

Greetings SPHS 2017 Conference Participants:

We wanted to send you a formal greeting and some details before the upcoming conference in Memphis, TN.

1. If you haven't had the chance, please consider registering with SPHS before the conference. We are attaching our registration form to this email. We **strongly encourage** registration **prior** to the conference when possible. <http://www.sphs.info> (Click on the membership tab)
2. Our preliminary program has been posted on our website. A copy will also be attached to this email.
3. Due to a scheduling conflict with SPEP we will be holding our meetings in the Memphis Crowne Plaza Downtown Hotel, 300 N 2nd St., Memphis, TN 38105. This hotel is across the street from the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel where the SPEP meeting will be held. Unfortunately we could not negotiate group rates for the Crowne Plaza. However there are several options to stay nearby.
 - a. For information on the hotel, please visit the SPEP registration page at the **Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel** or call (901) 527-7300 and mention the SPEP conference to get the reduced group rate of \$151.00 USD (for up to quadruple occupancy). Reservations at the Sheraton should be made no later than **September 25, 2017**. THIS HOTEL ONLY HAS ROOMS WITH A SINGLE KING BED AVAILABLE. However, you can request a rollaway bed for no extra charge to be added to the room.
 - b. SPEP has also arranged for overflow hotel accommodations with the Memphis Courtyard Marriott (www.marriott.com/memcd) for the same rate of \$151.00 USD (for up to quadruple occupancy). You can click on the link and enter the SPEP group code of either SPESPEA (for a king room) or SPESPEB (for 2 queens), or you can call either (800) 228-9290 or (901) 522-2200 and mention the SPEP conference. Reservations at the Marriott should be made no later than **September 20, 2017**.
 - c. The Sleep Inn is at Court Square is a cheaper alternative less than 15 minute walk. <https://www.choicehotels.com/tennessee/memphis/sleep-inn-hotels/tn451?source=gyxt>
 - d. The Memphis Hostel is about 5 miles away and offers bike rentals. Reservations can be made at: <http://hostelmemphis.com/index.php>
 - e. The Big Cypress Lodge is a unique Memphis luxury hotel that is less than 15 minute walk away. This is also called the Memphis pyramid.

No matter where you plan to stay we recommend you book your rooms soon!

4. If you are planning on using technology (need access to a projector and/or laptop) please **reconfirm** your request with the conference planners Michael Barber or Johan Bodaski (bodaskij@duq.edu) before September 15, 2017. We do our best to accommodate AV, but make no guarantees since we are coordinating with an outside hotel staff. So please be prepared if something doesn't work.
5. SPHS (The Society for Phenomenology & the Human Sciences) meets in conjunction with SPEP (The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy). If you would like to attend parts of their program you will need to register separately with SPEP. <http://www.spep.org/>

A few notes on SPHS presentations:

6. SPHS session times vary from 1.5 to 2 hours. Panels have anywhere from 3 – 5 presenters. At SPHS we appreciate time for questions from the audience. In courtesy to your fellow participants please be mindful of your maximum time limits.
7. If for any reason your conference plans change please contact us as soon as possible. We need to let your fellow panelists know and this information needs to be included in the errata.

We are very excited about our program. We look forward to meeting you all in Memphis.

Sincerely,
SPHS Local Planners