

John Dewey Society

Eastern APA
January 2017, Baltimore, MA

Once again this year the John Dewey Society will sponsor a session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

The meeting will take place in Baltimore MD from Wednesday 4 through Saturday January 7, 2017, at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

The Session Theme:

The 2017 John Dewey Society theme is “Creative Democracy: The Task Before Us.” This title is taken from an oft cited Dewey essay from 1939 with this title (LW14: 224-230). See the link here: <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mpsg/Essays/Dewey%20-%20Creative%20Democracy.pdf>

Richard Bernstein has written a follow up essay: Bernstein, Richard J. 2000. Creative Democracy—The Task Still Before Us. *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy* 21, no. 3 (September): 215-228.

The Society is also urging its members to read and reflect on Dewey’s seminal 1935 book *Liberalism and Social Action* (LW11: 3-66)). Here Dewey, after critically reviewing the history of liberal thought, makes the case for a liberalism-infused democratic socialism.

The connection here to a position advanced in the 2016 primary season is not accidental. One useful step in considering ‘the task before us’, moreover, would be to review Dewey’s argument in *Liberalism and Social Action* in the wake of the 2016 political party primaries.

How To Submit:

While proposals for the APA Eastern Division session may address any theme or topic in the Dewey corpus, preference will be given to those that in some way attend to one or both of these works. Those wishing to join this session do not need to be members of the John Dewey Society, though of course we would welcome authors submitting proposals to join.

The Dewey Society is hoping to bring three or four presentations together for this symposium. Formal papers will not be necessary, but are welcome and will be considered for publication by the Society through its publication program.

Please send your proposal abstracts (roughly 200 words) for consideration ASAP, and no later than August 2, to Leonard J. Waks, President, John Dewey Society at ljwaks@yahoo.com. If you have any further questions, please email Leonard.

Warm regards,

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