

Guest Editor's Introduction

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This special issue of the *Israeli Journal of Humor Research: An International Journal* is dedicated to the new field of the philosophy of humor. Whilst the attention to the philosophy of humor has been growing in the past decades, philosophers interested in humor, laughter or the comic rarely have the opportunity to share their views with kindred-minded philosophers.

This was the spur for founding a new association, the International Association of the Philosophy of Humor (IAPH), which I presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific division meeting, in Vancouver, Canada, April 1-5, 2015. The referred articles published in this issue are based on these inaugural lectures.

Regrettably missing from this collection is Noël Carroll's lecture "The Applied Philosophy of Humor: Comic Amusement, Emotion, and Coping." John Morreall, President of Honor of the newly-founded association, addresses the issue of whether humor is an emotion. New research on significant modern philosophers of humor is represented by Carson Webb's article on Kierkegaard, Beau Shaw's on Nietzsche, Thiago Ibero's on Schopenhauer, and Lydia Amir's article on Shaftesbury, Hamann and Kierkegaard as well as on the role of humor in the good life through a new worldview called *homo risibilis*.

More information on the new association can be found in philosophyofhumor.org. Membership is free. Please contact me at lydamir@mail.com if you wish to join. A journal dedicated to the new field of the philosophy of humor will also be launched in 2016 by de Gruyter.

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