

Program of the 68th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society

March 24-26, 2017

Friday Afternoon Session 1

Justin Pearce, University of New Mexico

“Nancy on Love and Mystery”

Comments: **Francisco Gallegos**, Georgetown University

Joseph Gamache, Boston University

“Friendship vs. Universal Epistemic Norms: A False Dilemma”

Comments: **Mary Gwin**, San Diego Mesa College

Ryan Hubbard, New Mexico State University

“Toward a Functionalist Account of Blame”

Comments: **Irwin Chan**, University of British Columbia

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“‘And You, Brutus?’: Blame in Personal Relationships”

Comments: **Ryan Hubbard**, New Mexico State University

Kristina Grob, Spring Hill College

“Tracking the Transformation from Benign Silence to Harmful Silencing”

Comments: **Joseph Gamache**, Boston University

Friday Afternoon Session 2

Daniel Grosz, University of Oklahoma

“The Irrationality of Pluralistic Ignorance”

Comments: **Paul Wilson**, Texas State University

Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

“Pascal’s Wager as Non-Rational Appeal”

Comments: **Daniel Grosz**, University of Oklahoma

Mark Walker, New Mexico State University

“Epistemic Hubris as Explanation for Philosophical Disagreement”

Comments: **Peter Hutcheson**, Texas State University

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“Dream Skepticism and the Problem of Evil”

Comments: **Mark Walker**, New Mexico State University

Brian A. Woodcock, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Peirce and ‘The Scientific Method’ as Epistemic Stance”

Comments: **David Beisecker**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Friday Afternoon Session 3

Gaetano Venezia, Georgia State University

“The Liberal Ironist and the Other”

Comments: **Inigo Ongay**, Leon Guanajuato Mexico

Yunus Prasetya, Baylor University

“Hempel’s Raven Paradox: On Confirmation and Infinities”

Comments: **Emil Badici**, Texas A&M-Kingsville

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“The Unpredictable Trojan Fly”

Comments: **Yunus Prasetya**, Baylor University

Ioan-Radu Motoarca, University of Virginia

“A Bad Theory of Truth of Fiction”

Comments: **Mary Gwin**, San Diego Mesa College

Allan Hazlett, University of New Mexico

“Correctness and Involuntariness”

Comments: **David Liakos**, University of New Mexico

Friday Afternoon Session 4

Bradley Warfield, University of South Florida

“In Praise of (Awkward) Silence: A Critique of Charles Taylor’s
Conception on the Dialogical Self”

Comments: **Jonathan Lollar**, Texas State University

Troy D. Williamson, Texas State Technical College

“Should Robots Look Like Robots?”

Comments: **Justin Pearce**, University of New Mexico

Francisco Gallegos, Georgetown University

“Surviving Social Disintegration: Jorge Portilla on the Phenomenology
of Zozobra”

Comments: **Susanne Claxton**, Southern New Hampshire University

Sung Jun Han, Queen's University

"Pragmatic and Deliberative Approach to Human Rights"

Comments: **Maria Svedberg**, University of California

Riverside/Stockholm University

Angela Bischof, Duke University

"Human and Animal Mental Causation"

Comments: **Nathan Smith**, Houston Community College

Saturday Morning Session 1

John M. Gist, Western New Mexico University

"Boethius' Ladder: Pragmatics, Poetics, and the Apophatic"

Comments: **Vanessa Voss**, Houston Community College

Jacob Mills, Houston Community College

"Infinite Analysis and the Connectedness Problem in Leibniz"

Comments: **Brian A. Woodcock**, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Gary Santillanes, Northland Pioneer College

"Hegel's Lockean Theory of Property"

Comments: **Tyler Haulotte**, University of New Mexico

Lamont Rodgers, Houston Community College

"Egalitarianism, Marxism, and Alienation"

Comments: **Sung Jan Han**, Queen's University

Saturday Morning Session 2

Arthur Krieger, Temple University

"Cassirer's Theory of Dipolar Perception"

Comments: **Chengquan Xiang**, Colorado College

Inigo Ongay, Leon Guanajuato Mexico

"Weismann's Three Critiques of the Inheritance of Acquired Characters"

Comments: **Arthur Krieger**, Temple University

Michael Morales, City College of San Francisco

"The Sufficiency of Isomorphism in Scientific Representation"

Comments: **Timothy Cleveland**, New Mexico State University

Kari Hanson, Western Michigan University

"Explicability and Inference to the Best Explanation"

Comments: **Michael Morales**, City College of San Francisco

Saturday Afternoon Session 1

Abigail Klassen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

"Ameliorative Social Constructionism and the Hegemony of the Status Quo"

Comments: **Anthony Cashio**, University of Virginia's College at Wise

Jonathan Lollar, Texas State University

“Problems in Pornography: How Camgirls Can Reshape Porn Culture”

Comments: **Kristina Grob**, Spring Hill College

Anthony Cashio, University of Virginia’s College at Wise

“Lessons from the History of Birmingham, Alabama”

Comments: **Abigail Klassen**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Saturday Afternoon Session 2

Vanessa Voss, Houston Community College

“God’s Not Laughing: The Superiority of Theory of Humor”

Comments: **Daniel Guentchev**, Bemidji State University

Perry Hendricks, Trinity Western University

“Challenge Accepted: Answering Law’s Evil-God Challenge”

Comments: **Patrick X. Monaghan**, Doane College

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“On the Possibility of an Omnipotent and Omnibenevolent God”

Comments: **Peter Hutcheson**, Texas State University

Saturday Afternoon Session 3

Chengquan Xiang, Colorado College

“On Time”

Comments: **Morgan Davies**, Virginia Tech

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“The Theoretical Fruitfulness of Pluralistic Constitution Theory”

Comments: **Landon D.C. Elkind**, University of Iowa

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“Against Sense-Data as Structured Universals”

Comments: **Ana Andrei**, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Saturday Afternoon Session 4

Timothy Cleveland, Mark Walker, and Jean-Paul Vessel, New Mexico State University

“The X-Men on ‘Ought Implies Can’”

Comments: **Paul Wilson**, Texas State University

Jean-Paul Vessel, New Mexico State University

“Desert-Adjusted Utilitarianism, People and Animals”

Comments: **Lamont Rodgers**, Houston Community College

Maria Svedberg, University of California, Riverside/Stockholm University

“Consequentialism and Free Will: The Conditional Analysis Resuscitated”

Comments: **Gaetano Venezia**, Georgia State University

Presidential Address

Parish Conkling, Houston Community College

“The Triumph of Trump: Hannah Arendt on Language Codes”

Sunday Morning 1

David Beisecker, University of Las Vegas

“Consequences, Consequences: Semantic Inferentialism in the Later Works of Peirce and James”

Comments: **Justin Bell**, University of Houston, Victoria

Julian Katz, Tulane University

“Kant’s Bund” A Voluntary Reading”

Comments: **Parish Conkling**, Houston Community College

Richard Galvin and John R. Harris, Texas Christian University

“Causal Impotence, Collective Action Problems, and Virtue Ethics”

Comments: **Julian Katz**, Tulane University

Zane Bischof, Colorado State University

“On What ‘Is’ Good?”

Comments: **Troy Williamson**, Texas State Technical College

Sunday Morning 2

Daniel Guentchev, Bemidji State University

“The Artistic Visions of Langer and Merleau-Ponty”

Comments: **John M. Gist**, Western New Mexico University

Alison Fritz, Auburn University

“Using Moral Foundations Theory to Understand Environmental Aesthetic Reactions: A Brief Exploration”

Comments: **Perry Hendricks**, Trinity Western University

Panel Discussion:

The Subjective in Science: The Modern Idea of Progress and Social Movements:

Eric Chavez, University of Texas, El Paso

“A (re) Evolution of Science via the Return to Nature”

Luiz Cepeda, Philosophy of Liberation Association-Mexico

“Do ‘Historical Subjects’ Exist? Inter-subjectivity and Social Mobility”

Comments: **Allan Hazlett**, University of New Mexico

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