

## SPEAKERS



### Dr. Ben Bayer

Dr. Bayer is a fellow and director of content at the Ayn Rand Institute. He teaches at ARU and gives talks and interviews for ARI. He writes and edits for ARI's online publication, *New Ideal*. Dr. Bayer's writing focuses primarily on the application of philosophy to contemporary cultural and political controversies.



### Dr. Mike Mazza

Dr. Mazza is an associate fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute. He teaches at ARU. Dr. Mazza has a PhD in philosophy and writes on Rand's philosophy, including its application to science and technology.



### Tal Tsfany

Mr. Tsfany is president and CEO of the Ayn Rand Institute. Previously, he was an entrepreneur, investor, and executive in the software world in Israel and the United States. Mr. Tsfany runs the Happiness Team and the Hero Mastermind programs guiding participants to rationally pursue their values. He has also published a young adult book titled *Sophie*.



### Dr. Gena Gorlin

Dr. Gorlin has published numerous academic and popular articles on her research examining the moral psychology of self-creation. She writes an influential Substack newsletter titled *The Psychology of Ambition* and is writing a book with Penguin on the same topic.



### Dr. Gregory Salmieri

Dr. Salmieri is the co-editor of *A Companion to Ayn Rand* (2016), *Foundations of a Free Society* (2019), and *Aristotle and Ayn Rand* (forthcoming). He has published and lectured on many aspects of Objectivism and on Aristotle's ethics and epistemology.



### Mr. Steven Warden

Mr. Warden is a former junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute and currently works for the Salem Center at the University of Texas at Austin. His work focuses on themes in moral and political individualism and Objectivism.

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## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Welcome Reception and Opening Remarks

## SATURDAY MARCH 1

9:00 – 9:45 AM

**Ben Bayer:** Ayn Rand's Distinctive Case for Individualism

9:45 – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

**Ben Bayer, Michael Mazza, Gregory Salmieri:** Reading Discussion: "The 'Conflicts' of Men's Interests"

11:30AM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM

**Gregory Salmieri:** The Scope of Rationality

2:00 – 2:15 PM Break

2:15 – 3:15 PM

**Michael Mazza:** Ayn Rand's Radical New Approach to Ethics

3:15 – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 – 5:00 PM

**Ben Bayer, Michael Mazza, Gregory Salmieri:** Q&A About Objectivism

6:00 – 7:30 PM Social Event at The Tavern

## SUNDAY MARCH 2

9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Tal Tsfany:** Pursuing Your Happiness

10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Steven Warden:** Ayn Rand's Conception of Individual Rights

11:00 – 11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Ben Bayer and Gena Gorlin:** Interview with Gena Gorlin on *The Builder's Mindset*

12:30 – 2:00 PM Buffet Lunch and Group Photo

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**Ben Bayer, Gena Gorlin, Gregory Salmieri, Steven Warden:** Q&A Panel

3:30 – 4:15 PM Break

4:15 – 4:45 PM

**Don Watkins:** Closing Remarks

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