THE 48TH MEETING OF THE NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

AT

EL CENTRO COLLEGE, DALLAS TX

801 MAIN ST, 75202

APRIL 1-2, 2016

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JOHN SALLIS, BOSTON COLLEGE

AND

BABETTE BABICH, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

CHARLES BAMBACH, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

SEVEN INVITED SPEAKERS AND FORTY TALKS OVERALL

48TH NTPA AT EL CENTRO COLLEGE: PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 8:30-9:00 am

REGISTRATION: BUILDING C ATRIUM

801 Main Street, Dallas TX 75202

9:00-10:15 am

SESSION 1

Room C 160

*Topics in the Philosophy of Religion: Conceiving the Divine*

Kant’s Critique of the Ontological Argument and Anselm’s Reply to Guanilo

Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

A Necessary Name: Identifying the Goddess in the Fragments of Parmenides

Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas

Moderator: S. West Gurley, Sam Houston State University

Room B 269

*Topics in Hermeneutics and Phenomenology: Heidegger*

Tragic Efficiency—Shakespeare’s Coriolanus & Heidegger’s *The Question Concerning Technology*

Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

Heidegger’s Saving Power: Can Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Be Viewed in the Realm of Art?

Jill Drouillard, Université Paris-­‐Sorbonne

Moderator: Hannah Lyn Venable, University of Dallas

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10:25-11:40 am

SESSION 2

Room C 160

*Topics in the Philosophy of Religion*

The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention

S. West Gurley, Sam Houston State University

Proof and ‘expansive naturalism’ in Thomas Aquinas

Steven Edward Peῆa, San Jacinto College

Moderator: Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

Room B 269

*Invited Talk*

The First Person Singular in Hegel's Thought

Robert Wood, University of Dallas

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

11:50 am -1:00 pm

SESSION 3

Room B 269

*Presidential Address*

Who is Heidegger’s Hӧlderlin?

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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Room C 160

*Topics in Moral Philosophy: Human Welfare and Happiness*

Happiness and Human Nature: A Response to Russell

Jason Chen, St. Louis University

Cheerfulness as a Remedy for Depression

Derek McAllister, Baylor University

Moderator: Martha Beck, Lyon College

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1:30-2:50 pm

SESSION 4

Room C 130

*Friday’s Keynote Address*

Who is Nietzsche's Archilochus? Identifying 'the Lyricist and the Musician' in *The Birth of Tragedy*

Babette Babich, Fordham University

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

3:00-4:15 pm

SESSION 5

Room C 160

*Topics in Continental Philosophy: Gadamer*

Gadamer’s Semantic Contextualism

Greg Lynch, North Central College (Illinois)

Gadamer Contra Aesthetics: On Art’s Address and Transformative Power

Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

Moderator: Lawrence Schmidt, Hendrix College

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Room B 269

*Topics in Late Modern Philosophy: Nietzsche*

Nietzsche’s Architectural Phenomenology

M. Ross Romero, S.J., Creighton University

The Spirit of Revenge in Human Consciousness: Nietzsche’s *Zarathustra*

Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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4:25-5:40

SESSION 6

Room C 160

*Topics in Modern Philosophy: Evil and Discrimination*

Evil in Schelling and Schopenhauer

Alistair Welchman, University of Texas at San Antonio

Discrimination and the Body Politics in Spinoza’s Philosophy

Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University

Moderator: Jason Chen, St. Louis University

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Room B 269

*Invited Talk*

Book Panel: *The Invention of a People: Heidegger and Deleuze on Art and the Political*

Author: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

Participants: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Cheri Carr, CUNY, Jared Bly, Villanova University

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SESSION 7

Room C 160

*Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Eros and Poesis*

Say Your Prayers: Erotic Ascent in *Phaedrus*

Dana Trusso, City University of New York

The Intrinsic Role of Poetry in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*

Stan Szczesny, University of Dallas

Moderator: Cheri Carr, CUNY, La Guardia

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Room C 165

*Topics in Moral Philosophy: Conflict and Consent*

The Meta-Nudge – A Response to the Claim That the Use of Nudges During the Informed Consent Process is Unavoidable

Scott Gelfand, Oklahoma State University

Metaphysical Permissivism and the Problem of Inter-Domain Conflict

James J. Morton, University of Texas

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Room B 269

*Socio-political Territories and the Ethics of Care*

When the World is at Stake: Hannah Arendt on Heidegger and the Politics of Care

Jennifer Gaffney, Texas A&M University

A Critical Appraisal of Foucault’s Appropriation in Radical Geography

Jared Bly, Villanova University

Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

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SESSION 8

Room C 160

*Topics in French Continental Philosophy: Derrida*

Plasticity and the Materiality of *Messianicity*

Michael Norton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Not Quite Forgiven: *Hauntologies* and Plasticity in Derrida’s *Cinders*

Shellie McCullough, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Room C 165

*Critical Theory and Postcolonialism*

Seeking Cinephilia Within The Culture Industry: Active Film Viewership of Christopher Nolan’s Inception

Brittany Leckey, Texas A&M University

The Face of the Other and the Negrophobic Psyche: Fanon’s Anticolonial Phenomenology and the Shortcomings of Levinasian Postcolonial Theory

Patrick Anderson, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Jennifer Gaffney, Texas A&M University

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Room B 269

*Invited Talk*

Philosophical Hermeneutic Structures in the Philosophy of Science

Lawrence Schmidt, Hendrix College

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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SESSION 9

Room C 160

*Vitalism, Habits and Embodiment*

The Peculiarity of Habits and Feminist Phenomenology

Shannon Proctor, CUNY La Guardia

Dead Matters: The Other Side of Vibrant Things

Derrick Harris, University of North Texas

Moderator: Cheri Carr, CUNY, La Guardia

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Room B 269

*Invited Talk*

Toward a Hermeneutics of Animality

Theodore George, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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1:30-2:50 pm

SESSION 10

*El Centro College Presents: The 48th North Texas Philosophical Association Keynote Address:*

Return to Nature

John Sallis, Boston College

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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SESSION 11

Room C 160

*Topics in French Phenomenology: Ethics and Habits*

*Amor fati* and the Ethics of Control

Cheri Lynne Carr, CUNY LaGuardia

Merleau-Ponty on Habit With Possible Implications for Psychopathology

Hannah Lyn Venable, University of Dallas

Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

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Room B 269

*Invited Talk*

Re-Turn of the *Re*-:  Meandering and Merleau-Ponty

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

Moderator: Jennifer Gaffney, Texas A&M University

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SESSION 12

Room C 160

*Topics in Contemporary French Philosophy: Deleuze on Spinoza and Bergson*

Parallelism' and the Two Powers of God in Deleuze's Expressionism in Philosophy

Justin Boyd, DePaul University

The Two Halves of the Absolute in Bergson and Spinoza

Erik Beranek, DePaul University

Moderator: Shellie McCullough, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room B 269

*Topics in Mind and Ethics: Aristotle, Friendship and Reflectivity*

Neural Mapping and the Unity of Mind and Brain in Neuroscience and Aristotle

Martha C. Beck, Lyon College

Friendship as Reflective Environmental Practice

Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

Moderator: Hannah Lyn Venable, University of Dallas

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Room B 269

NTPA BUSINESS MEETING

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