

50TH MEETING OF THE NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

IN

THE DAVIDSON-GUNDY ALUMNI CENTER

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

8:30-9:00 am

Registration

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

Room 1.128

“A Political Convalescence: Nietzsche Beyond Decisionism and Quietism”

Dale A. Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Ian Alexander Moore, St. John’s College

Room 1.131

Panel: Heidegger on Community and Homelessness

“Art and a People: Understanding “Community” in Heidegger’s Philosophy of Art”

Steven Haug, University of California, Santa Cruz

“Devastation, Language, and Homelessness in Heidegger’s Thinking (1945/46)”

Parker McDill, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Chris Davidson, Ball State University

Philosophy and Values I

Room 1.135

Panel: Philosophy of Friendship

“Montaigne as Reader: An Accidental Friendship”

Ryan Manley, Texas A&M University

“Friendship: Salvation of the City and the Philosopher”

Tyrel Garrett, University of Dallas

Moderator: Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas

10:00-10:15 am

Break

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

Room 1.128

“Become Who You Are: Thinking and Being as Releasement in the Later Heidegger”

Ian Alexander Moore, St. John’s College

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Room 1.131

Panel: On Derrida and Postmodernism

“On Thinking and Living the Bomb: Nuclear Li(v)es”

Shellie McCullough, University of Texas at Dallas

"The paradoxical relation between Affect and Technology"

Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Michael Norton, University of Arkansas Little Rock

Room 1.135

Philosophy and Values II

“The Immorality of Plagiarism”

Andrew Pavelich, University of Houston – Downtown

“Educate and Punish: Kantian Production of Autonomy through the Disciplining of Schoolchildren”

Chris Davidson, Ball State University

Moderator: Tyrel Garrett, University of Dallas

11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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

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“Of an Alien Homecoming: Heidegger’s Hölderlin”

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

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Philosophy and Values III

Panel: On Empathy and Identity

“Empathy as Imagining Another’s Perspective”

Atanacio Hernandez, University of Illinois-Chicago

"Strong Composition as Identity and Proper Composition,"

Joseph Long, SUNY-Brockport

Moderator: Andrew Pavelich, University of Houston – Downtown

12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

Session 4 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

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FRIDAY'S PLENARY ADDRESS

“Methodology · Hermeneutics · Science: On Nietzsche’s ‘Triumph of Scientific Method Over Science’

Babette Babich, Fordham University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

3:00 -3:15 pm

Break

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

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“Hermeneutical solidarity, or, the political that is not yet politics”

Ted George, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

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Panel: Confessional Writings and the Philosophy of Faith

“Ravished by Beauty: Emerson and the Essence of Religion”

Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

“Finding Our Way: Ethical Orientation from the Faith of Reason”

Keith Brown, University of North Texas

Moderator: Jordan Batson, Tarrant County College

4:15-4:30 pm

Break

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

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“Trump, the Alt-Light, and the Alt-Right from the Perspective of the Genealogy of Propaganda.”

Cory Wimberly, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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Panel: Gadamer and Mysticism: Jean-Luc-Marion, and Sufism

. “The Concept of Over-determinacy in William Desmond, Hans-Georg Gadamer, and Jean-Luc Marion”

Mike Vendsel, Tarrant County College

“Gadamer’s Concept of Play and the Mystical Dance of the Sufis”

Fatemah Tashakori, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Steven Haug, University of California, Santa Cruz

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Philosophy and Values IV

Sponsored Session, Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology at UTD

"Science and Moral Imagination"

Matthew J Brown, University of Texas at Dallas

“The Nocebo Effect and Informed Consent”

Scott Gelfand, Oklahoma State University

"On the Clitoris and the Female Orgasm: Reclaiming Validity in Scientific Research"

Natacha Guyot, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Joseph Long, SUNY-Brockport

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8:30-9:00 am

Registration

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

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“Back to Basics: The Forgotten Fore-conception of Completeness”

Lawrence Schmidt, Hendrix College

Moderator: Alexander Crist, Texas A&M University

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Panel: Heidegger, Husserl, Derrida

“The World-Forming Stone: Anthropocene as Hyperobject”

Michael Norton, University of Arkansas Little Rock

“Heidegger’s Idealist Misinterpretation of Husserl”

Stijn Talloen, Rice University

Moderator: Don Beith, University of Maine

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Panel: Engagements with Aristotle

. "Genetic vs. Eidetic Causes: Francis Bacon's Critique of Aristotle in the New Organon (1620)"

Martin Yaffe, University of North Texas

“The Literary Relation to the Other in Greek Tragedy”

Ian Maley, Villanova University

Moderator: Alistair Welchman, University of Texas San Antonio

10:00-10:15 am

Break

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

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"Myopia and Rational Agency: Samuel Johnson's Paradox, the New Kantianism, and the Internet"

Richard Velkley, Tulane University

Moderator: Martin Yaffe, University of North Texas

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Panel: Heidegger, the Sexless Community, and Death

"Heidegger's Sexless Community: *ni homme, ni femme- c'est un Dasein*"

Jill Drouillard, Richland College

“The Kingdom of Dead Ends: The Existential Imperatives of a Futureless World”

Don Beith, University of Maine

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

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Panel: Hermeneutics, Art and the Environment

"Gadamer and Bearden on Art's Address"

Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

“Environmental Hermeneutics and the Hermeneutic Tradition”

David Utsler, University of North Texas

Moderator: David Liakos, University of New Mexico

11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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

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“Hegel and the Politics of Nihilism”

Christian Emden, Rice University

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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Panel: Heidegger: Genocide and Technology

“From Wonder Through to Terror: Remarks on Heidegger and Genocide”

Clinton Debogorski, University of Toronto

“Positioning Enframing: Heidegger’s Bremen Lectures and His Philosophy of Technology”

Matthew Kruger-Ross, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: Parker McDill, University of Texas at Dallas

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Panel: Merleau-Ponty and his Interlocutors

“Being Sens-ed by the World: Merleau-Ponty, Sartre, and the significance of place in minimal self-awareness”

Michael Butler, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“At the Opening of Madness: An Exploration of the Nonrational with Merleau-Ponty, Foucault and Kierkegaard”

Hannah Lyn Venable, University of Dallas

Moderator: Jill Drouillard, Richland College

12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

Session 10 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

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Saturday's Keynote Address

"The Beast and the Sovereign: Derrida's Deconstructive Reading of Heidegger on Animality"

Walter Brogan, Villanova University

Moderator: Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

3:00 -3:15 pm

Break

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

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"Derrida on Levinas"

Robert Wood, University of Dallas

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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Panel: Issues in Modern Philosophy

“Schopenhauer’s Understanding of Schelling”

Alistair Welchman, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Why Women Give Way to Men: Spinoza and the Ontology of Pregnancy”

Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University

Moderator: Michael Butler, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Panel: Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

“The Myth of Dionysus and Ariadne in Friedrich Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*”

Francesca Brunetti, University of Texas at Dallas

“Nietzsche’s Zarathustra, The Last Man and Modernity”

Ken Armentrout, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Hannah Lyn Venable, University of Dallas

4:15-4:30 pm

Break

Session 12 (4:30-5:45 pm)

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Panel: Gadamer on Pain and Curiosity

“A Hermeneutics of Pain: Gadamer’s Defense of Pain as a Hermeneutic Return to Finitude”

Alexander Crist, Texas A&M University

“Gadamer’s Rehabilitation of Curiosity”

David Liakos, University of New Mexico

Moderator: David Utsler, University of North Texas

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Panel: The Politics of the Image in Heidegger, Blanchot and Nancy

“The Barred Image: Truth and Violence in Heidegger and Nancy”

Laura Campos, DePaul University

“Desire and the Image in Blanchot and Nancy”

Jared C Bly, Villanova University

“Uncanny Intimacy, or the Deconstruction of the Ipeic Image”

Humberto Gonzalez Nuñez, Villanova University

Moderator: Clinton Debogorski, University of Toronto

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Panel: On Platonic Philosophy

"Alyosha Karamazov and the Platonic Soul"

Dolan Kay, University of Dallas

“Socrates: The Enemy of Philosophy”

Farshad Sadri, University of Dallas

Moderator: Tyrel Garrett, University of Dallas

NTPA Business Meeting (5:45-6:15 pm)

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