of the idea/view/thought you plan to defend (or suggest) in your paper; (2) the reasons why you think that idea/view/thought is of philosophical interest; (3) the arguments or other support you are going to offer for it; and (4) the main sources (with specific authors and titles) you are (or will be) using and why those. Send the document as an attachment to abel.franco@csun.edu. You will be notified by Mon., March 27 about whether your submission has been invited to the conference. If so, you will be requested to submit the full paper (not longer than ten pages) by Sat., April 8, at 5:00pm.

What type of conference is this?
A one-day student conference open to the whole CSUN community. There is no need to be a Philosophy major or minor to submit a proposal or to participate in the conference. The program will be organized around the presentation of about six student papers (which will be selected by a philosophy faculty committee in a blind-review process). Each invited author will have 15 minutes to present, and each presentation will be followed by a commentary by a faculty member as well as by a general discussion open to all conference attendees. The conference program will also include, among other things, one alumnus and one faculty keynote speaker, and a session with guest non-philosophy faculty speakers on the relevance of philosophy in other disciplines. We will end with a barbecue in Northridge Park and Recreation Center.

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