

THE 52<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE  
NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
ERIK JOHNSON CENTER (JO)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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8:30-9:00 am

Registration: JO 4<sup>TH</sup> Floor

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

Room 4.102

“Divine Dispossession and the Critique of Mysticism in Paul Celan’s Poems ‘*Du sei wie du*’ and  
‘*Wirk nicht voraus*’”

Ian Alexander Moore, St. John’s College

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.112

Panel: Interpreting the Ancient Philosophers: Plato and Aristotle

“The Republic’s Paternalistic Regime”

Patrick Cox, Independent Scholar

“Activity and Quantum Darwinism: Recovering Substance in Relational Metaphysics”

Daniel Steele, University of Dallas

Moderator: Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas

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Room 4.122

Panel: Heideggerian Phenomenology: Science and Theology

“Is a Phenomenology of the Event Possible? Phenomenology as Original Science in Heidegger’s  
Early Seminars”

Humberto José González Núñez, Villanova University

“Either/Or: God in Phenomenology”

Steven DeLay, Ambrose College, Woolf University

Moderator: Laura Campos, DePaul University

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10:00-10:15 am

Break

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

Room 4.102

“On Being in Common: The *Sensus Communis* and Completing Kant’s Copernican Turn”

Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Daniel James Smith, University of Memphis

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Room 4.112

Panel: Kierkegaard and Hermeneutics

“New Prophets: Social Diagnosis, Prescription, and Prophecy in Kierkegaard and Heidegger”

Nicholas Allmaier, Tulane University

“Self-Understanding in Kierkegaard and Gadamer: Affinities between Gadamer's Hermeneutical Aesthetics and Kierkegaard's Religious Existentialism”

Mario Delucci, University of Dallas

Moderator: Corey Horn, Tulane University

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Room 4.122

Panel: Phenomenology and Religious Life

“Transitions in Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: The Case of the Religion Chapter”

Raoni Padui, St. John's College

“The Secret of the Sacred and the Space of Religious Life”

Laura Campos, DePaul University

Moderator: Humberto José González Núñez, Villanova University

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Room 5.602

Panel: Capitalism and the Experience of History: Marx, Simmel and Sartre

“The Value Assigned to Money in a Capitalist Society and the Commodification of Reality

Fábio Valenti Possamai, University of North Texas

"History as Anti-Human: Sartre on Experiencing the Past"

Michael Butler, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: David Utsler, Texas Woman’s University

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11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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

Room 4.102

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

"Hölderlin and Celan: A Fragmented Poetics of Remembrance"

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.112

Panel: On Linguistic Analysis and Knowability

"Knowability for an Overall Theory of Truth and Knowledge"

Benjamin Faltsek, Texas A&M University

"Artificial Intelligence and Linguistic Analysis: A hermeneutic of rationality"

Steven Peña, San Jacinto College

Moderator: Mark Taylor, University of Oklahoma

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12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

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Session 4 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

Room 4.102

FRIDAY'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"From Esthetics of Liberation to Aesthetic Philosophies, Through a South-South Dialogue"

Alejandro A. Vallega, University of Oregon

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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3:00-3:15 pm

Break

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

Room 4.102

“Frantz Fanon and Phenomenology”

Robert Bernasconi, Pennsylvania State University

Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

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Room 4.112

Panel: Concepts of Interiority in Early Modern Thought: Luther and Descartes

“Luther and the Limits of Transmoral Conscience”

Ryan Manley, Texas A&M University

“On the Rhetorical Function of Descartes’s Will Doctrine in the Meditations”

Karl von der Luft, Saint John’s College

Moderator: Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University

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Room 4.122

Panel: Antigone in Philosophy

“The Individual vs the State: a Study of Socrates and Antigone”

Chrysoula Gitsoulis, College of Staten Island, CUNY

“Rereading Hegel’s Politics Through Firestone’s Dialectic of Sex”

Liam O’Mahony, Louisiana State University

Moderator: Raoni Padui, St. John's College (Santa Fe)

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Room 4.614

Panel: Foucault: Madness, Truth, and Irony

“The Carnival of the Mad: Foucault’s Window into the Origin of Psychology”

Hannah Lyn Venable, Trinity University

“Truth or Irony: Foucault’s Treatment of Socrates in his Later Lectures”

Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas

Moderator: Jack Kent, University of Texas-San Antonio

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4:15-4:30 pm

Break

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Session 6 (4:30-5:30)

Room 4.102

“On Heidegger and the ‘Virile Hölderlin’: Poetry & Philosophy & Wallace Stevens’ Travelogue of the Mind”

Babette Babich, Fordham University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.112

Panel: Comparative Challenges to Kant's Political Philosophy

“Thomas Paine's Cosmopolitan Project: Securing Human Rights and Global Peace”

Corey Horn, Tulane University

“A New Anthropological Interpretation of Kant's Account of Radical Evil”

Daniel James Smith, University of Memphis

Moderator: Jeffrey Morrissey, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

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Room 4.122

Panel: Beyond Heidegger: Fink and Foucault

“Eugen Fink's Post-Metaphysical Play: Moving Beyond Heidegger”

Haley Irene Burke, Texas A&M University

“Discipline and *Mitsein*: A Structured Encounter between Foucault and Heidegger”

Jack Kent, University of Texas-San Antonio

Moderator: Ian Alexander Moore, St. John's College (Santa Fe)

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Room 4.614

Panel: Merleau-Ponty on Naturalism, Ethics, and Naming

“The Inverse Logic of a Dialectical Phenomenology: Merleau-Ponty’s Intercorporeal and Retrogressively Temporal Naturalism and Ethics”

Don Beith, University of Maine

“Towards a Phenomenology of One’s Own Name”

Matthew Wilde, University of Dallas

Moderator: Hannah Lyn Venable, Trinity University

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Room 5.602

Panel: Contemporary French Phenomenology: Marion and Nancy

“Jean-Luc Marion, Positive Causal Networks, and Significance in Life”

Matthew Paul Schunke, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

“The Loss of Sense as the Affirmation of Goodness: Jean-Luc Nancy Reading Plato”

Timothy Jussaume, Saint Leo University

Moderator: Michael Vendsel, Tarrant County College

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Saturday, MARCH 28

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8:30-9:00 am

Registration: JO 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

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

Room 4.102

Panel: Book Panel (Part I): *Eckhart, Heidegger, and the Imperative of Releasement*

Ian Alexander Moore, St. John's College

Respondent: Robert Bernasconi, Pennsylvania State University

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

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Room 4.112

Panel: The Eco-Weird: Incommensurable Nature and the Boundary of Otherness

“Translating Nature: Hermeneutics and Environmental Otherness”

Nathan M. Bell, Brookhaven College

“Climate Change as Cosmic Horror: Speculative Realism, Weird Fiction, and Eco-Phenomenology”

Brian Hisao Onishi, Penn State, Altoona

Moderator: Philip Day, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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Room 4.122

Panel: On Social and Political Phenomena

“Ugly, Witchy Feelings”

Katie B. Howard, Southwestern University

“What is Propaganda and How Can It Be Identified?”

Cory Wimberly, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Eyo Ewara, University of Texas, San Antonio

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Room 4.614

Panel: Theories of Activity and Embodiment

“The Deadliness of Doing: Oakeshott and Agamben on Activity”

David Liakos, Houston Community College

““Paul Celan and the Possibilities of Embodied Interpretation in Carnal Hermeneutics: Tracing  
Celan’s Physiological Language in *Seelenblind*”

Alexander Crist, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Michael Butler, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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10:00-10:15 am

Break

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

Room 4.102

Book Panel (Part II): *Eckhart, Heidegger, and the Imperative of Releasement*

Ian Alexander Moore, St. John's College

Respondent: Babette Babich, Fordham University

Respondent: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.112

Panel: Hermeneutics and Ethics

“Social Esteem, Peace, and Deep Common Accord: Recognition in Honneth, Ricoeur, and Gadamer”

David Utsler, Texas Woman's University

"Gadamer and Fricker on Prejudice"

Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

Moderator: Fábio Valenti Possamai, University of North Texas

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Room 4.122

Panel: Continental Philosophy and Power: Critique, Genealogy, Resistance (Part I)

“Foster Care at the U.S. Southern Border: A Foucauldian Analysis of Family Separations,”

Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

“Queer Fanon: Embodiment, Subversion, Politics”

Eyo Ewara, University of Texas, San Antonio

Moderator: Cory Wimberley, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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Room 4.614

“The Critical Task of Phenomenology”

Delia Popa, Villanova University

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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

Room 4.102

Panel: On Heidegger and Derrida: Poetry and Politics

“On Translating Poetry: Heidegger, Derrida, and the Idiom”

Michael Portal, Texas A&M University

“Essential Others, Aberrant Others: Heidegger, Nationalism, and the Logic of Essence”

Benjamin Brewer, Emory University

Moderator: Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.112

Panel: Medical Phenomenology

“A World of Pain: Preliminary Phenomenological Explorations of Patients’ Pain Experiences”

Phillip G. Day, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

"Aesthetic Experience and Dichotomies of 'Drinks' and 'Drugs': A Response to Scruton"

Joey Tuminello, McNeese State University

Moderator: Brian Hisao Onishi, Penn State, Altoona

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Room 4.122

Panel: Continental Philosophy and Power: Critique, Genealogy, Resistance (Part II)

“Queering *Gestell*: Thinking Outside Butler’s Frames and Inside Reproductive Enframing”

Jill Drouillard, East Tennessee State University

“Toward a Renewed Reading of Will to Power,”

Jessica Elkayam, University of Texas, San Antonio

Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

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Room 4.614

“Reincorporating the Incorporeal: Deleuze and New Materialism”

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

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Panel: Phenomenology in Dialogue and Affectivity

“Dialogue in Jorge Portilla’s Phenomenology”

Brian Harding, Texas Woman’s University

“Affectivity and relation to the world: Heidegger and Richir”

Dominic Nnaemeka Ekweariri, Bergische, Universität Wuppertal

Moderator: Steven DeLay, Ambrose College, Woolf University

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12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

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Session 10 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

Room 4.614

SATURDAY’S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Being Robbed of One’s Voice: On Listening and Political Violence in Adriana Cavarero and Ariel Dorfman”

María del Rosario Acosta López, University of California, Riverside

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

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3:00-3:15 pm

Break

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

Room 4.102

Panel: The End of Political Philosophy? Nietzsche, Heidegger, Strauss (Part I)

“On Nietzsche’s Convalescent Cosmopolitanism”

Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

“Nietzsche on Masculinity”

Jeffrey Church, University of Houston

Moderator: Alexander Duff, University of North Texas

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Room 4.112

Panel: Assemblage Ethics: Trust, Norms, Bodies, and Things (Part I)

“Assembling the Messianic Subject”

Adam Miller, Collin College

“Cyborg Agency: Ethics Beyond Cartesian Humanism”

Levi Bryant, Collin College

Moderator: John Macready, Collin College

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Room 4.122

Panel: Philosophy and Art in Practice and Theory

“Velázquez, Nietzsche and the Triumph of Bacchus”

Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas

“Gadamer: The Communication of Truth Through Art”

Robyn Toler, University of Dallas

Moderator: Nathan Bell, Brookhaven College

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Room 4.614

“On Being Called: Hermeneutical Considerations”

Theodore George, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

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4:15-4:30 pm

Break

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Session 12 4:30-5:30

Room 4.102

Panel: The End of Political Philosophy? Nietzsche, Heidegger, Strauss (Part II)

“Heidegger and the Language of Politics”

Alexander Duff, University of North Texas

“Nietzsche, Strauss, and the Nature Problem”

Richard Velkley, Tulane University

Moderator: Jeffrey Church, University of Houston

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Room 4.112

Panel: Assemblage Ethics: Trust, Norms, Bodies, and Things (Part II)

“Disclosing Trust: Affect, Vulnerability, and Ethics”

Jeffrey Courtright, Collin College

“On Immanent Normativity”

John Macready, Collin College

Moderator: Levi Bryant, Collin College

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Room 4.122

Panel: Philosophy, Comportment and Art: Heidegger and Emerson

“Toward an Authentic Musical Comportment in Heidegger’s *Being and Time*

Vidya Ravilochan, The New School for Social Research

“Love and Be Silent: Shakespeare, Emerson, Power”

Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Robyn Toler, University of Dallas

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Room 4.614

Panel: The Image in Photography and Poetry

“Photography and the Concealment of Ground: On Didi-Huberman’s Reading of Heidegger”

Ian Maley, Villanova University

“Ambivalence and the Image: Berger and Russon on the Tensions that Drive Our Lives”

Jeffrey Morrissey, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Benjamin, History and the Dialectical Images of Baudelaire's Poetry”

Jared Bly, Villanova University

Moderator: Chris Davidson, Ball State University

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5.602

Panel: Ethics, Gender and Love

“Spinoza on Gender and Gender Identity: Beyond the Binary”

Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University

“Intellectual Love”

Mark R. Taylor, University of Oklahoma

Moderator: Philip Day, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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5:45 pm

Room 4.122

Business Meeting

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Sunday, MARCH 29

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9:30-10:00 am

Registration: JO 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

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Session 13

10:00-11:45 am

Room 4.112

Panel: Gadamer's Artistic Approach to Truth and Ethics

“Unjust Portraits: A Gadamerian Critical Hermeneutics”

Trevor Jamieson, University of Dallas

“Art as Organism: Gadamer and Dewey on the Organic Basis of Art”

Josiah Duran, University of Dallas

“Where we Play: Gadamer and the Ethics of Architecture”

Max Potts, University of Dallas

“Hermeneutic Truth: The Work of Art as *Vollzug* in the Philosophy of Hans-Georg Gadamer”

Maximilian Wilson, University of Dallas

Moderator: Alexander Crist, Texas A&M University

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Room 4.122

Workshop: Foucault's *History of Sexuality* vol. 4

Christopher Davidson, Ball State University