

**THE 48TH MEETING OF THE
NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION**

AT

EL CENTRO COLLEGE, DALLAS TX

801 MAIN ST, 75202

APRIL 1-2, 2016

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JOHN SALLIS, BOSTON COLLEGE

AND

BABETTE BABICH, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

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

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 Peña, 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 Hölderlin?
Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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

1:00-1:30
LUNCH (On Site)

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY 8:30-9:00 am

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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

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

Moderator: Moderator: Jason Chen, St. Louis University

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

10:25-11:40 am

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

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

11:50-1:00

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

Room B 269

Invited Talk

Toward a Hermeneutics of Animality
Theodore George, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

1:00-1:30 pm

LUNCH (On-site)

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
3:00-4:15 pm
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

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

4:25-5:40 pm
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

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

5:45-6:15 PM

Room B 269

NTPA BUSINESS MEETING
