

**THE 49<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION**

AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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8:30-9:00 am

Registration

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Session 1 (9:00 -10:00 am)

SB 122

“Nietzsche’s ‘Trans-Europeanism’”

Dale A. Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: TBA

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SB 138

Panel: Philosophy of History and Literature

“Historical Fiction: Kripke’s Ontology of Fictional Entities Applied to the Philosophy of  
History”

Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas

“Emotions as Commodity”

Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Benjamin Wilck, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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10:00-10:15 am

Break

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Session 2 (10:15 -11:15 am)

SB 122

“David Bowie: Life as Art and Death”

Sharin N. Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown

Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

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SB 138

Panel: Heidegger: Images and Aesthetics

“Heidegger on Images”

Shawn Loht, Baton Rouge Community College

“Caspar David Friedrich’s *Rückenfigur*, A Thickening Aesthetic”

Jacquelyn Delin, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas

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SB Constantin Board Room

Panel: Philosophy of Language

“How Many Noses Did Socrates Have? The definition of ‘snub nose’ and a new solution to Aristotle’s problem of babbling”

Benjamin Wilck, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

“Reference and Strong Composition as Identity”

Joseph Long, SUNY Brockport

Moderator: Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas

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11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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Session 3 (11:30 am-12:30 pm)

SB 122

“Under Threats of Erasure: Refugees and Communities in the Philosophic-Poetry of Dan Pagis”

Shellie Gordon-McCullough, University of Texas at Dallas

Respondent: David Patterson, University of Texas at Dallas

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SB 138

Panel: Philosophy and the Law-Giver

“Rhetoric and Dialectics Employed by Al-Farabi’s Law-Giver”

Norman Whitman, University of Houston-Downtown

“Remarks on Machiavelli and Imitation”

Brian Harding, Texas Woman’s University

Moderator: Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

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SB Constantin Board Room

Panel: Heidegger: On truth and *es gibt*

“Heidegger on Truth and Suicide”

Clinton Debogorski, University of Toronto

“What gives with "there is"? The logic of being in Quine and Heidegger”

Don Beith, University of Maine

Moderator: Shawn Loht, Baton Rouge Community College

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12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

University of Dallas, Haggard Cafeteria

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Session 4 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

SB 122

FRIDAY'S PLENARY ADDRESS

“Nietzsche on Truth and Naturalism”

Christian Emden, Rice University

Moderator: Dale A. Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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3:00 -3:15 pm

Break

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Session 5 (3:15-4:15 pm)

SB 122

NTPA PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

“Hölderlin in Heidegger's *Black Notebooks*”

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Andy Amato: University of Texas at Dallas

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SB 138

Panel: Issues in Philosophy and Science

“The Moral Imperative for Ectogenesis: A Response to Smajdor”

Scott Gelfand, Oklahoma State University

“Religion and Happiness”

Paul Saka, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Joseph Long, SUNY Brockport

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4:15-4:30 pm

Break

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Session 6 (4:30-5:30 pm)

SB 122

“Is it Wrong to Eat Disgusting Food?”

David Kaplan, University of North Texas

Moderator: Scott Gelfand, Oklahoma State University

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SB 138

Panel: Contemporary Approaches to Medieval Philosophy

“A Further Remembrance: Gadamer’s *Truth and Method* III.2 and Anselm’s *Monologion*”

Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

“The Confucian Puzzle: Justice and Care in Aquinas”

Audra Goodnight, Saint Louis University

Moderator: Katherine Sweet, Saint Louis University

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1

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8:30-9:00 am

Registration

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Session 7 (9:00 -10:00 am)

SB 122

Panel: Contemporary Hermeneutics and Stoicism

“Is it possible to be Better off Dead? Epicurus and Physician Assisted Suicide”

Andrew Pavelich, University of Houston-Downtown

“The Use of Insult: Foucauldian *Parrhesia* (Frank Speech) in Ancient Ethics”

Christopher M. Davidson, Ball State University

Moderator: Michael Norton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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SB 138

Panel: Issues in Moral Philosophy: Restitution and Second-Person Thoughts

“The Challenges of Pure Restitution: A Response To Boonin”

Katherine Sweet, Saint Louis University

“Got to Get You into My Life”: A Case for Primitive Second-Person Thoughts”

James Kintz, Saint Louis University

Moderator: Joseph Michael Spino, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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10:00-10:15 am

Break

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Session 8 (10:15 -11:15 am)

SB 122

“What is Philosophical about Kant’s Anthropology?”

Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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SB 138

Panel: Philosophy in Literature

“Exit, pursued by a bear: Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale and Heidegger’s ‘Letter on Humanism’”

Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

“Abandoned Sense: Bataille and Nancy on Poetry”

Humberto Gonzalez Nuñez, Villanova University

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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SB 252

Panel: Values in Philosophy: Democracy and Parsimony

“Two Faces of Democracy: The Rise of Radicalism in Contemporary Politics”

Pedro Góis Moreira, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon

“Parsimony and Material Objects”

Joseph Michael Spino, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Moderator: David Utsler, University of North Texas

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11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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Session 9 (11:30 am-12:30 pm)

SB 122

“T.H. Green's Hegelian Critique of British Empiricism”

Robert Wood, University of Dallas

Moderator: Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

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SB 138

Panel: The Image in French Philosophy

“In Excess of Representation: Foucault and Bataille on the Pragmatics of the Image”

Jared Bly, Villanova University

“Language, the Image, and Possible Worlds Paul Ricoeur and Jacques Rancière on the Linguisticity of the Image”

David Utsler, University of North Texas

Moderator: Humberto Gonzalez Nuñez, Villanova University

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SB 252

Panel: Values in Philosophy: Education and the Problem of Pluralism

"The Burdens and Benefits of Educational Equality"

Jeremy Neill, Houston Baptist University

“The Irrationality of Pluralistic Ignorance”

Daniel Grosz, Oklahoma University

Moderator: Joseph Michael Spino, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

University of Dallas, Hagggar Cafeteria

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Session 10 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

SB 122

Saturday's Keynote Address

"Foucault, Genealogy, Counter-History"

Gabriel Rockhill, Villanova University

Moderator: Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

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3:00 -3:15 pm

Break

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Session 11 (3:15-4:15 pm)

SB 122

"What can Schizoanalysis Do for Feminist Theory?"

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

Moderator: Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown

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SB 138

Panel: Philosophical Systems: Schopenhauer and Agamben

"Schopenhauer, Metaphysics, Humility and Panpsychism"

Alistair Welchman, University of Texas at San Antonio

"Agamben's Messianic Subject"

Adam Miller, Collin College

Moderator: Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

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4:15-4:30 pm

Break

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Session 12 (4:30-5:30 pm)

SB 122

“Difference plus Negotiation: Religion and Cosmopolitics”

Michael Norton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“Meditations on Time in *City of God*”

Dolan Kay, University of Dallas

Moderator: Adam Miller, Collin College

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SB 138

Panel: Heidegger and Aesthetics

"The Poetry of Monet's *Rouen Cathedral* Series: A Heideggarian Reading"

Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas

"The Feminine nude: The application of Benjamin's concept of aura in Western and Islamic art"

Fatemeh Tashakori, University of Texas at Dallas

"Conflictual Intimacy and Appropriating Event: Achilles meets Priam"

Francesca Brunetti, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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