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## Friday Afternoon Session 1

Moderator: **Ann Levey** (University of Calgary)

**Susana Badiola** (Angelo State University)

“Necessity and the A Priori”

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

**William Roche** (Texas Christian University)

“Is Coherentism Consistent?”

Comments: **Lamont Rodgers** (Tulane University)

**Dan Flores** (El Paso Community College)

“Accounting for Circularity in Dispositionalism”

Comments: **Alejandra Olivas-Davila** (University of Texas at El Paso)

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“From Ascription to Causation”

Comments: **Dan Flores** (El Paso Community College)

## Friday Afternoon Session 2

Moderator: **Thomas Urban** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**Alexander Raby** (Texas Tech University)

“Is The Utilitarian’s Calculus Too Inhuman for Morality?”

Comments: **Michael Cundall** (Northwestern State University)

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“Propriety of Racist and Ethnic Humor”

Comments: **Jessica Talamantez** (Texas State University)

**Jean-Paul Vessel** (New Mexico State)

“Utilitarian Responses to the Nearest and Dearest Objection”

Comments: **Audrey McKinney** and **Glenn Joy** (Texas State University)

**Gregg Strauss** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

“Can Polygamy be Egalitarian?”

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

### Saturday Morning Session 1

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

**Crisol Escobedo** (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Motion, Space-time, and Objects in the Theory of Relativity”

Comments: **Ron Wilburn** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

**John Harris** (Texas Christian University)

“Severing the Tie Between Political Authority and Political Obligation”

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

**Jeffrey Linz** (Southern Illinois University)

“Rousseau’s General Will and the Problem of Recognition”

Comments: **John Harris** (Texas Christian University)

**Jerry Green** (Texas Tech University)

“Liberalism and Political Virtue”

*Houghton Dalrymple Memorial Award*

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

### Saturday Morning Session 2

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

**Juliana Acosta** (Southern Illinois University)

“The Conditions of Freedom and their Metaphysical Implications for the Philosophies of Aristotle and Peirce”

Comments: **Nicholas Guardiano** (Southern Illinois University)

**Jason Hills** (Southern Illinois University)

“What Dewey Desires: A Functional Thematization of Desire”

Comments: **Jennifer Rowland** (University of North Texas)

**Nicholas Guardiano** (Southern Illinois University)

“Metamorphosis in Art and Nature: Emersonian Poetry”

*Hubert Alexander Memorial Award*

Comments: **Thomas Urban** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**Omar Fakhri** (Texas Tech University)

“Shoemaker, Self-blindness, Moore-paradoxical Utterances, and the Broad Perceptual Model of Introspection”

Comments: **Ruby Montana** (University of Texas at El Paso)

### Saturday Afternoon Session 1

Moderator: **Jason Hills** (Southern Illinois University)

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

“Manipulation, Advertising, and Autonomy”

Comments: **Evan Bennett** (Texas State University)

**Sarah Woolwine** (Southern Illinois University)

“Systematicity in the Critique of Judgment”

Comments: **Juliana Acosta** (Southern Illinois University)

**John DePoe** (University of Iowa)

“Hume and Reid on the Cognitive Status of Ethical Claims”

Comments: **Jean-Paul Vessel** (New Mexico State University)

**Susan Purviance** (University of Toledo)

“Beauty Unified”

Comments: **Tim Maddox** (Hardin-Simmons University)

### **Saturday Afternoon Session 2**

Moderator: **Nadia Ruiz** (University of Texas at El Paso)

**Jacob Mills** (Rice University)

“Explicability Arguments and the Principle of Sufficient Reason”

Comments: **Nathan Smith** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**Jay Arnold** (Houston Community College – Central)

“Natural Evil and the Sufficiency of Process Theodicy”

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

**Jay Arnold** (Houston Community College – Central)

“New Knight of Faith”

Comments: **Michael Linville** (San Antonio Independent School District)

**Dan Stiver** (Hardin-Simmons University)

“Evil and the Problem of Theodicy”

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

### **Saturday Afternoon Special Session: Philosophy Student Colloquium**

Moderators: **John Symons** and **Thomas Urban**

**Stephen P. Margheim** (Baylor University)

“From Alienation to Fetishism:

Marx’s Philosophic and Economic Critique of Capitalism”

**Isaac Brooks** (Texas Tech University)

“A Critique of a Capitalist Model of the ‘Knowledge Economy’”

**Leopoldo Ponce, Jr.** (University of Houston – Downtown)

“The Second Sex: There is No Other like Another”

**Christopher Paul Graves** (University of Houston – Downtown)

“World War 2, Pacifism, and Just-War Theory”

**Omar Fakhri** (Texas Tech University)

“On David Lewis’ Modal Realism and Classical Theism”

### **Banquet and Presidential Address**

**Ron Wilburn** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

“The Prussian and the Hawk”

### **Sunday Morning Session 1**

Moderator: **Jennifer Rowland** (University of North Texas)

**Jessica Brejc** (Southern Illinois University)

“Exploration into the Musical Character of Dewey’s Moral Deliberation”

Comments: **Justin Bell** (Southern Illinois University)

**Tad Bratkowski** (Southern Illinois University)

“Dewey and Quine on Cosmological Naturalism: Experience vs. Scientism”

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

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**Justin Bell** (Southern Illinois University)

“On the Origin of Value and Control”

Comments: **Tad Bratkowski** (Southern Illinois University)

**Marjorie Cavey** (Southern Illinois University)

“A Deweyan Approach to Environmental Law”

Comments: **Roksana Alavi** (South Texas College)

**Sunday Morning Session 2**

Moderator: **Saja Parvizian** (San Francisco State University)

**Trey Brant** (Texas State University)

“Critique of Sarcastic Reason”

Comments: **Thomas Urban** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**Jared Bly** (University of North Texas)

“Marion’s Phenomenology between Husserl and Heidegger”

Comments: **Nathan Smith** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**Lamont Rodgers** (Tulane University)

“Macpherson’s Misreading of Locke”

Comments: **Ann Levey** (University of Calgary)

**Evan Roane** (Houston Community College-Northwest)

“The Reemergence of Spinoza’s Conatus in the Political Sphere”

Comments: **Saja Parvizian** (San Francisco State University)