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## Friday Afternoon Session 1

Moderator: **James Morton** (Texas Tech University)

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

“Constructibility in Mathematics”

*Houghton Dalrymple Memorial Award*

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

**James Morton** (Texas Tech University)

“A Qualified Defense of Entity Realism”

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

**Pablo Zavala** (University of Wyoming)

“Ideally Necessary Laws of Nature”

*Houghton Dalrymple Memorial Award*

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

## Friday Afternoon Session 2

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

**Gary Santillanes** (Texas Tech)

“A Disagreement between Aristotle and Plato”

Comments: **Joshua Dhanens** (University of Oklahoma)

**Rebecca Bensen-Cain** (Oklahoma State University)

“Plato on Mimesis and Mirrors”

Comments: **Brian Prince** (Rice University)

**Philip Day** (University of North Texas)

“Speaking With the Gods: The Role of Swearing and Invocation in Plato’s Theaetetus”

Comments: **Andy Amato** (Colin College)

**Brian Prince** (Rice University)

“Rotation without Change in the Statesman”

Comments: **Patrick Monaghan** (Doane College)

### **Saturday Morning Session 1**

Moderator: **Rebecca Bensen-Cain** (Oklahoma State University)

**Tad Bratkowski** (Southern Illinois University)

“Gadamer and Dewey on the Roles of Poetry and the Poet”

*Hubert Alexander Memorial Award*

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

**Nevitt Reesor** (Texas State University)

“Nietzsche’s Cosmological Will to Power”

Comments: **Ruby Montana** (El Paso Community College)

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

“Attunement in Heidegger Understood as an Epistemic Virtue”

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

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

“Phronetic Judgment in Reason and Faith for Paul Ricoeur”

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

### **Saturday Morning Session 2**

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

**Laura Mueller** (Southern Illinois University)

“A Signpost to Hell: American Exceptionalism from the Puritans to Palin”

Comments: **Riley Inks** (Texas State University)

**Mike Jostedt** (Southern Illinois University)

“Jane Addams: Between Essentialism and Social Construction”

Comments: **Justin Bell** (Webster University)

**John Gist** (Western New Mexico University)

“Truth Value and Play: The Environmental Game”

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

**Hamner Hill** (Southeast Missouri State University)

“Empowerment as the Fundamental Legal Concept”

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

### **Saturday Morning Session 2**

Moderator: **Jason Berntsen** (Xavier University of Louisiana)

**Omar Fakhri** (Texas Tech University)

“David Lewis’s Counterfactual Theory of Causation and Preemption Cases”

Comments: **Alejandra Olivas-Davila** (Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua)

**Gareth Fuller** (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Agency and Event Individuation”

Comments: **Tim Cleveland** (New Mexico State University)

**Chris Shrock** (Baylor University)

“Yellow is not a Color”

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

**Saturday Morning Special Session:  
Philosophy Student Colloquium**

Moderators: **John Symons** (University of Texas at El Paso)  
and **Thomas Urban** (Houston Community College – Northwest)

**James Morton** (Texas Tech University)

“Are Capabilities Capable of Liberal Neutrality?”

**Eric Sampson** (Texas Tech University)

“Can We “Naturalize” Locke’s Doctrine of Equality?”

**Kandace Riddle** (Southern Illinois University)

“A Feminist Pragmatist Evaluation of the E-Democracy Digital Divide”

**Lateesha Guyden** (University of North Texas)

“Black Means ‘Without Color’: White Means ‘Without Color’”

**Saturday Afternoon Session 1**

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

**Nathan Bell** (University of North Texas)

“The Horizon of Nature: Gadamer’s Hermeneutics and Environmental Philosophy”

Comments: **Hamner Hill** (Southeast Missouri State University)

**Jo Ann Carson** (Texas State University)

“Habermas, Pedagogy, and the Communicative Ideal”

Comments: **Aaron Taylor** (Texas State University)

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

“Nietzsche’s Convalescence”

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

**Saturday Afternoon Session 2**

Moderator: **Brian Prince** (Rice University)

**Scott Gelfand** (Oklahoma State University)

“Clinical Equipose -- Actual or Hypothetical”

Comments: **Charles Hinkley** (Northwest Vista College)

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

“Am I Not a Mouse and a Brother? A Defense of Speciesism”

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

**Jason Berntsen** (Xavier University of Louisiana)

“Emotivism and Inconsistency”

Comments: **Luis Diaz** (University of Texas at El Paso)

**Saturday Afternoon Session 3**

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

**Mark Walker** (New Mexico State University)

“Epistemic Contextualism Versus the Variable Implicit Modal Modifiers Theory”

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

**Brendan Murday** (Ithaca College)

“Fictional Realism and Indeterminate Identity”

Comments: **Pablo Zavala** (University of Wyoming)

**Patrick Monaghan** (Doane College)

“Against Composition as Identity”

Comments: **Tim Cleveland** (New Mexico State University)

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#### **Philosophy Student Colloquium**

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

and **John Symons** (University of Texas at El Paso)

**Zachary Carroll** (Xavier University of Louisiana)

“Life After Death”

**Andrew Warfield** (University of Houston – Downtown)

“The Seduction of the Text: Indirect Communication, Paradox, and Becoming in Nietzsche and Kierkegaard”

**Pablo Coss** (New Mexico State University)

“On the Contention Between Qualia, Physicalism, and Reductionism”

**Marco Camacho** (University of Texas at El Paso)

“Making Connections: Examining Heideggerian Undertones in Connectionist Architecture”

**Valerie Rhodes** (New Mexico State University)

“Peter Singer and the Aid Industry”

**Martin Seeley** (New Mexico State University)

“Democracy and Corruption”

### **Presidential Address**

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

“Euthyphro, Philosophers, and Uncertainty”

### **Sunday Morning Session 1**

Moderator: **Jo Ann Carson** (Texas State University)

**Andy Amato** (Colin College)

“Read Dangerously”

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

**Katrina Colombo** (Southern Illinois University)

“Anzaldúa and a Quest for Identity”

Comments: **Laura J. Mueller** (Southern Illinois University)

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

“Bergsonian Basis for Jane Ellen Harrison’s Theory of Greek Religion”

Comments: **Katrina Colombo** (Southern Illinois University)

**Justin Bell** (Webster University)

“Constraint and Restraint applied to the Work of John Dewey”

Comments: **Jo Ann Carson** (Texas State University)

**Sunday Morning Session 2**

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

**Esther Rosario** (Purdue University)

“Sex, Gender, and Implicit Attitudes”

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

**Alejandra Olivas-Davila** (Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua)

“Is Probability a Ceteris Paribus Endeavor?”

Comments: **Marie de Billie** (University of Texas at El Paso)

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

“Status of the Natural World: Toward an Ecological Revision of Justice as Fairness”

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

**Anne Frances Ai Le** (St. Thomas Univeristy)

“From Hospitality to Friendship”

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