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happy birthday to the sjp

Fifty years ago, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* published its first issue. Its masthead featured the following declaration:

>This is the first issue of *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. Since a number of philosophical journals already exist, some explanation of its reason for being should be given. It is not for Southern Philosophers in any distinctively regional sense. It will not be confined to any particular set of problems or orientation in philosophy. While we know that this pledge is commonly made and rarely honored, we intend to keep it.

And we have. Over the years, the *SJP* has maintained this commitment to philosophical pluralism by providing a forum for the expression of philosophical ideas written from a variety of perspectives. The list of notable figures whose work has appeared in these pages—from Hubert Dreyfus and Hans-Georg Gadamer to George Santayana and Wilfrid Sellars—reflects this commitment. Indeed, the *SJP* is one of only a small handful of journals that regularly publishes original scholarship in both analytic and continental philosophy, as well as in the history of philosophy.

So, to celebrate this milestone and to honor all of those who have sustained this distinctive forum for the past half-century, each of the issues in this year’s volume has been specially commissioned, guest-edited, and dedicated to a timely topic from one of the areas in which the *SJP* regularly publishes.

50.1 Epistemic Coherentism, ed. Ted Poston
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On behalf of the Editorial Board and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Memphis, I thank you for your support over the past 50 years and invite you to join us for another 50!
thomasson delivers 3rd annual nancy simco lecture

Amie Thomasson (University of Miami) delivered the 3rd annual Nancy Simco Lecture at the University of Memphis on September 21, 2012. The title of Thomasson’s lecture was “Norms and Necessity.” Thomasson’s article will appear in volume 51, issue 2 of the SJP (June 2013).

sjp stats: getting better all the time!

The total number of submissions in 2011 was up by over 10% from 2010, from 214 to 237. Yet, for papers sent for review, the average time between submission and verdict remained less than 6 weeks (41 days). (See volume 50, issue 4 for a list of the referees who made this possible.) In 2011, 20 papers were accepted for publication, resulting in an acceptance rate of 8%—down from 11% in 2010. Like Paul crooned, “You’ve got to admit it’s getting better—a little better all the time.”

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