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Friday Afternoon Session 1

Moderator: **Lori Keleher** (New Mexico State University)

Robert Fischer (Texas State University)

“Why Incest Is Usually Wrong”

Comments: **Richard Galvin** (Texas Christian University)

Alexander Raby (Texas Tech University)

“The Ideal Critic: Foie Gras and Twinkies”

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

Joanna Arnold (University of Houston)

“Esoteric Morality”

Comments: **Craig Hanks** (Texas State University)

Michael Da Silva (University of Toronto)

“Theorizing Justice for Perpetual Peace

Comments: **Danny Scoccia** (New Mexico State University)

Friday Afternoon Session 2

Moderator: **Luciana Garbayo** (University of Texas at El Paso)

Miriam Vazquez (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Assessing the Environmental Global Burden of Disease Under a Modified Rawlsian Model”

Comments: **Craig Hanks** (Texas State University)

Shohei Edamura (Rice University)

“Leibniz on the Weakness of Will and the Doctrine of Distinct Inclination”

Comments: **Evan Roane** (Houston Community College)

Dave Mesing (Duquesne University)

“Toppling Progress: Hegel’s Logic of Form and History”

Comments: **Nathan Poage** (St. Thomas University)

Jay Michael Arnold (Houston Community College)

“The New Knight of Faith”

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

Saturday Morning Session 1

Moderator: **Nathan Smith** (Houston Community College)

Mark Walker (New Mexico State University)

“The Mundane World Hypothesis is Probably False”

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

Jason Hills (Lone Star College)

“Pragmatism and Phenomenology: A Reconciliation”

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

Greg Nershberg (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Why Phenomenology is Still Important to Embodied Cognition”

Comments: **Evan Roane** (Houston Community College)

Saturday Morning Session 2

Moderator: **Jennifer Noonan** (New Mexico State University)

Daniel Rubio (Rutgers University)

“Libertarian Free Will and Circumstantial Moral Luck”

Comments: **Jeffrey Gordon** (Texas State University)

Andrew Pavelich (University of Houston - Downtown)

“The Two Gods of Descartes’s *Meditations*”

Comments: **Alejandro Barcenas Pardo** (Texas State University)

Gino Signoracci (University of New Mexico)

“Derrida and Education: Deconstruction and the Right to Philosophy”

Comments: **Nevitt Reesor** (Texas State University)

Saturday Special Session:

Philosophy Student Colloquium:

Moderator: **John Symons** (University of Texas at El Paso)

Carson Benn (Texas Tech University)

Neyma Figueroa (New Mexico State University)

Amir Hernandez (New Mexico State University)

Hieu Duong

Jennifer Ward (New Mexico State University)

Jack Hansen (New Mexico State University)

Shelbi Meissner (New Mexico State University)

Christopher Freire (Florida State University)

Paola Lujan (University of Texas at El Paso)

Saturday Afternoon Session 1

Moderator: **Graciela Woodbury** (El Paso Community College)

Justin Bell (University of Houston - Victoria)

“Solidarity, Deweyan Democracy, and Empathy”

Comments: **Luis Diaz** (El Paso Community College)

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“Levinas and Dussel: an Ethical Analysis of Social Activists in Juarez, Mexico”

Comments: **Craig Hanks** (Texas State University)

Hamner Hill (Southeast Missouri State University)

“*Daubert’s* Asymmetrical Impact on Civil and Criminal Litigation”

Comments: **Danny Scoccia** (New Mexico State University)

Saturday Afternoon Session 2

Moderator: **Jennifer Noonan** (New Mexico State University)

Olguín, Hernandez, Narvaez, et. al. (Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez)

“Did the Pre-Socratics Inquire about Archai?”

Comments: **Hammad Hussain** (Texas State University)

Nathan Poage (St. Thomas University)

“The Subject and Principles of Metaphysics in Avicenna and Aquinas”

Comments: **Paul Wilson** (Texas State University)

Daniel Guentchev (Southern Illinois University)

“Teleological Judgment and Dead Nature in Horowitz’s Reading of Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*”

Comments: **Jason Hills** (Lone Star College)

Saturday Afternoon Session 3

Moderator: **Robert Louis** (Houston Community College)

Joe Bernal (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Quantum Information Philosophy Processed”

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

Ramon Alvarado (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Can we believe in scientific theories? Ruth Millikan and Pessimistic Induction”

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

Peter Hutcheson (Texas State University)

“Checkmating Creationism”

Comments: **Robert Louis** (Houston Community College)

Presidential Address

Nathan Smith (Houston Community College)
“Descartes on Mind-Body Unity”

Sunday Morning Session 1

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

Gareth Fuller (University of Maryland)
“Objects: Language and Metaphysics”
Comments: **Nadia Ruiz** (University of Texas at El Paso)

Morgan Wallhagen (Bryn Mawr)
“Mental States as Presentations”
Comments: **Tim Cleveland** (New Mexico State University)

Daniel Rubio (Western Michigan University)
“Libertarian Free Will and Circumstantial Moral Luck”
Comments: **Jeffrey Gordon** (Texas State University)

Joseph Ulatowski (University of Mississippi)
“Taking Ordinary Intuitions Seriously”
Comments: **John Symons** (University of Texas at El Paso)

Sunday Morning Session 2

Moderator: **Jamie Bronstein** (New Mexico State University)

John Harris (Texas Christian University)
“Posner’s Problem With Utility”
Comments: **Jean-Paul Vessel** (New Mexico State University)

Don Fallis (University of Arizona)
“Davidson was Almost Right about Lying”
Comments: **Jean-Paul Vessel** (New Mexico State University)

Jean-Paul Vessel (NMSU)
“Defending Open Question Arguments from ‘Invalidity’ Critics”
Comments: **Luciana Garbayo** (University of Texas at El Paso)

Jamie Bronstein (New Mexico State University)
“Chained for Life: Conjoined Twins, Identity, and the Ethics of Separation Surgery”
Comments: **Paul Wilson** (Texas State University)