

Program of the 66th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society

March 27-29, 2015

Friday Afternoon Session 1

Justin Bell (University of Houston – Victoria)

“Depression as an Adaptation and Moral Imagination: Putting Deweyan Tools for Moral Inquiry to Work”

Comments: **Jules Simon** (University of Texas at El Paso)

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“Levinasian Intentionality: Seen Through the Veil of a Muslim Woman”

Comments: **Sarah Woolwine** (University of Central Oklahoma)

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“Historicity and Myth in the Work of Johann Jakob Bachofen: A Phenomenological Reading of Das Mutterrecht”

Comments: **Evan Malone** (University of Houston – Downtown)

Friday Afternoon Session 2

Dan Flores (Houston Community College)

“The Golden Rule Succumbs to a Fatal Conceptual Flaw”

Comments: **Mayra Valadez** (Doña Ana Community College)

Jonathan Surovell (Texas State University)

“But for the Grace of God: A Luck-Egalitarian Theory of Moral Status”

Comments: **Martin Peterson** (Texas A&M University)

J. Noël West (University of North Florida)

“Responsibility, Adaptability, and Justice in Employment”

Comments: **Parish Conkling** (Texas State University)

Vanessa Voss (Houston Community College)

“Thou Shalt Not, Unless...: Double Effect and the Metaethical Troubles of Jus in Bello”

Comments: **Dan Flores** (Houston Community College)

Friday Afternoon Session 3

Gina Calderone (Houston Community College)

“Persistence and the Prospects for Determinate Meaning”

Comments: **Karl Egerton** (Birbeck College, University of London)

Robert Garcia (Texas A&M University)

“Can a Case for Naturalism be Naturalized?”

Comments: **Cory Wright** (California State University - Long Beach)

Sally Parker-Ryan (University of Texas at Arlington)

“Verbal Disputes, Disagreements about Meaning, and Ordinary Language”

Comments: **Gina Calderone** (Houston Community College)

Eric Gilbertson (Texas State University)

“Source Incompatibilism and Doing One’s Reasonable Best”

Comments: **Nicola Claudio Salvatore** (Universidade Estadual de Campinas-UNICAMP)

Saturday Morning Session 1

Carissa Phillips-Garrett (Rice University)

“Friendship and the Nature of the Stoic Good”

Comments: **Jonathan Surovell** (Texas State University)

Jolanta Jaskolowska (University of Houston – Downtown)

“The Scope of Aristotle’s Semantics”

Comments: **Sally Parker-Ryan** (University of Texas at Arlington)

William Harwood (University of Texas at Pan American)

“Education as a Glorious Revolution in Rousseau”

Comments: **Andrew Pavelich** (University of Houston – Downtown)

Saturday Morning Session 2

Ayesha Bhatti (Ryerson University)

“Towards Global Justice: Access to Medications and the Need for Incentives”

Comments: **J. Noël West** (University of North Florida)

Lamont Rodgers (San Jacinto College)

“Autonomy, Anarchism, and Democracy”

Comments: **Zac Robbins** (University of Houston)

David Rondel (University of Nevada – Reno)

“Ronald Dworkin and the Currency of Egalitarian Justice”

Comments: **Attila Mráz** (Central European University – Budapest)

Saturday Morning Session 3

Angela Bischof (New Mexico State University)

“Protecting Dogs’ Health”

Comments: **Thorsten Botz-Bornstein** (Gulf University for Science and Technology)

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“Kitsch and Bullshit”

Comments: **Eva Dadlez** (University of Central Oklahoma)

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“Disgust, Appreciation, and Hume’s Emotional Conversion”

Comments: **William Harwood** (University of Texas at Pan American)

Saturday Afternoon Session 1

Cory Wright (California State University - Long Beach)

“Anti-Inflationism about Truth, Deflated”

Comments: **Jolanta Jaskolowska** (University of Houston – Downtown)

Elizabeth Cantalamessa (University of Wyoming)

“Rewriting the Preface Paradox”

Comments: **Ori Beck** (University of Pittsburgh)

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“Three Ways Not to Learn from Experience”

Comments: **John Poland** (Independent Scholar)

Saturday Afternoon Session 2

Evan Malone (University of Houston – Downtown)

“Fear & Loathing on Amity Island: Ideology and Authorial Intent in Steven Spielberg’s Jaws”

Comments: **Anthony Cashio** (University of Virginia – Wise)

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“A Case for Understanding History as Symbolic Form”

Comments: **Abigail Klassen** (York University)

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“Debunking Either/Or Logics and Relativisms: Reading Dewey and Foucault on Self-Understanding and Social Identity”

Comments: **Justin Bell** (University of Houston – Victoria)

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Martin Peterson (Texas A&M University)

“The Right or the Good?”

Comments: **Vanessa Voss** (Houston Community College)

Jae Hong Kim (Ryerson University)

“Practical Reasoning and Contextual Content in the First-Person Perspective”

Comments: **Eric Gilbertson** (Texas State University)

Mayra Valadez (Doña Ana Community College)

“Non-Ideal Virtue Theory and a Scalar Conception of Character”
Comments: **Carissa Phillips-Garrett** (Rice University)

Saturday Afternoon Undergraduate Colloquium

Justin Freeborn, Angelo State University

“Echoing Nietzsche: A Polemic Against Instrumental Transhumanism”

Evelyne Harville, The University of Texas at San Antonio

“The Virtuous Warrior”

Hana Gomez, University of Texas at El Paso

“A Response to Horgan and Timmons Argument Against Metaphysical Ethical Naturalism”

Sydeny Candelario, University of Texas at El Paso

“The Argument from Relativity Revisited”

Presidential Address

Andrew Pavelich (University of Houston - Downtown)

“The Ethics of Gun Owership”

Sunday Morning Session 1

Nicola Claudio Salvatore (Universidade Estadual de Campinas-UNICAMP)

“Hinges, Knowledge, and Rational Epistemic Agency”

Comments: **Jae Hong Kim** (Ryerson University)

Zac Robbins (University of Houston)

“The Moral Prospects of Honor”

Comments: **Lamont Rodgers** (San Jacinto College)

Attila Mráz, (Central European University – Budapest)

“The Insufficient Knowledge Assumption and Democratic

Representation: A Hayekian Concern for Epistemic Democracy”

Comments: **David Rondel** (University of Nevada – Reno)

Sunday Morning Session 2

Joshua Spears (University of Central Oklahoma)

“On the Impossibility of Unitarianism”

Comments: **Peter Hutcheson** (Texas State University)

Kyle Keltz (Southern Evangelical Seminary)

“God’s Obligations and the Problem of Evil in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas”

Comments: **Joshua Spears** (University of Central Oklahoma)

Sunday Morning Session 3

Karl Egerton (Birbeck College, University of London)

“Quantification: Variants of Variance”

Comments: **Elizabeth Cantalamessa** (University of Wyoming)

Mary Gwin (Oklahoma State University)

“Chemical Kinds: Modal Conventionalists Can’t Have Their Cake and Eat it Too”

Comments: **Peter Gildenhuys** (Lafayette College)

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“Laplaceanism Defended”

Comments: **Mary Gwin** (Oklahoma State University)

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