

54th ANNUAL

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2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 28–29

The University of Texas at Dallas
Eric Jonsson Academic Center

Keynote Address: Linda Martin Alcoff, Hunter College (session 8)

Robert E. Wood Memorial Address: Walter Brogan, Villanova University (session 4)

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

Invited Speakers

Babette Babich, Fordham University (session 2.1)

Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University (session 5.1)

Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University (session 10.1)

Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University (session 7.1)

Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas (session 6.1)

Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University (session 3.1)

Richard Velkley, Tulane University (session 9.1)

Special Sessions

The Future of Latin American Philosophy (Saturday 10:05-11:25am)

Don Deere, Texas A&M University

Julián Ríos Acuña, Grinnell College

Humberto González-Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas

All We Need is Truth: Hanging onto Humanity as an Act of Resistance (Saturday 3:05-4:25pm)

Hagit Barkai, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Sharin N. Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown

Workshops

Deleuze

Facilitated by A. Janae Sholtz, Alvernia College (Friday 10am-12:20pm)

Merleau-Ponty

Facilitated by Don Beith, University of Maine (Saturday 9am-11:20am)

Book Panel

Katherine Davies' *Heidegger's Conversations: Toward a Poetic Pedagogy* SUNY 24 (Saturday 4:15-5:30pm)

Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas

Chet Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University

Affiliate Sessions

Radical Philosophy Association RPA (session 9.2)

International Association for Environmental Philosophy IAEP (sessions 6.2 and 7.2)

F R I D A Y 3/28

WORKSHOP

10am-12:20pm

Deleuze

(Preregistration Required)

Facilitated by A. Janae Sholtz, Alvernia College

JO 4.122

Arrival and Registration

Eric Jonsson Academic Center (JO)

4th Floor Reception Area

12-12:30pm

SESSION 1

12:30-1:50pm

Presidential Address

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas, *Heidegger's Poetic Thinking*

Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

JO 4.614

SESSION 2

2-3:20pm

2.1 **Invited Speaker**

Babette Babich, Fordham University, *Hölderlin's Counterpoint*

Moderator: Anna Zikova, The New School

JO 4.614

2.2 *Althusser, Rancière and Laruelle*

Jared Bly, Villanova University, *Towards an Althusserian Aesthetics: Reflection Theory, Aesthetic Distantiation and the Progressive Character of Art*

Jonathan Fardy, Idaho State University, *RO/OK: Althusser and Laruelle*

Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas, *The Politics of Visibility*

Moderator: Tyson Lewis, University of North Texas

JO 3.601

2.3 *Hegel, Husserl, Heidegger, Gadamer*

Matthew Kwak, Loyola Marymount University, *Hegel and Heidegger, or the Question of Method*

Chet Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University, *A Distinct Political Philosophy Methodology: Husserlian Phenomenology of Justice*

Giovanni Katzaroff, University of Dallas, *Phenomena and their Context: The Influence of Husserl's Thought in Heidegger and Gadamer*

Moderator: Eric Samson, University of Texas at Dallas

JO 4.102

2.4 *Women of Color Feminisms, Marginalized Identities, and the Self*
Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas, *Coalition at the End of Difference: Ferreira da Silva, Lugones, Lorde, and the Poetry of the Hacked X*
Yara Marjan Daneshvar, University of Texas at Dallas, *Singing: Hometactics for a Gendered Self*
Brenda Vega, University of Texas at Dallas, *Between Worlds: Digression as a Path of Resistance*
Moderator: Shea Dombrowski, Texas A&M University
JO 4.122

2.5 *Spinoza and Translation*
Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University, *Spinoza for All: A new OA translation of 'Ethics'*
Moderator: Max Potts, University of Dallas
JO 3.536

SESSION 3
3:30-4:50pm

3.1 **Invited Speaker**
Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University, *On the Issue of Marrano Religion: Bielik-Robson on Derrida*
Moderator: Humberto González-Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas
JO 3.516

3.2 *Plato, War, and the Division of Labor*
Katilina White, CUNY Graduate Center, *The Division of Labor and The Possibility of Female Philosophers in Plato's 'Republic'*
Jason Stephens, Loyola University Chicago, *Socrates Against the Polymath: Labor & Dependency in Rival Lovers*
Anna Zikova, The New School, *War in Plato's 'Timaeus'*
Moderator: Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas
JO 4.614

3.3 *Heidegger on Art, Language, and the Origin*
Cheryl Fok, Loyola University Chicago, *Silent Hermeneutics: The 'Message' of the 'Dialogue on Language' as Heidegger's Reinterpretation of the Call of Conscience*
Weian Ding, Texas A&M University, *Tracing Heidegger's Artistic Shift*
Eric Sampson, University of Texas at Dallas, *Heidegger and Rosenzweig on the Origin*
Moderator: Chet Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University
JO 3.601

3.4 *Disability, Deformity, and the Body*
JP Farrell, Loyola Marymount University, *Existential Embodiment: Developing a Unified Definition of Disability*
Michael Breyare, University of Texas at Dallas, *The Discourse of De-formity: To Be the 'De'*
Zhixuan "Grace" Li, King's College London, *Retelling as a Feminist Response to Embodied Trauma*
Moderator: Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas
JO 4.122

3.5 *Merleau-Ponty and the Language of Perception*
Li Xu, University of North Texas, *Double Sensation and the Enigma of Visibility in Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology*
Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas, *"Logos of Color": Merleau-Ponty and Albers and the Language of Color*
Liam Maher, Loyola Marymount University, *Phenomenology of Reading and Dyslexia*
Moderator: Don Beith, University of Maine
JO 4.504

SESSION 4
5-6:30pm

Robert E. Wood Memorial Address

Walter Brogan, Villanova University, *Thresholds of Thinking and Living*
Moderator: Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas
JO 3.516

RECEPTION

6:30-9pm

Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music
Jonsson Performance Hall Atrium
JO 2.600

S A T U R D A Y 3/29

COFFEE & PASTRIES
Eric Jonsson Academic Center (JO)
4th Floor Reception Area
8:30-9am

WORKSHOP

9-11:20am

Merleau-Ponty
(Preregistration Required)
Facilitated by Don Beith, University of Maine
JO 4.504

SESSION 5
9-10am

- 5.1 **Invited Speaker**
Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University, *Disposability and Dispossession: Thinking Heidegger with Postcolonial Theory*
Moderator: Desmond Coleman, Penn State University
JO 3.516

- 5.2 *Decoloniality, Accidentality, and Political Life*
 Zachary Schroeder, Loyola Marymount University, *Nietzsche & Decolonial Philosophy: On Genealogy and Prophetic-Narration as a Form of Political Life*
 Daniel Calzadillas-Rodriguez, Pennsylvania State University, *Analysis of Pocho Being: From Phenomenology to Decoloniality*
 Moderator: Joe Larios, Hollins University
 JO 4.614
- 5.3 *Political Divergence and Radical Democracy*
 Walter Barta, University of Houston, *The Dog-Whistle/Wolf-Cry Dialectic: Political Divergence via Speech-Act Attribution*
 Pedro Miguel Góis Moreira, Texas Christian University, *The enemy is the mirror, or why radical democracy is dangerous for democracy*
 Moderator: Mark Curtis-Thames, Dallas College
 JO 4.102
- 5.4 *Myth and Narrative Structure*
 Cameron Vaziri, Duquesne University, *Playing with Aporias: How Style Challenges the Narrative Structuralism of Videogames*
 Taylor Norwood, Tarrant County College, *Origin and Order: Reading the Myth of Er as a Noble Lie in Plato's 'Republic'*
 Moderator: Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas
 JO 4.122
- 5.5 *Theory and Virtue in Aristotle*
 Max Potts, University of Dallas, *An Allegory of the Theoros*
 Farshad Sadri, Independent Scholar, *Virtue Ethics, Middling, and Contemplative Irony*
 Moderator: Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University
 JO 4.708

SPECIAL SESSION

10:05-11:25am

The Future of Latin American Philosophy

- Don Deere, Texas A&M University, *Between Castro-Gómez and Dussel: On Transmodernity*
 Julián Ríos Acuña, Grinnell College, *Notes on Santiago Castro-Gómez's Tense Contributions: Thinking Between Negative Critique and Positive Normativity*
 Humberto González-Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas, *From the Critique of Latin American Reason to Its Deconstruction: Some Open Questions to Santiago Castro-Gómez*
 Moderator: Daniel Calzadillas-Rodriguez, Pennsylvania State University
 JO 4.614

SESSION 6

10:10-11:20am

- 6.1 **Invited Speaker**
 Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas, *Local Gods: A Philosophy of Spiritual Diversity*
 Moderator: Sharin N. Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown
 JO 3.516

- 6.2 **IAEP Affiliate Session 1: *New Perspectives for Environmental Ethics***
 Rika Tsuji, University of Rhode Island, *Hannah Arendt and Anthropocentrism*
 Maxwell Wiltzer, McMaster University, *In Support of Stoic Philosophy as a Basis for an Environmental Ethic*
 Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College
 JO 4.122
- 6.3 *African Philosophy and Slave Descent Identity*
 Desmond Coleman, Penn State University, *Race, Color, and the Slave Descent Identity Politics of Renomination: A Badiouan Account*
 Ali Barreh, Independent Scholar, *Tricks Taught: An African Philosophy of Risk*
 Moderator: Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University
 JO 4.102
- 6.4 *Time and Desire in Deleuze*
 Mauricio Jauregui Alcalá, Loyola Marymount University, *Repetition as Change and Affirmation: Kierkegaardian Faith in Deleuze's Third Synthesis of Time*
 David McCullough, Boston College, *Anti-Resentment: A Phenomenology of Desire and Power*
 Moderator: A. Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University
 JO 3.536
- 6.5 *Suicide Prevention and Life After Death*
 Andrew Pavelich, University of Houston-Downtown, *The Ethics of Suicide Prevention*
 Michell-Lee Graham, Loyola University Chicago, *Life After Death in a Simulated Reality: Myth or Possibility?*
 Moderator: Walter Barta, University of Houston
 JO 4.708

SESSION 7
 11:30am-12:30pm

- 7.1 **Invited Speaker**
 Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University, *Inhuman Utopianism: Colebrook, Extinction, and the Literal Reformism of Deconstruction*
 Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University
 JO 3.516
- 7.2 **IAEP Affiliate Session 2: *Refiguring Human Relationships to Animals and Nature***
 Jalil Arif, University of North Texas, *Rethinking Human-natural Relationships: Continuity, Difference and Moral Responsibility*
 Atoosa Afshari, University of North Texas, *mEating Eat*
 Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College
 JO 4.122
- 7.3 *Heidegger and Hägglund on Time and Temporality*
 Christopher Gruber, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, *The First Emergences of Temporality from Heidegger's Critiques of Conceptuality in the Early Freiburg Period (1919-1923)*
 Keith Robinson, University of Arkansas Little Rock, *Chronotopias: Bergson, Hägglund and Space-Time*
 Moderator: Cheryl Fok, Loyola University Chicago
 JO 4.614
- 7.4 *Queer Phenomenology and Sexual Science*
 Sarah LaChance Adams, Florida Blue, *Taking-her-time: Pick-up Artists and the Manipulation of Erotic Perception*
 Jahnvi Lanka, University of Texas at Dallas, *The Function of the Outsider Within the Longstanding Illusion of a Sexual Science*
 Moderator: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University
 JO 4.102

- 7.5 *Hybridity and Mysticism*
Gary Higgs, McNeese State University, *Existentialism in Early Songs of Leonard Cohen: Embodiment, Temporality, and Divinity*
Farah Siddiqui, University of Texas at Dallas, *Narrative Empathy Through Traumatic Affects and Fragmentation*
Moderator: Abdal Malik Rezeski, Dallas College
JO 3.536

Lunch

Eric Jonsson Academic Center (JO)
4th Floor Reception Area
12:30-1:30pm

SESSION 8
1:30-3pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Linda Martín Alcoff, Hunter College, *Imperial Museums*
Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas
JO 3.516

SPECIAL SESSION

3:05-4:25pm

*All We Need is Truth:
Hanging onto Humanity as an Act of Resistance*
(A Conversation)

Hagit Barkai, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
Sharin N. Elkholy, University of Houston-Downtown
Moderator: A. Janae Sholtz, Alvernia College
JO 4.122

SESSION 9
3:10-4:10pm

- 9.1 **Invited Speaker**
Richard Velkley, Tulane University, *Zizek's 'More Uncanny Kant': On the Abyss of the Kantian Subject*
Moderator: John Macready, Collin College
JO 3.516
- 9.2 **RPA Affiliate Session**
Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University, *Desiring & Confessing the Flesh: Completing Foucault's 'History of Sexuality'*
Anna Myers and Kevin Siefert, University of North Texas, *Atmospheres and Micropolitics of Fascism: Antifascist Practices for a Climate Changing World*
Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University
JO 4.614

- 9.3 *Wildlife Conservation and Ecology*
 Danqiong Zhu, University of North Texas, *The Physiological Turn of Wildlife Conservation and Management*
 David Utsler, North Central Texas College, *A Ricoeurian Approach to Ecology*
 Moderator: Jalil Arif, University of North Texas
 JO 4.102
- 9.4 *Performance Art and Ethics as Poetics*
 Maria Gallego-Ortiz, Boston College, *Ethics as Poetics. Exploring Imagination in Ethical Life through Gaston Bachelard*
 Zahra Jafarpour, University of Texas at Dallas, *Activism and self-harm*
 Moderator: Amanda Dunbar, University of Texas at Dallas
 JO 3.601
- 9.5 *Metaphysics and Epistemology*
 Jeff Edwards, University of Texas at Dallas, *Michel Foucault's Use of Metaphysical Terms*
 Steven Peña, University of Arizona, *Was That Good For You? Epistemological Intimacy and the Ensitification of Philosophical Discourse*
 Moderator: Joey Turner, University of Texas at Dallas
 JO 3.536

BOOK PANEL

4:15-5:30pm

Heidegger's Conversations: Toward a Poetic Pedagogy (SUNY 24)

Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas, TBD
 Chet Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University, TBD
 Respondent: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas
 Moderator: Christopher Gruber, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
 JO 4.122

SESSION 10

4:20-5:20pm

- 10.1 **Invited Speaker**
 Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University, *Nietzsche's Heidegger: On the Art of Motive*
 Moderator: Maria Gallego-Ortiz, Boston College
 JO 3.516
- 10.2 *Levinas, Time, Amnesia, and the Subject*
 Bernardo Andrade, Augsburg University, *Levinas, Descartes, and Continuous Creation*
 Joe Larios, Hollins University, *Levinas's Originary Amnesia and the Concretization of the Subject*
 Moderator: Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas
 JO 4.614
- 10.3 *Hermeneutics, Wonder, and the World*
 Shea Dombrowski, Texas A&M University, *Being in a World of Many Worlds*
 Cana Beverage, University of Dallas, *The Strangeness of Understanding: Towards Hermeneutical Wonder*
 Moderator: Giovanni Katzaroff, University of Dallas
 JO 4.102

10.4 *Benjamin, Art, and Education*

Tyson Lewis, University of North Texas, *Looseness in the Educational and Political Thought of Walter Benjamin*
Anastasiya Chybireva Fender, University of North Texas, *The role of mimesis in relation to the dialectical images in Walter Benjamin's philosophy of education, as rhythm of immersive awakening in historic context*

Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University

JO 3.601

10.5 *Nietzsche, Dewey, and the Moral Imagination*

Mark Curtis-Thames, Dallas College, *A Parfit Gentle Knight: Analytic Moral Philosophy, Nietzsche, and an Alternative*
Justin Hill, Tarleton State University, *Conviction, Self-Respect, Faith, and Grace: Moral Eidetic-Noetic Intuition in Socrates, Kant, Didion, James, and Dewey*

Moderator: Steven Peña, University of Arizona

JO 3.536

Business Meeting

5:30-6pm

JO 4.614

Dinner and Drinks

Northside Draffhouse and Eatery

3000 Northside Blvd suite 800, Richardson, TX 75080

(A short 5-minute walk just north of campus)

5:30-8pm

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