Program of the 75th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society

March 28-29, 2025

Institutional affiliations reflect the institutions of the participants at the time of the conference.

Friday Morning Session 1

Harits Hasra, University of Arizona
"Uncertainty Mapping for Wellbeing Policy
Comments: **Walter Barta**, University of Houston

Lamont Rodgers, Houston Community College
"Locke and the Natural Right to Pardon"
Comments: **Walter Barta**, University of Houston

Friday Morning Session 2

Justin Hill, Tarleton State University
"What a Body Can Do: Subject-Object Distinctions as Self-Estrangement in Horkheimer, Adorno, and Early Marx"
Comments: **N. Mark Rauls**, College of Southern Nevada

Apple Igrek, Oklahoma State University
"The Will to Power as an Oppositional Force against Authoritarianism"
Comments: **Justin Hill**, Tarleton State University

Friday Afternoon Session 1

Walter Barta, University of Houston
"The Dog-Whistle/Wolf-Cry Dialectic: Political Divergence via Speech-Act Attribution"
Comments: **Lamont Rodgers**, Houston Community College

Friday Afternoon Session 2

Benjamin Koons, University of St. Thomas
"Sudden Actions and Decisions: Aristotle vs. Contemporary Virtue Ethics"
Comments: **Dan Flores**, Houston Community College

Ori Respler, Georgia Southern University
"Spheres, Semantics, and Parricide: The Stranger's Attack on Parmenides, Sophist 244b-245d"
Comments: **Jacob Mills**, Houston Community College

Friday Afternoon Session 3

Angela Bischof, Northern Arizona University
"Reclaiming Respect: An Indigenous Response to Regan"
Comments: **Allison Fritz**, Chadron State College

Andres Molina Ochoa, South Texas College
"Between Borders: Reassessing Moral Obligations and National Identity"
Comments: **Angela Bischof**, Northern Arizona University

Friday Plenary Panel

Human Horizons at Houston Community College:
A Project of the Teagle Foundation Cornerstone Learning for Living Grant
Joanna Fax, David Liakos, Melinda Mejia, Jacob Mills, and Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

President's Address

Vanessa Voss, Lone Star College
"Just Laugh or Die: Jokes as Authoritarian Propaganda"

Saturday Morning Session 1

Jeffrey Watson, Arizona State University
"The Problem of Phenomenal Accuracy in Flashbulb Memory"
Comments: Brandon Williams, Houston Community College

Tarik Tijanovic, Independent Scholar
"Towards a Psychological Theory of Coincidence"
Comments: **Sarah Woolwine**, University of Central Oklahoma

Weiwei Mo, Rice University
"Calling for Self-Understanding: Rationality of Transformative Choice"
Comments: **Tarik Tijanovic**, Independent Scholar

Saturday Morning Session 2

Thomas Rule, American University in Cairo
"Homesickness and Homecoming: Heidegger and Our Uncanny Dwelling"
Comments: **Graham Bounds**, Central New Mexico Community College

Robert McKinley, University of New Mexico
"Heidegger and Schopenhauer on Being's Conceptual Inexhaustibility"
Comments: **Dave Beisecker**, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Graham Bounds, Central New Mexico Community College
"Heidegger on Aristotle's Definition of κίνησις"
Comments: **Thomas Rule**, American University in Cairo

Saturday Morning Session 3

Mirela Oliva, University of St. Thomas
"On Cosmic Meaning"
Comments: **Andrew Pavelich**, University of Houston - Downtown

Dan Flores, Houston Community College
"Gradgrind and Dickens' Conception of Utilitarianism"
Comments: **Gates Ely**, University of Houston

Andrew Pavelich, University of Houston - Downtown
"The Ethics of Suicide Prevention"
Comments: **Justin Bell**, University of Houston - Victoria

Saturday Afternoon Session 1

Parish Conkling, Houston Community College
"Gender as Genocide: An Argument for the Inclusion of Gender as a Protected Group under Article II of the Genocide Convention"
Comments: **Margaret Betz**, Rutgers University Camden

Alice Hilder-Jarvis, University of Cambridge
"Towards a Theory of Gender Identity as Self-Interpretation"
Comments: **Weiwei Mo**, Rice University

Margaret Betz, Rutgers University Camden
"Can't You Take a Joke: Humor Figleaves and Sexist Speech"
Comments: **Parish Conkling**, Houston Community College

Saturday Afternoon Session 2

Jacob Mills, Houston Community College
"Inference to the Best Explanation and the Principle of Sufficient Reason"
Comments: **Jeffrey Watson**, Arizona State University

Gates Ely, University of Houston
"An Error Theory about Error Theory"
Comments: **Ori Respler**, Georgia Southern University