



# Call for Abstracts

## Curb your Enthusiasm and Philosophy

Mark Ralkowski, Editor

Abstracts are sought for a collection of philosophical essays related to the HBO television series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. This volume will be published by Open Court Publishing as part of their successful Popular Culture and Philosophy series.

Contributors are welcome to submit abstracts on any topic of philosophical interest that pertains to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. The editor is especially interested in receiving submissions that engage philosophical issues/topics in *Curb Your Enthusiasm* in creative and non-standard ways. See next page for possible topics.

**Contributor guidelines:**

- Abstract of paper (100-750 words)
- Resume/CV for each author/coauthor of the paper
- Submission deadline: June 15, 2010
- Email submissions to the editor at [ralphnelle@gmail.com](mailto:ralphnelle@gmail.com)

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## Ideas for topics:

- Is Larry's Examined Life Worth Living?
- Cheryl David: An Ego for Larry's Id
- Is Jeff Living a Good Life or What Aristotle Would Call "a Life Suitable for Cattle"?
- Larry's Advice to the Disabled: Maybe Equal Treatment Isn't Such a Good Thing
- Sample Abusers, Bathroom Monitors, and Other Villains of the Everyday
- No Tips for Hotel Employees, but Dinner for the Driver: Larry's Philosophy of Tipping
- Roadside Memorials and Corpses: What Do We Owe the Dead?
- Apologies, Favors, Gifts, and Kidney Donations: Larry's Philosophy of Obligation
- He's an Improver, Not an Inventor: Are These His Rules or Ours?
- The Unknown Known: What Larry Helps Us See
- Thong Swimsuits, Shrimp, and Other Reasons Not to Trust People
- Judaism, Where Are You? Larry's Philosophy of Religion
- Are You His Caucasian? Race and Culture in *Curb Your Enthusiasm*
- "I'm Better, but I'm Not Better": *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and the Philosophy of Language
- Should We Curb Our Enthusiasm?
- Death and the Afterlife in *Curb Your Enthusiasm*
- *Mezuzahs* and Christ Nails: Does Anything Really Matter in Larry's World?
- "False Philanthropy and Faux Anonymity": Sincerity and Authenticity in *Curb Your Enthusiasm*

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