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Historic Setting for August 2013 Kraków Conference



Commemorating the 300th anniversary of the publication of Berkeley's *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous*, scholars from a dozen countries met in August amidst the 16th century splendor of Jagiellonian University's Collegium Maius in Kraków, Poland. Organized by **Miłowit Kuniński** (Jagiellonian) and **Bertil Belfrage** (Lund, Sweden), the IBS-sponsored event included more Eastern European Berkeley scholars than any previous gathering. After four days of presentations, participants were treated to a tour of the University's amazing collection of scientific instruments, wood carvings, tapestries, and paintings.

Time to Pay 2014 Dues

IBS membership dues were due on **March 12**, Berkeley's birthday. If you have not yet paid, send checks (\$25 US/yr) to the Texas A&M University address listed above or use PayPal online (<http://georgeberkeley.tamu.edu/form.html>). Having a PayPal account is not required; a regular credit card is sufficient. You are also encouraged to donate to the Staley Research fund (to support conferences, publications, and travel to conferences by younger scholars) and the Whitehall Library fund (so that we can add books to the study center at Berkeley's Newport, RI home). You can become a lifetime member for \$1000 (\$500 for dues, \$400 for research, \$100 for Whitehall) and even stretch payments over five years (as long as you don't miss two consecutive years of payments).

Krakow conference participants (l to r, top to bot): Yasuo Kikkawa, Masashi Yamakawa, Mykolos Drunga, Wolfgang Breidert, Richard Brook; row 2: David Kline, Adam Grzeliński, Przemysław Spryszak, Jolanta Kunińska, James Hill; row 3: Kenny Pearce, Dale Jacquette, Miłowit Kuniński, Stephen Daniel; row 4: Martha Bolton, Roomet Jakapi, Marta Szymańska-Lewoszevska, Bertil Belfrage, Bartosz Żukowski; row 5: George Pappas, Keota Fields, Arnaud Pelletier, Georges Dicker; row 6: Anna Tomaszewska, Michael Mendyka, Piotr Szalek, Ville Paukkonen; row 7: Artem Besedin, Timothy Quandt, Ofra Shefi, Daniel Flage

New IBS Officers Elected; Lifetime Membership Approved

At the Kraków conference IBS members re-elected **Stephen Daniel** (Texas A&M) as Society president, **Genevieve Migely** (Cornell College, IA) as membership secretary, and **Maureen Lapan** as archivist.



Kendrick

Nancy Kendrick (Wheaton College, MA), our new vice-president, turns over the secretary-treasurer job she held for eight years to **Keota Fields** (Massachusetts, Dartmouth). **Seth Bordner** (Alabama) will coordinate philosophy association contacts, a job performed for the past eight years by **Margaret Atherton** (Wisconsin, Milwaukee). **Katia Saporiti** (Zürich) was elected our new recording secretary.



Bordner

At the Kraków meeting, members also created a dues category of \$1000 for IBS lifetime membership. Of that amount, \$500 will be earmarked for annual dues (which are currently \$25/year, payable up to three years in advance), \$400 for the Mary Staley research fund (which supports conferences, publications, and young scholar travel to conferences), and \$100 for Whitehall library purchases. Lifetime membership dues payments can be made over a five-year period as long as two consecutive years are not missed.

Finally, members approved guidelines for funding conferences. From now on, the IBS will provide \$300 US to conference organizers to be used as they see fit. The IBS will also provide an additional \$200 US for travel grants to young scholars—a total IBS contribution of \$500. The conference organizers may determine the number of young scholars who receive funding and the amount of each award. Young scholars will be graduate students who are writing doctoral dissertations on Berkeley or who have defended dissertations no more than two years prior, and who have submitted their proposal in response to an open-call, blind-reviewed process. The conference organizers must be IBS members, and conference participants are expected to be IBS members as well. It is the responsibility of the conference organizers to communicate this expectation to the presenters.

Resident Scholars Anticipate Whitehall Renovations

Each summer IBS members spend from two to four weeks rent free at Whitehall, Berkeley's Rhode Island home, in the "philosopher in residence" program. They give short tours of the house when visitors drop by, have access to the internet and the collection of Berkeley research materials in the IBS study center, and enjoy summer days in fashionable Newport.

The 2014 residents include **Robert Tully** (U.S. Military Academy, West Point) and his wife Anne; the Rt. Rev. **Michael Igrave** (Bishop of Woolwich, Church of England) and his wife Julia; **Jason Fisette** (George Washington U); and **Timo Airaksinen** and **Heta Gylling** (both, U Helsinki). This fall the attic storage area will be converted into a bathroom, so having to trek downstairs in the middle of the night will be a thing of the past for future residents.

For an account of what it's like to stay at Whitehall, see Alan Baker's essay on being a "philosopher in residence" (www.swarthmore.edu/x9389.xml). Alan will be returning in 2015. If you are interested in being a resident scholar, contact **Joanne Dunlap** at 401-847-7951 or joannesdunlap@gmail.com.

APA Sessions 2013-2014

At the December 2013 IBS session of the American Philosophical Association meeting in Baltimore, **Stefan Storrie** (Trinity College Dublin) and **Adam Grzeliński** (Nicolaus Copernicus U) spoke to an enthusiastic audience on Berkeley, Shaftesbury, and moral motivation. **Don Garrett** (NYU) and **Don Baxter** (Connecticut) followed up with a discussion of extended ideas in Berkeley and Hume.

The IBS session of the December 2014 APA Eastern Division meeting in Philadelphia will be chaired by Nancy Kendrick and will include presentations by Stephen Daniel on Berkeley, Descartes, and perception, on which **Tom Lennon** (Western Ontario) will comment; and **Geoffrey Gorham** (Macalester C.) on Locke, Berkeley, and time, on which **Martha Bolton** (Rutgers) will comment.

April 2014 Trinity College Dublin Conference

In April Trinity College Dublin hosted a conference celebrating the 300th anniversary of the publication of Berkeley's *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous*. The IBS-sponsored event featured a tour of Archbishop Marsh's Library and a presentation by David Berman (TCD) on Berkeley, John Toland, and Irish philosophy today at the Royal Irish Academy. Most talks occurred in the Long Room Hub at Trinity College only steps away from Berkeley's old haunts. Other speakers and their topics included:

Kenneth Pearce (Southern California): "Matter, God, and Nonsense: Berkeley's Polemic against the Free-thinkers in the *Three Dialogues*"

Sukjae Lee (Seoul National): "Berkeley's Occasionalism in the *Dialogues*"

David Wilkins (Trinity College Dublin): "Berkeley, the Minute Mathematician"

Lisa Downing (Ohio State): "Ideas and Sensible Qualities: The Structure of Idealism in the *Principles* vs. the *Dialogues*"

Keota Fields (Massachusetts, Dartmouth): "Berkeley on Idealism, Meaning and the Naturalistic Fallacy"

Jennifer Marušić (Brandeis): "Berkeley on Sensations as Acts of Mind and the Passivity of Perception"

James Levine (Trinity College Dublin): "Prior vs. Williams on the Master Argument"

Tom Stoneham (York): "Refractions, Reflections and Dreams"

James Hill (Charles U, Prague): " 'I do not perceive it as I perceive a triangle, a colour, or a sound': Knowledge of the Self in the *Three Dialogues*"

Stephen H. Daniel (Texas A&M): "Berkeley on God's Knowledge of Pain"

John R. Roberts (Florida State): "A Platonic Solution to a Puzzle in the *Three Dialogues*"



Trinity College Dublin conference participants (l to r): Adrian Canal, David Wilkins, Kenny Pearce, Stefan Storrie, James Levine, Fintan Mallory, John Roberts, Keota Fields, Thomas Curtin, Aisling Crean, Tom Stoneham, Lisa Downing, James Hill, Steve Daniel, Jennifer Marušić, Sukjae Lee

Recent Donations to Whitehall

The IBS library at Whitehall houses more than 100 books and scores of articles on Berkeley's life and thought (see georgeberkeley.tamu.edu/whlibrary.pdf). Even though some works are purchased with money from the IBS's Whitehall Library fund, most of the materials in the library were donated by supporters or by the authors themselves. Those donations allow us to use our limited resources to fill in gaps in the collection. Recent donations include:

- Timo Airaksinen and Bertil Belfrage, eds. *Berkeley's Lasting Legacy: 300 Years Later* (2011)
- Scott Breuninger, *Recovering Bishop Berkeley: Virtue and Society in the Anglo-Irish Context* (2010)
- Thomas Curtin, "Berkeley's Conception of Causal Power." Turbayne Essay Prize winner (2013)

- Adam Grzeliński & Marta Szymańska-Lewoszewska, trans. *Siris: Łańcuch Filozoficznych Refleksji I Dociekań* [Polish translation of *Siris*] (2013)
- Silvia Parigi, ed., *George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment* (2010)
- Samuel Rickless, *Berkeley's Argument for Idealism* (2013)
- Takafumi Toda, trans. ハイラスとフィロナスの三つの対話 / [Japanese translation *Three Dialogues*] (2008)

If you would like to make a work of yours available to researchers at Whitehall, please send it to Nancy Kendrick, IBS Vice-President, Wheaton College, Dept. of Philosophy, Norton, MA 02766, USA; email: nkendric@wheatonma.edu.

IBS 2013 Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer **Keota Fields** reports that in 2013 the IBS had an income of \$3190.47: \$2031.47 dues, \$864 in contributions to the Staley Research fund, and \$295 for the Whitehall Library. Only \$300 (15%) was ear-marked for 2014-2015 dues. One lifetime membership of \$1000 was received.

2013 expenses (\$383.53) were much lower because the organizers of the Kraków conference needed no IBS funds. Our expenses included only Whitehall internet costs (\$161.53), a donation to the Colonial Dames at Whitehall (\$200), and \$22 in state fees. Of our \$16,660.24 end-of-year holdings, \$1434.73 was committed to research and \$2390.97 to Whitehall.

Volume on Berkeley's Practical Philosophy to Appear in 2015

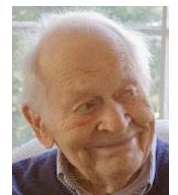
Sébastien Charles (U Québec, Trois-Rivières) has announced that a collection of sixteen English and French essays on Berkeley's practical philosophy will be published next year by *Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment* (formerly *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century*). The volume is based on a 2012 conference at the University of Sherbrooke, Longueuil near Montréal, and will be the first compilation devoted to Berkeley's views on ethics, society, religion, economics, and aesthetics. Supported by the IBS research fund, young scholars **Marta Szymańska-Lewoszewska** (Jagiellonian, Kraków) and **Artem Besedin** (Moscow State) were able to present their work at the conference and will have essays in the volume.

IBS Loses Longtime Supporters William McGowan and Richard Dunlap



Bill McGowan, professor emeritus of philosophy at California State University, Long Beach, died on August 14, 2013. He was 82. In 1957 he wrote his Ph.D. dissertation at Johns Hopkins on Berkeley's theory of signs, and much of his subsequent academic career focused on the cultural, literary, and political context of Berkeley's ideas. His essay on Berkeley's influence on American philosophy was included in the Viewer's Guide to the 1983 film documentary about Berkeley, "The Dean of Thin Air." A book on Berkeley on which he was working remains unfinished.

For 25 years **Richard Dunlap** was a regular at Newport events relating to Berkeley. An acoustic engineer by profession, Dick shared an interest in the good bishop with his wife Joanne (who coordinates the Whitehall philosophers-in-residence program). Together they attended Berkeley Society meetings in Rhode Island and Cloyne, Ireland. Dick died on June 10, 2014; he was 96.



Turbayne Prize Deadline Nov. 1

Every two years the University of Rochester Philosophy Department awards the \$2000 Colin and Alisa Turbayne Prize for an unpublished essay on some aspect of Berkeley's philosophy. The selection is based on the recommendation of a panel chosen by the Department. Fewer than 15 essays are usually submitted. Past winners are listed at the IBS website (<http://georgeberkeley.tamu.edu/turbayne.htm>).

The next deadline for submissions is November 1, 2014, with the winner announced on March 1, 2015. Essays less than 5,000 words (in English) set for blind review, using MLA or similar format, should reference Luce-Jessop and be submitted to phladmin@philosophy.rochester.edu, or Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester, P.O. Box 270078, Lattimore 532, Rochester, NY 14627-0078.

Berkeley Scholars Invited to 2016 Jerusalem Conference

The next international Berkeley conference will be held at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem January 11-14, 2016. Organized by Meir Buzaglo of Hebrew University (meir.buzaglo@mail.huji.ac.il) and Bertil Belfrage (belfrage.research@telia.com), the event will include talks on the wide range of Berkeley's interests, from philosophy, empirical psychology, and mathematics to theology, political economy, and monetary policy. Eminent scholars have been asked to make presentations, but anyone interested in participating is invited to send an abstract to the organizers no later than February 28, 2015.