

## PSAT Main Awards

### Philosophical Merit

I think the winner has to be Mark Steen, for making a great point with 57 characters to spare!

*Ordinary objects are mereological sums. Objects can change parts, so sums can too.*

### Comedy Value (hotly contested)

Tough call, but I'm going for a joint award to this offering from Rachel Briggs (for some reason the simplicity of the second premise gets me every time):

*If we had ham, if we had eggs, we'd have ham & eggs. Got ham. If we had eggs we wouldn't; we can't afford both. Modus ponens refuted!*

and this one from Ezra Macdonald:

*Experience necessarily temporally sequenced; can't determine its own sequence; hence external world must exist. QED love Immanuel.*

## PSAT Special Awards

### Speedy Gonzales Award

Ezra Macdonald, for producing two entries within the first 35 minutes of the competition

### Persistence Prize For Most Entries (hotly contested)

Jonathan Ichikawa, who totalled ten neat entries over the week

### Award for Best Use of Symbols

Brian Weatherson, for  
*If assertion requires K, and rightness not luminous, then  $\langle \rangle$ (rightly do X) but  $\sim \langle \rangle$ (rightly say X is right). That's absurd!*

### **Ambition Award**

Peter Smith, for

*Let  $T$  be sound & code "I'm unprovable in  $T$ " by  $G$ .  $T$  can't prove  $G$ ; so  $G$ 's true; so  $T$  can't prove  $\neg G$ . So if  $T$  codes enough it's incomplete!*

### **CheatyMissingOutSpacesPrize**

Martin Roth, for

*Colors? Mary ain't seen 'em, but knows everything physical 'bout seein' 'em. Is her knowledge complete? No way! So much the worse for physicalism*

### **Deriding The Whole Pointless Exercise Prize**

Allen Stairs, for

*Philosophical arguments short enough to tweet aren't worth tweeting. This one is short enough to tweet; conclusion left as exercise.*

### **The Carrie Jenkins Award for Defending A View Close to the Judge's Heart**

Mark Eli Kalderon, for

*Two utterances of the same sentence on different occasions differ in truth value. Thus meaning is occasion sensitive.*

### **REF Award for Most Cited Tweet (hotly contested)**

Also goes to Mark Eli Kalderon (I think, though I haven't actually counted), for

*If the will is free the moral law is valid. We must believe the will is free so we must believe the moral law is valid.*

### **Prize For Grammatically Weirdest Entry**

Greg Restall, for

*All register computable functions are recursive. 1.<-B;2,4> 2.<+A;3> 3.<+C;1> 4.<-C;5,\*> 5.<+B;4> Therefore, addition is recursive*

### **The 'One Man's Ponens' Award**

Awarded jointly to Jonathan Ichikawa, for  
*No infinite regresses. No vicious circles. No unfounded claims. Therefore, skepticism.*

and Andy Cullison, for replying with:

*No infinite regresses. No vicious circles. No skepticism. Therefore, foundationalism.*

### **Cryptic Minimalism Prize**

Dustin Locke. (I think he's talking about the Newcomb puzzle?)

*1 or 2? 1. EDT fail.*