

THE 52ND MEETING OF THE
NORTH TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS'
NAVEEN JINDAL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (JSOM)

AND

GREEN HALL (GR 4.428)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

8:30-9:00 am

Registration: JSOM LOBBY

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

Room: 2.804

“Nietzsche’s Convalescent Cosmopolitanism”

Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

Room: 2.901

Panel: Topics in the Philosophy and Literature

“Tradition and Hermeneutical Experience in T.S. Eliot and Hans-Georg Gadamer”

Tavner Threatt, University of Dallas

“In Defense of the Devil's Despair: An Argument based on Kierkegaard's *Sickness unto Death* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*”

Susan McRae, University of North Texas

Moderator: Amanda Rae Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas

Room: 2.903

Panel: Topics in the Philosophy of Human Nature

“Empathy as a Feminine Trait Irrespective of Culture”
Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas

“Instinct to Survive: Stirring the Higher Passions”
David Utsler, North Central Texas College

Moderator: Lucas Fishman, Loyola Marymount University

10:00-10:15 am

Break

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

Room: 2.804

“Schürmann on the Rise and Fall of Natural Law: For the Love of the Tragic Double
Bind”

Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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Panel: On Values and Ideals in Kant and Gadamer

“Kantian Intrinsic Value as a Final, Non-Derivative Value”

Hyun Yang, University of North Texas

“Two Ethical Ideals in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics”

Lewis Rosenberg, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Tavner Threatt, University of Dallas

Room: 2.903

Panel: Hermeneutic Applications

“A Conversation Between Heidegger’s Language as the House of Being and Ubuntu (Being-with)”

Kehinde O. Tijani, University of Texas at Dallas

“Toward a Hermeneutical Metaphysics”

Michael Maxwell Potts, University of Dallas

Moderator: Zachary M. Meyer, University of Texas at Dallas

11:15 -11:30 am

Break

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

Room: GREEN HALL 4.428

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

"Celan and Hölderlin in Conversation: Reading *Ars Poetica* 62"

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

Session 4 (1:30 pm-2:30 pm)

Room: 2.804

“Interrogating the Cartographies of New Materialist Feminism”

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

Moderator: Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown

Room: 2.901

Panel: Book Review of Ian Alexander Moore’s *Dialogue on the Threshold: Heidegger on Trakl*
(Part I)

Reviewer: Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University

Response: Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

2:30-2:45 pm

Break

Session 5 (2:45-3:45 pm)

Room: 2.804

“Philosophy as a way of life: case studies: Nietzsche/self-creation; Simone Weil/Attention”

Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown

Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University

Room: 2.901

Panel: Book Review of Ian Alexander Moore's *Dialogue on the Threshold: Heidegger on Trakl*
(Part II)

Reviewer: Alexander Crist, Texas A&M University

Response: Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

3:45-4:00 pm

Break

Session 6 (4:00-5:00 pm)

Room: 2.804

“The Between-Field: Heidegger’s Pedagogy of Mistakes in the ‘Tower Conversation’”

Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Babette Babich, Fordham University

Room: 2.901

Panel: On Roman and Early Christian Philosophy

“The Missing Roman Epoch”

Richard Ackermann, Independent Scholar

“*Praeambula fidei et philosophiae*: Augustine’s dialectical work in *De Libero Arbitrio*”

Gene Fendt, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Moderator: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University

Room: 2.903

Panel: *Transformative Language and Technological Thinking*

“On Language as Transformative and Interpersonal”

John Burnham, University of Dallas

“Technological thinking in the Anthropocene: Borges’ Library of Babel as a figure of calculation”

Rodrigo E. De los Santos, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Brady DeHoust, Texas A&M University

5:00-5:15 pm

Break

Session 7 (5:15-6:15 pm)

Room: 2.804

“The Politics of Pessimism”

Alistair Welchman, University of Texas San Antonio

Moderator: Gene Fendt, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Room 2.901

Panel: *On the Ancient Soul: Pathos and Reasonings*

“Deliberation, Desire, and Virtue in the Iliad”

Brandon Wadlington, Texas A&M University

“Soul, Singularity, and Affection in Aristotle’s *De Anima*”

Laura Campos de González, DePaul University

Moderator: Richard Ackermann, Independent Scholar

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Panel: Stewardship and Hermeneutic Environmental Philosophy

“The Art of Being-Towards Place: An Imperative to Stewardship”

Lucas Fishman, Loyola Marymount University

“An Antiphilosophical Reflection on the Infrareality of Climate Change (Thinking the Extreme of the Non-Event)”

Rafael Fernández, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Firooz Jafari, Texas A&M University

Saturday, APRIL 1, 2023

8:30-9:00 am

Registration: JSOM LOBBY

Session 8 (9:00 -10:00 am)

Room: 2.804

“The Chains of the Free Spirit: Seven Aphorisms on Nietzsche's *The Gay Science*, Book 5”

Richard Velkley, Tulane University

Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Room: 2.901

Panel: Bildung and Philosophy as a Way of Life

“Gadamer On *Bildung* and Solidarity”

Firooz Jafari, Texas A&M University

“Wollstonecraft’s Contributions to Care of the Self and Philosophy as a Way of Life”

Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

Room: 2.903

Panel: Philosophy, Health, and Science

“Livable Death: Connecting the work of Susan Brison, Judith Butler, and Robert Pogue Harrison”

Kelty Barrett, University of Texas at Dallas

“Gadamer and the Faces of Science”

Moriah Poliakoff, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Rafael Fernández, Texas A&M University

10:00-10:15 am

Break

Session 9 (10:15 -11:15 am)

Room: 2.804

“Justice, Accountability, and Their Limits in *Republic I*: What We Can Learn from Athenian Politics Today?”

Anne-Marie Shultz, Baylor University

Moderator: Alistair Welchman, University of Texas San Antonio

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Panel: Enlightenment and Postmodern Political Theory

"Who lives, who dies, who tells your story?" Spinoza's Political Aesthetics”

Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University

“Radical democracy, populism, and ideological entrenchment: A critique of Laclau's conception of democracy”

Pedro Moreira, Texas Christian University

Moderator: Laura Campos de González, DePaul University

Room: 2.903

Panel: On Interpreters and Interpretation

“Being an Interpreter: Phenomenology, Realism, and the Humanities”

David Liakos, Houston Community College

“Hermeneutics at the Threshold: Gadamer and Van der Heiden on Interpretation,
Testimony, and the Poetic Word”

Brady DeHoust, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Rodrigo E. De los Santos, Texas A&M University

11:15 -11:30 am

Break

Session 10 (11:30 am-12:30 pm)

Room: 2.804

“Freedom, Truth, and *Kairos*”

Richard Polt, Xavier University

Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

Room: 2.901

Panel: Topics in the Philosophy of Art and Literature

“The Mark of Cura: Heidegger, and Monet’s series paintings at Giverny”

Amanda Rae Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas

“Dionysus, Ariadne, and the Mystery of Zarathustra’s Climax”

Zachary M. Meyer, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Elizabeth Newkirk, Independent Scholar

Room: 2.903

Panel: Values in Practice

“The Case of the Missing Women: Addressing the Lack of Female Testimony in
Accounts of Political Violence”

Parish Conkling, Houston Community College

“The Rope to Hang Ourselves: Dasein, Care, and the Significance of Addiction”

Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas

Moderator: Keltly Barrett, University of Texas at Dallas

12:30 -1:30 pm

Lunch

Session 11 (1:30 pm-3 pm)

Room: GREEN HALL 4.428

SATURDAY’S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Kant and the Politics of Lying”

Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas

3:00-3:15 pm

Break

Session 12 (3:15-4:15 pm)

Room: 2.804

“De Certeau’s Unnameable and the ‘*amicus mortis*’”

Babette Babich, Fordham University

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

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Panel: Topics in Heidegger Studies

“A *Kairological* Experience of Heidegger’s Origin”

Weian Ding, Loyola Marymount University

“The Inconspicuous Phenomenality of *Phusis*: Heidegger, Heraclitus, and the Phenomenology of the Inapparent”

Humberto José González Núñez, Villanova University

Moderator: David Liakos, Houston Community College

4:15-4:30 pm

Break

Session 13 (4:30-5:30 pm)

Room: 2.804

“Praxis as Experience”

Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Humberto José González Núñez, Villanova University

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Panel: Topics in the Philosophy of Art: Contemporary Music and Literature

“The Americanist (A Supplemental Essay)”
Elizabeth Newkirk, Independent Scholar and Artist

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

Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

Moderator: Moderator: Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas

5:35 pm

Room: 2.903

Business Meeting
