

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

OCOCN  
ANAHEIM

THE OBJECTIVIST  
SUMMER CONFERENCE

JUNE 13 - JUNE 18, 2024

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**THURSDAY**  
JUNE 13

7:00PM – 9:30PM (Room: F)  
**Opening Reception and Dinner**

**FRIDAY**  
JUNE 14

8:00AM – 9:30AM (Room: M)  
**First-Timers Welcome Breakfast**  
*(Invitation Only)*

10:00AM – 11:30AM (Room: P5-6)  
Yaron Brook: **The State of American Politics**

11:45AM – 1:30PM  
Lunch Break

1:50PM – 3:20PM (Room: P5-6)  
Shoshana Milgram: **Behind the Scenes: Ayn Rand’s West Point Lecture (1974–2024)**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P5-6)  
Jean Moroney:  
**Objectivity in One-to-One Conversations**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P7-9)  
Scott McDonald: **Why Objectivity Demands a First-Handed Foreign Policy**

4:40PM – 8:00PM: FREE TIME

8:00PM – 11:00PM (Room: M)  
**West Coast Swing with Dihann Geier**

**SATURDAY**  
JUNE 15

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P5-6)  
Nikos Sotirakopoulos:  
**Marx vs. the Individual**

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P7-9)  
Tristan de Liège:  
**How to Value Friendship**

10:00AM – 11:30AM (Room: P5-6)  
Onkar Ghate: **On Moral Sanction**

12:00PM – 1:30PM (Room P7-9)  
**Your Spotlight Value Ideation Party**

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P5-6)  
Gena Gorlin, Tara Smith, Tal Tsfany, Don Watkins:  
**Panel: Cashing In on Objectivism**

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P7-9)  
Yaron Brook and Onkar Ghate:  
**How to Think About Current Events**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P5-6)  
Peter Schwartz:  
**How to Recognize “Package-Deals”**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P7-9)  
Amesh Adalja:  
**21st-Century Revolutions in Medicine, Health Sciences, and Biotechnology**

**SATURDAY**  
JUNE 15

4:40PM – 6:30PM: FREE TIME

6:30PM – 10:30PM (Room: M)  
**ARI’s Annual Fundraising Gala**

8:00PM – 10:00PM (Room: P5-6)  
**Love Letters Screening**

**SUNDAY**  
JUNE 16

8:40AM – 9:40AM (M)  
Agustina Vergara Cid:  
**America’s History of Immigration Restrictions**

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P7-9)  
Mike Mazza:  
**Karl Popper’s Rejection of Induction**

10:00AM – 11:30AM (Room P5-6)  
Tal Tsfany: **Spreading Objectivism: A Vision for ARI’s Future**

11:45AM – 1:30PM  
Benefactors Lunch *(Invitation Only)*

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P5-6)  
Elan Journo, Robert Mayhew, Greg Salmieri, Tara Smith:  
**Fueling an Intellectual Movement: A New Ideal Special Event**

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P7-9)  
ARU Experience 2  
Gena Gorlin:  
**An Introduction to Psychology**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (Room: P5-6)  
Harry Binswanger: **Philosophy of Math**

4:40PM – 6:30PM: FREE TIME

6:30PM – 8:30PM (Room: M)  
**OCOCN’s Got Talent**

9:00PM – 10:30PM (Room: P1-2)  
**Piano Lounge**

9:00PM – 11:00PM (Room: M)  
**Karaoke Party**

**MONDAY**  
JUNE 17

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P5-6)  
Sam Weaver:  
**Reading Reform Beyond Phonics**

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P7-9)  
Aaron Fried and Don Watkins:  
**How to Accelerate Your Understanding of Objectivism**

10:00AM – 11:30AM (Room: P5-6)  
Tara Smith: **Egoism Without Permission – It Begins with Desire**

**MONDAY**  
JUNE 17

11:45AM – 1:30PM (Room: M)  
Student Meet and Greet Lunch *(Invitation Only)*

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P5-6)  
Yaron Brook, Elan Journo, Scott McDonald, Peter Schwartz:  
**Panel: War, Politics, Ideas: A Panel on Foreign Policy**

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P7-9)  
ARU Experience 3  
Tal Tsfany and Don Watkins:  
**Philosophy, Work, and Business**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P5-6)  
Ben Bayer:  
**The Revolutionary, Secular Concept of Individual Rights**

3:40PM – 4:40PM (P7-9)  
Jeff Britting, Audra Hilse, Brandon Lisi:  
**Panel: The “Lost” Mike Wallace – Ayn Rand Interview**

4:40PM – 5:30PM: FREE TIME

5:30PM – 7:30PM (Room: P7-9)  
**ARU Reception** *(Invitation Only)*

7:00PM – 8:15PM (Room: M)  
**Evening Concert: Sibelius, Finzi, Britten, and Dvořák**

9:00PM – 12:00AM (Room: P7-9)  
**The Fourth OCON Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Championship Tournament**

**TUESDAY**  
JUNE 18

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P5-6)  
Nicolas Krusek:  
**“From Heaven Through the World to Hell”: Goethe’s Faust as Romantic Hero**

8:40AM – 9:40AM (P7-9)  
Jason Rheins:  
**Socratic Wisdom**

10:00AM – 11:30AM (Room: P5-6)  
Greg Salmieri: **Racism: What It Is and Why It Persists**

11:45AM – 1:30PM (Room: M)  
Exclusive Atlantis Legacy Lunch: Featuring Tara Smith on Philosophy and Aging *(Invitation Only)*

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P5-6)  
James Lennox:  
**Aristotle and Darwin: Antagonists or Kindred Spirits?**

1:50PM – 3:20PM (P7-9)  
Evan Picoult:  
**The Making of the Atom Bomb**

3:20PM – 6:30PM: FREE TIME

6:30PM – 12:00AM (Room: P5-6)  
**Closing Reception and Dinner**

# ARCHIVES EXHIBIT HOURS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

Archives Exhibit Hours: 11:30AM – 4:30PM

Guided Tour: 1:00PM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

Archives Exhibit Hours: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Guided Tour: 1:00PM

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

Archives Exhibit Hours: 11:00AM – 5:00PM

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**MONDAY, JUNE 17**

Archives Exhibit Hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Guided Tour: 1:00PM

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

Archives Exhibit Hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

ROOM KEY:

P1-2: Platinum Ballroom 1 & 2

P5-6: Platinum Ballroom 5 & 6

P7-9: Platinum Ballroom 7, 8 & 9

M: Marquis Ballroom

F: Ballroom Foyer

E1: Elite 1 (Attendee Services)

