

APA Central Division Meeting Program Information

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019

Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Affiliated Group: Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT)

Session Information

Critical Thinking in the 'Post Truth' Era: The Need for "Re-enlightenment"

Session Description

Increasingly there is reason to be concerned about the quality of our public discourse, and so there are calls for "Enlightenment Now" (Pinker) and worries about "Post Truth" (McIntyre) and "Truth Decay" (Kavanaugh and Rich). What contribution can those of us involved in critical thinking education make in these circumstances?

Moderator

Frank Fair, Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, psy_fkf@shsu.edu

Presenters

- Lee McIntyre, Research Fellow at the Center for Philosophy and History of Science at Boston University, author of *Post-Truth* (MIT Press), leemcintyre@rcn.com
 - Title: "From Post-Truth to the Scientific Attitude"
- Jon Haber, Inaugural Visiting Fellow, Harvard X, and Chief Learner Degree of Freedom Project, author of *The Essential Knowledge Guide to Critical Thinking* (under contract to MIT Press), jonathan@degreeoffreedom.org
 - Title: "A Cure for What Ails Us: Critical Thinking as Defense Against Post Truth"
- Ted Greenhalgh, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, University of Nevada Las Vegas, author of *Knowing: Critical Thinking in the Modern Era* (Kendall Hunt Publishing), ted.greenhalgh@unlv.edu
 - Title: "Building a better mousetrap: Creating an introductory critical thinking course based on the heuristics learned pursuing a Ph.D."