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## 2024 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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March 29–30

The University of Texas at Dallas  
Eric Jonsson Academic Center

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**Keynote Address:** Mariana Ortega, Pennsylvania State University (session 8)

**Robert E. Wood Memorial Address:** Babette Babich, Fordham University (session 4)

**Presidential Address:** Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas (session 1)

### Invited Speakers

Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women (session 2.1)

Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University (session 3.1)

Selin Islekel, Texas A&M University (session 5.1)

Jared Bly, Villanova University (session 5.2)

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University (session 6.1)

Josh Hayes, Alvernia University (session 7.1)

Humberto González Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas (session 9.1)

Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston – Downtown (session 10.1)

### Special Sessions

*Hermeneutical Approaches to Aesthetics and Ethics* (Saturday 10-11:20am)

Theodore George, Texas A&M University

Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas

Elena Romagnoli, University of Pisa

*Environmental Philosophy in Catastrophic Times* (Saturday 3:05-4:25pm)

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

David Utsler, North Central Texas College

Nathan Bell, Dallas College

### Workshops

*Marxism and Ideology Critique*

Facilitated by Jared Bly, Villanova University (Friday 2:30-4:50pm)

*Foucault's History of Sexuality vol. 4*

Facilitated by Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University (Saturday 9-11:20am)

## FRIDAY 3/29

### Arrival and Registration

Jonsson Performance Hall Atrium  
12:30-1pm

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### SESSION 1

#### Presidential Address

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas  
*Celan and Hölderlin: A Fragmented Poetics of Citation*  
Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
1-2:15pm

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### WORKSHOP

2:30-4:50pm

#### Marx and Ideology Critique (Preregistration Required)

Facilitator: Jared Bly, Villanova University  
JO 4.504

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### SESSION 2

2:30-3:30pm

#### 2.1 Invited Speaker

Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women, *Feminist Heidegger: Sex, Gender, and the Politics of Birth*  
Moderator: Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University  
JO 4.614

#### 2.2 Intercorporeal Agency, Regeneration, and Garden Ethics

Don Beith, University of Maine, *Across the Limit of Environmental Ethics: Exo-bodily Values, Embedded Justice and Intercorporeal Agency*  
Sarah M. Conrad, Prairie View Texas A&M University, *Garden Ethics: Recognizing Global Entanglements & Cultivating Virtues of Sustainability*  
Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College  
JO 4.102

#### 2.3 The Hermeneutic Circle and Literature

Alexander Crist, Pensacola State College, *Rethinking Solidarity: Gadamer, Hermeneutic Virtues, and Melville's 'The Confidence-Man'*  
Haley Burke, Texas A&M University, *From Heidegger's Formal Indications to Gadamer's Conversations: What the Hermeneutic Circle Understands*  
Moderator: Juraj Nevjestic, University of Dallas  
JO 4.708

- 2.4 Unity and Plurality in Aristotle and Spinoza  
Abolfazl Jafari Khaneh, Texas Tech University, *Aristotle on Ousia*  
Sahar Arya, Texas Tech University, *Individuation in Spinoza*  
Moderator: Mark Anderson, Tarrant County College  
JO 5.602

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**SESSION 3**

3:45-4:45pm

- 3.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University, *Heidegger's Secret Germany*  
Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 4.614
- 3.2 Art, Mysticism, and The Limits of Language in Wittgenstein and Heidegger  
Brian Harding, Texas Women's University, *Expressionism and the Resolute Reading of the 'Tractatus'*  
Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas, *Ethical Language in the Garden of Care: Heidegger, Ethos, and Poetic Dwelling in Claude Monet's Giverny Landscapes*  
Moderator: Weian Ding, Texas A&M University  
JO 4.102
- 3.3 Gadamer, Disability, Charity  
Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas, *Intellectual Disability, Gadamer and the Person as Word*  
Juraj Nevjestic, University of Dallas, *"I Will Make an Effort": Charitable Interpretation in Gadamer's Hermeneutics*  
Moderator: Haley Burke, Texas A&M University  
JO 4.708
- 3.4 Petromodern Infrastructures and Ontological Fungibility: Food Spaces and Water  
Isabelle Bishop, University of North Texas, *Ordinary Infrastructures: Petromodern Food Spaces in Climate Chaos*  
Anna Kokareva, University of North Texas, *Inhabiting Liminality and Resisting Industrial Oppression in Valentin Rasputin's Novel 'Farewell to Matyora' (1976)*  
Moderator: Nathan Bell, Dallas College  
JO 5.602

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**SESSION 4**

**Robert E. Wood Memorial Address**

Babette Babich, Fordham University

*Musical 'Ressentiment' and Misogyny: Orpheus, Bob Dylan, and Meat Loaf*

Moderator: Theodore George, Texas A&M University

Jonsson Performance Hall

5-6:30pm

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**RECEPTION**

Jonsson Performance Hall Atrium

(hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music)

6:30-9pm

## SATURDAY 3/30

### COFFEE & PASTRIES

Jonsson Performance Hall Atrium  
8:30-9am

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### WORKSHOP

9-11:20am

**Foucault's History of Sexuality vol. 4** (Preregistration Required)  
Facilitator: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University  
JO 4.502

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### SESSION 5

9-10am

- 5.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Selin Islekel, Texas A&M University, *Archives in Ruins: Memories of Grief and Spaces of Death*  
Moderator: Katilina White, City University of New York  
JO 4.614
- 5.2 **Invited Speaker**  
Jared Bly, Villanova University, *Reification and Interpellation: Ideology Critique between Lukacs and Althusser*  
Moderator: Humberto González Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 4.102
- 5.3 Thinking in Troubled Times  
Andreea Bălan, University of Dallas, *Thinking, Totalitarianism, and Tribunals: The Fragility of Hermeneutics in Repressive Regimes*  
Cana Beverage, University of Dallas, *When 'Things Fall Apart': Thinking Through Absurdity with Arendt and Aseyev*  
Moderator: John Macready, Collin College  
JO 3.601
- 5.4 Heidegger and Religion  
Mark Anderson, Tarrant County College, *On 'Remaking Our Will from the Ground Up'*  
Thomas Farrell, University of Texas at Dallas, *Heidegger's Call*  
Moderator: Eric Sampson, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 3.536
- 5.5 Scientific Inquiry, Artificial Intelligence, and Hermeneutics  
Frederick Grinnell, UT Southwestern, *Scientific Inquiry and Complementarity*  
Steven Peña, San Jacinto College, *Artificial Intelligence and Linguistic Analysis: A hermeneutic of rationality*  
Moderator: Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University  
JO 4.708
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## SPECIAL SESSION

10-11:20am

### Hermeneutical Approaches to Aesthetics and Ethics

Theodore George, Texas A&M University, *What is the hermeneutic context of art? Classical, Avant-garde, and Beyond*

Cynthia Nielsen, University of Dallas, *Gadamer and Zbagan on Experiencing Art's Time and War-Time*

Elena Romagnoli, University of Pisa, *Playing and Reading. Reassessing Gadamer's Performative Aesthetics*

Moderator: Lewis Rosenberg, Texas A&M University

JO 4.122

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## SESSION 6

10:15-11:15am

### 6.1 Invited Speaker

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University, *If It Ain't Baroque: Thinking Life Beyond the Human - Impotence, Impossibility & Exhaustion*

Moderator: Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston—Downtown

JO 4.614

### 6.2 Heidegger and the History of Being

Richard Ackermann, Independent Scholar, *The Missing Roman Epoch in Heidegger's History of Being*

Chester Micek, Loyola Marymount University, *Entity Individuation and Independence in Heidegger's 'The argument against need'*

Moderator: Aaron Brice Cummings, Texas A&M University—Commerce

JO 4.102

### 6.3 Heidegger and Bergson: Love and Ressentiment

Eric Sampson, University of Texas at Dallas, *The Non-anthropocentric Thinking of the Event of Being: Rosenzweig and Heidegger*

Pedro Brea, University of North Texas, *Analysis of the Temporality of Ressentiment through the Lens of Bergsonian Duration*

Moderator: Zachary Schroeder, Loyola Marymount University

JO 3.601

### 6.4 Art, the Senses, and Empathy

Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas, *Empathy as a Social Construct in 'Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?'*

Katilina White, City University of New York, *Perfume Against Interpretation: The Pursuit of Erotics over Hermeneutics and the Sense of Smell*

Moderator: Jacquelyn McDonald, University of Texas at Dallas

JO 3.536

### 6.5 Environmental Ethics: Global Perspectives and Posthumanism

Vithal Potdar, The Mythic Society, *Environmental Philosophy: An Indian Perspective*

Atoosa Afshari, University of North Texas, *Burrowing into the Posthuman*

Moderator: Anna Kokareva, University of North Texas

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**SESSION 7**  
11:30am-12:30pm

- 7.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Josh Hayes, Alvernia University, *Al-Fārabi's Radical Materialism: A Reply to Ernst Bloch*  
Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University  
JO 4.614
- 7.2 Art and Anarchy in the Anthropocene  
Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University, *What Would Freud Make of the Phrase "I Am an Anarchist"?*  
*Anarchy and Nihilism*  
Kevin Siefert, University of North Texas, *The Work of Art in the Age of Climate Change: Radically Relational Aesthetics*  
Moderator: Don Beith, University of Maine  
JO 4.102
- 7.3 Nietzsche and Arendt on Politics and Religion  
Zachary Schroeder, Loyola Marymount University, *Arendt & Nietzsche: An Investigation of the Political Lie*  
Zachary Marston Meyer, University of Texas at Dallas, *Pantheism and Nietzsche's True Religious Commitment*  
Moderator: Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
JO 4.122
- 7.4 Nancy, Derrida, Poetry, Hospitality  
Michael Portal, Texas A&M University, *Jean-Luc Nancy, Exchange, and the Heart of Gold in Lead*  
Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas, *Feminist Hospitality as Breathturn*  
Moderator: Joey Turner, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 3.601
- 7.5 Sartre and The Modern Self  
Tuan Anh Chau, Angelo State University, *Exploring Existential Authenticity: The Philosophical Foundations of the Self in Modernist British Literature from the Restorations Era to the Early Twentieth Century*  
Wei Wei Mo, Rice University, *On Sartre's Person as Responsible Agent*  
Moderator: Brady DeHoust, Texas A&M University  
JO 3.536

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**Lunch**

Jonsson Performance Hall Atrium  
12:30-1:30pm

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**SESSION 8**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Mariana Ortega, Penn State University  
*Aesthetic Trespassing in Lugones's account of Resistance*  
Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
1:30-3pm

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## SPECIAL SESSION

3:05-4:25pm

### Environmental Philosophy in Catastrophic Times

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas, *Atmospheres*

David Utsler, North Central Texas College, *On the Irrelevance of Environmental Philosophy*

Nathan Bell, Dallas College, *Environmental Responsibility: Capability in a World in Crisis*

Moderator: Sarah M. Conrad, Prairie View Texas A&M University

JO 4.122

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## SESSION 9

3:15-4:15pm

### 9.1 Invited Speaker

Humberto González Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas, *Life Death and the Possibility of Surviving Extinction: Derrida, Stiegler, and the Anthropocene*

Moderator: Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University

JO 4.614

### 9.2 Derrida, Deleuze, Animality, and Biological Immortality

Adam R. Rosenthal, Texas A&M University, *Biological Immortality Revisited: Thinking 'Being-toward-death' in the Wake of Derrida's 'Death Penalty' Seminars*

David McCullough, Loyola Marymount University, *Anomalous Life: Animality and Becoming-Animal in Husserl and Deleuze*

Moderator: Kevin Siefert, University of North Texas

JO 4.102

### 9.3 *The Play of the World: On Eugen Fink's Encounters with Nietzsche and Heidegger*

Dale Wilkerson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, *On ambivalence and play in Eugen Fink's Nietzsche*

Ian Alexander Moore, Loyola Marymount University, *Correlationism, Finitude, Individuation: Fink's Confrontation with Heidegger*

Moderator: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University

JO 3.601

### 9.4 Kant, Gadamer, Hermeneutics, Aesthetics

Lewis Rosenberg, Texas A&M University, *'A Voluptuousness for the Mind' – Kant on the Hermeneutic Priority of Natural Beauty*

Brady DeHoust, Texas A&M University, *Beauty and Language in Kant and Gadamer*

Moderator: Keltly Barrett, University of Texas at Dallas

JO 4.502

### 9.5 Spinoza and Foucault on Sexuality and Reproduction

Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech, *Spinoza on Reproduction and Pregnancy*

Nelson Peralta, Loyola Marymount University, *Queer as a Way of Life: On Resistant and Sicio Self-Constitution*

Moderator: Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas

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## SESSION 10

4:30-5:30pm

- 10.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Sharin Elkholy, University of Houston – Downtown, *On the Ontology of Fellow-Feeling: Heidegger and the Boundaries of Caring*  
Moderator: Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University  
JO 4.614
- 10.2 Foucault and Althusser  
Matthew Lampert, Northeast Texas Community College, *Apparatuses and their Subjects*  
Jeff Edwards, University of Texas at Dallas, *Power-as-Law versus Power-as-Conversation: The Case of Nicholas Merivether and Jane Doe*  
Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University  
JO 4.102
- 10.3 The Social Alchemy of Racecraft and The Fragile Subject  
Desmond Coleman, Alvernia University, *On the Alchemy of Excess, Existence, and Relation*  
Shea Li Dombrowski, Texas A&M University, *Kindred's Fragile Subjectivity*  
Moderator: Nelson Peralta, Loyola Marymount University  
JO 3.601
- 10.4 Heidegger, Romanticism, Fascism, and Another Beginning  
Aaron Brice Cummings, Texas A&M—Commerce, *Saving 'Existential Language' for Philosophy: Fondane's Critique of Heidegger's Hölderlin*  
Weian Ding, Texas A&M University, *The Anfang to come*  
Moderator: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women  
JO 4.502
- 10.5 Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Aesthetics  
Kely Barrett, University of Texas at Dallas, *Heidegger's Experiences of Art*  
Armaan Ahmed, Stony Brook, *An Idea Too Big*  
Moderator: Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 3.536

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### Business Meeting

5:30-6pm

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### Dinner and Drinks

Northside Drafthouse and Eatery  
3000 Northside Blvd suite 800, Richardson, TX 75080  
(A short 5-minute walk just north of campus)  
5:30-8pm