

55th ANNUAL  
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2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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March 27–28  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Eric Jonsson Academic Center

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**Keynote Address:** Peg Birmingham, DePaul University | session 9  
**Robert E. Wood Memorial Address:** Alejandro Vallega, University of Oregon | session 5  
**Presidential Address:** Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas | session 2

**Invited Speakers**

Sarah LaChance Adams, North Florida University | session 6.1  
Ellie Anderson, Pomona College | session 7.1  
Babette Babich, Fordham University | session 1.1  
Andrew Cutrofello, Loyola University Chicago | session 3.1  
Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University | session 4.1  
Cynthia R. Nielsen, University of Dallas | session 8.1  
William Paris, University of Toronto | session 10.1

**Special Sessions**

*Food, Freedom, and Politics* | Saturday 10:05-11:25am  
David Kaplan, University of North Texas  
Mark Budolfson, UT Austin

*Remediating Binaries in the Reception of Chinese Philosophy* | Saturday 3:05-4:25pm  
Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas  
Sydney Morrow, University of Central Oklahoma  
Brandon Underwood, Vanderbilt University

**Workshops**

*The Early Arendt* | Friday 10am-12:20pm  
John Douglas Macready, Collin College

*Philosophy of Race* | Saturday 9am-11:20am  
Zinhle ka'Nobuhlahuse, Southwestern University and Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University

**Book Panel**

Jill Drouillard's *Feminist Heidegger: Sex, Gender, and the Politics of Birth* SUNY Press 25 | Saturday 4:30-5:45pm  
Dana S. Belu, California State University Dominguez Hills  
Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University

**Affiliate Sessions**

*Radical Philosophy Association* RPA | session 7.2  
*International Association for Environmental Philosophy* IAEP | session 8.2

**WORKSHOP**

10am-12:20pm

*The Early Arendt*

(Preregistration Required)

John Douglas Macready, Collin College  
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*Arrival & Registration*

Eric Jonsson Academic Center (JO)  
4th Floor Reception Area  
10:30-11am

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SESSION 1

11am-12:20pm

1.1 **Invited Speaker**

Babette Babich, Fordham University | *Ivan Illich's Philosophical Constellations*  
Moderator: Alexander Crist, Pensacola State College  
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1.2 *Thinking Otherwise about Ethics, Justice, and Responsibility*

Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University | *Artisanal Thought: The importance of style in Deleuze's epistemo-ethical project*  
Anna Zikova, The New School | *Levinas' Critique of Heidegger: The Political Philosophy of 'Otherwise than Being'*  
Sofia Koukia, University of Bern | *She Was Asking for It; Blame-Shifting and Guilt-Tripping*  
Moderator: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women  
JO 4.102

1.3 *Law, Literature, and Justice*

Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas | *The Task of a Historical Materialist Theory of Law*  
Shea Hennum, Texas Christian University | *Retiring from the Case, or Hercule's Labor: Reading the Limits of Revenge, Justice, and State out of Murder on the Orient Express*  
Dianne Rothleder, Loyola University Chicago | *How to Do Things with Not Agamben, Bartleby, and Refusal as an Act of Creation*  
Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University  
JO 3.601

1.4 *Animal Ethics, Climate Change, and Environmental Aesthetics*

Katilina White, CUNY Graduate Center | *The Human Environment, As It Should Be*  
Atoosa Afshari, University of North Texas | *An Ethics of Animal Ethics: How the Field Is Letting Animals Down*  
Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas | *The (Seed) Archive: Temporal Collision and Hesitation*  
Moderator: Nathan Bell, Dallas College  
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SESSION 2  
12:30-1:50pm

**Presidential Address**

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas  
*Heidegger's Hölderlin Lectures: The River Hymns*  
Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas  
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SESSION 3  
2-3:20pm

3.1 **Invited Speaker**

Andrew Cutrofello, Loyola University Chicago | *Kant and the Greatest Difficulty for the Theory of Forms*  
Moderator: Logan Ginther, McMaster University  
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3.2 *African Marxism and Afro diasporic Humanism*

Jared Bly, University of Villanova | *The Return to the Source: Cabral, Culture and the Dialectics of National Liberation*  
Jose Ortiz-Angeles, Texas A&M University | *Frantz Fanon: The Future Lasts Forever*  
Julian D. Rios Acuña, Grinnell College | *'Living, Working, Self-Creating:' Afro diasporic New Humanism at the Encounter Between Frantz Fanon and Manuel Zapata Olivella*  
Moderator: Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas  
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3.3 *Arendt, Resistance, Rights, and Bread*

Omar Khali, Loyola University Chicago | *Resistance and the Possibility of Withdrawing Consent: Reconsidering Arendt's Conception of Power*  
Jintao Liang, University of Memphis | *Intersubjective Political Experience and The Right to Plurality in the Arendtian Account of Civil Disobedience*  
Marissa Venturi, Loyola University Chicago | *Does the lifespan of the loaf determine the endurance of the baker's craft? Rethinking the worldliness of labor in Arendt's Vita Activa*  
Moderator: John Macready, Collin College  
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3.4 *Cognition, Artificial Intelligence, and Metaphysics*

Aaron Brice Cummings, East Texas A&M University | *The Mirror and the Machine: Thinking Through Two Ancient Metaphors for Artificially Intelligent Mimesis*  
Gregory P. Ashby, University of New Orleans | *Mind as Becoming: Reconstructing Enactivism through Prigogine and Whitehead*  
Gerald Phipps Stewart, University of Texas at Dallas | *The Question Concerning Artificial Intelligence*  
Moderator: Shea Hennum, Texas Christian University  
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3.5 F. W. J. Schelling Session I: *Time, Freedom, and the Abyss*

J. P. Farrell, Loyola Marymount University | *Indifferent Love: Schelling's Solution to the Problem of Difference*  
Angelica Ng, Loyola Marymount University | *Necessity and Contingency in Schelling's Philosophy of Time and Freedom*  
Carson Price, Loyola Marymount University | *Sartre, Schelling, and the Terror of Freedom*  
Moderator: Julia Rowe, Loyola Marymount University  
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SESSION 4  
3:30-4:50pm

4.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Alberto Moreiras, Texas A&M University | *Remarks on Jean Vioulac's 'The Philosophy of Catastrophe'*  
Moderator: Laura Campos de González, University of Texas at Dallas  
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4.2 *Religion, Solidarity, and the Ethics of Waiting*  
Harris Bechtol, Texas A&M – San Antonio | *Faith, Temporality, and Solidarity with the Other: Reading Heidegger and Arendt on Religion*  
Firooz Jafari, Texas A&M University | *Henry Corbin's Esoteric Phenomenology and Islamic Philosophy*  
Eric Sampson, University of Texas at Dallas | *Responsibility after Metaphysics: Augenblick and the Ethics of Waiting*  
Moderator: Gerald Phipps Stewart, University of Texas at Dallas  
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4.3 *Dialogues and Debates with Heidegger, Gadamer, Habermas, and Illich*  
Alexander Crist, Pensacola State College | *Hermeneutics, Responsibility, and Medical Authority: Reading Hans-Georg Gadamer with Ivan Illich*  
David McCullough, Boston College | *Heidegger's Metaphysical Racism: The Animal and the Volk*  
Matthew Kwak, University of Kentucky | *The Habermas-Gadamer Debate: The Role of the Late Heidegger*  
Moderator: Ella Mercer, Loyola Marymount University  
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4.4 *Identity, Labor, and Resistance*  
Farah Siddiqui, Tarrant County College | *The Emotional Labor of Hyphenated Identity in 'Amreekiya'*  
Nathan Reece, Texas State University | *Answering the Call for Liberatory Action*  
Marjan Daneshvarkashkooli, University of Texas at Dallas | *The gender dynamics of a pseudonym*  
Moderator: Coco Gagnet, University of Texas at Dallas  
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4.5 F. W. J. Schelling Session II: *Sense Intuition, the Unconscious, and God*  
Chester Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University | *Understanding Intuition: Schelling's Reappropriation of Kant's Object-Representation Relation*  
Louis Yanucci, Loyola Marymount University | *How Art Can Vanquish Evil in Schelling's Freedom Essay*  
Julia Rowe, Loyola Marymount University | *Schelling on the Unconscious: Overcoming Hölderlin and the God of the Dead*  
Moderator: J. P. Farrell, Loyola Marymount University  
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SESSION 5  
5-6:30pm

**Robert E. Wood Memorial Address**  
Alejandro Vallega, University of Oregon  
*'Is Seeing not its own Undoing?' A Poetic Response at the Limit of Presence*  
Moderator: Humberto González-Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
JO 2.604

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## RECEPTION

6:30-8:30pm

Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music  
Jonsson Performance Hall Lounge  
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### *Coffee & Pastries*

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

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## WORKSHOP

9-11:20am

### *Philosophy of Race*

(Preregistration Required)

Facilitated by Zinhle ka'Nobuhlaluse, Southwestern University  
and Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University  
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## SESSION 6

9-10am

### 6.1 **Invited Speaker**

Sarah LaChance Adams, North Florida University | *Friendship, Play, and the Ethics of Failure*  
Moderator: Hayden Ridings, University of North Texas  
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### 6.2 *Walter Benjamin's Phenomenology of Threshold: Puppetry and the Dialectical Image*

Tyson E. Lewis, University of North Texas | *Walter Benjamin's Theory of the Antifascist Potential of Puppetry*  
Anastasiya Fender, University of North Texas | *Walter Benjamin's Monad: The Phenomenology of Line and Color in the Dialogical Interval*  
Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University  
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### 6.3 *Gadamer and Poetry*

Giovanni Katzaroff, University of Dallas | *The Event of Logos: Language and Poetry in Gadamerian Phenomenology*  
Maisie Leonard, University of Dallas | *A Gadamerian Account of Lyric-Poetic Translation Applied to Apollinaire's 'Le Pont Mirabeau'*  
Moderator: Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas  
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6.4 *Nietzsche and Tragedy*  
Michael Breyare, Boston College | *Nietzsche's 'Also Sprach Zarathustra' as Erotragedy: Oedipus, the Other-Within, and the Impossibility of Translation*  
Theodore Cao, Boston College | *Home-Making Out of Unheimlichkeit: Nietzsche's 'Zarathustra' as a Psychological Tragicomedy*  
Moderator: Macklin Fanning, Greenhill School  
JO 3.601

6.5 *Kant, Kierkegaard, and Moral Law*  
Logan Ginther, McMaster University | *Selling Teeth and Self-Respect: What Kant Could Say about Fantine*  
Michell-Lee Graham, Loyola University Chicago | *Radical Evil and Kierkegaard's Time and the Eternal*  
Moderator: Chester Mlcek-Sauvage, Loyola Marymount University  
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### SPECIAL SESSION

10:05-11:25am

*Remediating Binaries in the Reception of Chinese Philosophy*

Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas | *Dualism vs. Monism is Not the Relevant Question: The Fine-Grained Spiritual Typographies of Chinese Alchemical Thought*  
Sydney Morrow, University of Central Oklahoma | *East-West is Not the Relevant Binary: Tracing the Center-Periphery Binary in Chinese Cross-Cultural Philosophy*  
Brandon Underwood, Vanderbilt University | *Playing the Fu: Philosophy, Religion and Magic in Classical Daoist Thought*  
Moderator: Firooz Jafari, Texas A&M University  
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### SESSION 7

10:10-11:10am

7.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Ellie Anderson, Pomona College | *Ambiguity as the Basis for Multiplicitous Selfhood: An Existential Phenomenological Alternative*  
Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
JO 2.604

7.2 **RPA Affiliate Session**  
Daniel Allen, Villanova University | *Fascism and the Liberal State Monopoly on Violence in Benjamin, Gramsci, and Lukacs*  
Sibillá Cavada, University of North Texas | *TBD*  
Moderator: Anna Myers, University of North Texas  
JO 3.516

7.3 *Time and Temporality*  
John V. James, University of Dallas | *Virtual Installations and the Primacy of the Visceral Clock*  
Christopher Gruber, University of Dallas | *Portents of 'Being and Time' (1927) in Heidegger's Earliest Writings (1910-1911)*  
Moderator: Eric Sampson, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 4.102

7.4 *Community Beyond Essence: Futurity, Transgression, and the Refusal of Purity*  
Hayden Ridings, University of North Texas | *Curdling the Community: Transgressing the Logic of Purity in Bataille's Sacred*

Timothy Lin, University of North Texas | *The Futural Temporality of Emancipatory Community*  
Moderator: Joey Turner, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 3.601

7.5 *Merleau-Ponty, Embodied Perception, and the Anthropocene*  
Ryan Newcomb, University of Central Oklahoma | *Phenomenology of a Fictional Character*  
Liam Maher, Loyola Marymount University | *Ontogenesis and the Birth of Homo Plasticus*  
Moderator: Theodore Cao, Boston College  
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SESSION 8  
11:20am-12:20pm

8.1 **Invited Speaker**  
Cynthia R. Nielsen, University of Dallas | *Hermeneutical Reflections on Bearing Witness and Giving Testimony*  
Moderator: Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
JO 2.604

8.2 **IAEP Affiliate Session**  
Nathan Bell, Dallas College | *Gadamer and the Eco-Weird: Alienation, Fiction, and the Environment*  
David Utsler, North Central Texas College | *Environmental Alienation: Materiality and Plato's Cave in Reverse*  
Moderator: Kevin Seifert, University of North Texas  
JO 4.102

8.3 *Plato, Education, and Censorship*  
Martin Peterson, Texas A&M University | *Plato, Censorship, and the Ethics of Permissible Resistance*  
Steven Skultety, University of Mississippi | *Philosopher Warrior Kings in Plato's 'Republic'*  
Moderator: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University  
JO 3.516

8.4 *We Exist: Refusing Stable Representations in Contemporary Art*  
Zahra Jafarpour, University of Texas at Dallas | *Portraiture in Flux: Expanded Painting and Feminist Resistance in Adrian Piper and Parastou Forouhar*  
Brenda Vega, University of Texas at Dallas | *The 'Scarring Body': Phenomenologies of Pain and Healing in Chicano/x Latino/x Performance Art*  
Moderator: Anastasiya Fender, University of North Texas  
JO 3.601

8.5 *Existential Aesthetics*  
Justin Hill, Lone Star College-Montgomery | *'World'-Traveling and Aretaic Worlding in Dufrenne: On the Virtues of the World of the Aesthetic Object*  
Thomas Flynn, Loyola Marymount University | *Eternal Hope: Kierkegaard's Seducer & Knight in Dialogue*  
Moderator: Michell-Lee Graham, Loyola University Chicago  
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**Lunch**  
Eric Jonsson Academic Center (JO)  
Jonsson Performance Hall Lobby  
12:30-1:30pm

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SESSION 9  
1:30-3pm

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Peg Birmingham, DePaul University  
*Hannah Arendt on Politics and Violence: Civil Disobedience and Revolutionary Civility*  
Moderator: John Douglas Macready, Collin College  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
JO 2.604

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**SPECIAL SESSION**  
3:05-4:25pm

*Food, Freedom, and Politics*  
David Kaplan, University of North Texas | *Eating under the influence: Appetite, agency, and autonomy*  
Mark Budolfson, University of Texas Austin | *Continued Inefficacy: Evaluating the new generation of replies to the inefficacy objection to consequentialism*  
Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College  
JO 4.122

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SESSION 10  
3:10-4:10pm

10.1 **Invited Speaker**  
William Paris, University of Toronto | *The Antinomies of Emancipation in Frederick Douglass's 'My Bondage and My Freedom'*  
Moderator: Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University  
Jonsson Performance Hall  
JO 2.604

10.2 *Philosophy of Addiction*  
Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas | *A Strange Case of Guilt and Innocence*  
Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas | *The Self Consumed: Plato, Gadamer, and Arendt on the Tyranny and Banality of Addiction*  
Moderator: Joey Turner, University of Texas at Dallas  
JO 3.516

10.3 *Arendt on Nature and Strauss on History*  
Moriah Q. Poliakoff, Texas A&M University | *Arendt on the conditions of the earth*  
Luca Castranova, University of Dallas | *Leo Strauss' Conflicted Relationship with History and Heidegger*  
Moderator: Omar Khalil, Loyola University Chicago  
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10.4 *Autism and Neurodiversity*  
Darren Domsky, Texas A&M University | *The Healing Power of a Fantastic Metaphor: How We Should Primarily Describe People Currently Described as Autistic*  
Jahnnavi Lanka, University of Texas at Dallas | *Theory-Of-Mind Research Inadequately Informs Relevant Autism Intervention*  
Moderator: Matthew Kwak, University of Kentucky  
JO 4.102

10.5 *Derrida, Hospitality, and Self-citation*  
Mauricio Jáuregui, Emory University | *One is no longer at home! Technology and the at-home in Derrida's 'Hospitality' Seminars*  
Rebecca Beights, University of Texas at Dallas | *Constellating Derrida: Avoiding the Trap of the Authority Web*  
Moderator: Michael Breyare, Boston College  
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SESSION 11  
4:20-5:20pm

11.1 *Conscience and Confession in Foucault and Heidegger*  
Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University | *The Insidious Other: Foucault on Satan and Authenticity*  
Cana Beverage, University of Dallas | *Conscience in Light of Thinking: Reading Heidegger Perplexingly*  
Moderator: Harris Bechtol, Texas A&M – San Antonio  
JO 3.516

11.2 *Hypocrisy and Epistemic Injustice*  
Alida Liberman, SMU | *In Defense of Clear-Sighted Hypocrisy*  
Emily C. McWilliams, University of Dayton | *Hijacking Shared Inquiry*  
Moderator: John V. James, University of Dallas  
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11.3 *Hermeneutics and Translation*  
Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech University | *Spinoza for All: A new OA translation of 'Ethics'*  
Max Potts and Heather Morris, University of Dallas | *Toward a Pythian Ethics*  
Moderator: Giovanni Katzaroff, University of Dallas  
JO 4.102

11.4 *Love and Suffering*  
Gene Fendt, University of Nebraska-Kearney | *Responses to Suffering as Confessional Metaphysics: 'The Plague'*  
Ella Mercer, Loyola Marymount University | *Love as Hermeneutic: The Trouble with Givenness*  
Moderator: Maisie Leonard, University of Dallas  
JO 4.112

11.5 *Artificial Intelligence, Alchemy, and the Limits of Science*  
Fred Grinnell, UT Southwestern | *Ambiguity in the Practice of Science and the Discovery of New Research Questions—What AI Cannot Do!*  
Nihal Benjamin Anand, University of Texas at Dallas | *From Alchemy to Chemistry: A Re-Examination of Thomas Kuhn on the Chemical Revolution*  
Moderator: Jahnnavi Lanka, University of Texas at Dallas  
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## **BOOK PANEL**

4:30-5:45pm

*Feminist Heidegger: Sex, Gender, and the Politics of Birth* (SUNY 25)

Dana S. Belu, California State University Dominguez Hills | *TBD*

Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University | *TBD*

Respondent: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women

Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

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## **Business Meeting**

5:45-6:15pm

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*Dinner & Drinks*

Northside Drafthouse and Eatery

3000 Northside Blvd suite 800, Richardson, TX 75080

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

5:30-8:30pm

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