

55th ANNUAL

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2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 27–28

The University of Texas at Dallas
Eric Jonsson Academic Center

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 Cutroffello, 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

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David Kaplan, University of North Texas

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Remediating Binaries in the Reception of Chinese Philosophy | Saturday 3:05-4:25pm

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Workshops

The Early Arendt | Friday 10am-12:20pm

John Douglas Macready, Collin College

Philosophy of Race | Saturday 9am-11:20am

Zinhle ka’Nobuhlaluse, 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

FRIDAY 3 | 27

WORKSHOP

10am-12:20pm | JO 4.122

The Early Arendt

(Preregistration Required)

John Douglas Macready, Collin College

Arrival & Registration

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

SESSION 1

11am-12:20pm

- 1.1 **Invited Speaker** | JO 4.614
Babette Babich, Fordham University | *Ivan Illich's Philosophical Constellations*
Moderator: Alexander Crist, Pensacola State College
- 1.2 *Thinking Otherwise about Ethics, Justice, and Responsibility* | JO 4.102
Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University | *Artisanal Thought: The importance of style in Deleuze's epistmo-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
- 1.3 *Law, Literature, and Justice* | JO 3.601
Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas | *The Task of a Historical Materialist Theory of Law*
Shea Hennem, 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
- 1.4 *Women, Writing, and Sexual Difference* | JO 4.708
Laura Campos de González, University of Texas at Dallas, *Nietzsche and Feminine Writing*
Sarah Simms, Loyola Marymount University, *Complementarity or Irreducibility? Luce Irigaray, Edith Stein, and the Question of Sexual Difference*
Humberto González-Núñez, University of Texas at Dallas, *María Zambrano's Confessional Thinking*
Moderator: Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University
- 1.5 *Animal Ethics, Climate Change, and Environmental Aesthetics* | JO 3.536
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

SESSION 2
12:30-1:50pm | JO 4.614

Presidential Address

Charles Bambach, University of Texas at Dallas
Heidegger's Hölderlin Lectures: The River Hymns
Moderator: Andy Amato, University of Texas at Dallas

SESSION 3
2-3:20pm

- 3.1 **Invited Speaker** | JO 4.614
Andrew Cutrofello, Loyola University Chicago | *Kant and the Greatest Difficulty for the Theory of Forms*
Moderator: Logan Ginther, McMaster University
- 3.2 *African Marxism and Afrodiasporic Humanism* | JO 3.516
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': Afrodiasporic New Humanism at the Encounter Between Frantz Fanon and Manuel Zapata Olivella*
Moderator: Matthew Lampert, University of North Texas
- 3.3 *Arendt, Resistance, Rights, and Bread* | JO 4.102
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
- 3.4 *Cognition, Artificial Intelligence, and Metaphysics* | JO 4.122
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 Hennem, Texas Christian University
- 3.5 F. W. J. Schelling Session I: *Time, Freedom, and the Abyss* | JO 3.536
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** | JO 4.614
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
- 4.2 *Religion, Solidarity, and the Ethics of Waiting* | JO 3.516
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: Augenblicke and the Ethics of Waiting*
Moderator: Gerald Phipps Stewart, University of Texas at Dallas
- 4.3 *Dialogues and Debates with Heidegger, Gadamer, Habermas, and Illich* | JO 4.102
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
- 4.4 *Identity, Labor, and Resistance* | JO 4.122
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
- 4.5 F. W. J. Schelling Session II: *Sense Intuition, the Unconscious, and God* | JO 3.536
Chester Micek-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

SESSION 5
5-6:30pm | Jonsson Performance Hall

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

RECEPTION
6:30-8:30pm | Jonsson Performance Hall Lounge
Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music

SATURDAY 3 | 28

Coffee & Pastries

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

WORKSHOP

9-11:20am | JO 4.122

Philosophy of Race

(Preregistration Required)

Facilitated by Zinhle ka’Nobuhlaluse, Southwestern University
and Benjamin P. Davis, Texas A&M University

SESSION 6

9-10am

- 6.1 **Invited Speaker** | JO 4.614
Sarah LaChance Adams, North Florida University | *Friendship, Play, and the Ethics of Failure*
Moderator: Hayden Ridings, University of North Texas
- 6.2 *Walter Benjamin's Phenomenology of Threshold: Puppetry and the Dialectical Image* | JO 3.516
Tyson E. Lewis, University of North Texas | *Walter Benjamin's Theory of the Antifascist Potential of Puppetry*
Anastasiya Chybireva Fender, University of North Texas | *Walter Benjamin's Monad: The Phenomenology of Line and Color in the Dialogical Interval*
Moderator: Jared Bly, Villanova University
- 6.3 *Gadamer and Poetry* | JO 4.102
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
- 6.4 *Nietzsche and Tragedy* | JO 3.601
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
- 6.5 *Kant, Kierkegaard, and Moral Law* | JO 3.536
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

SPECIAL SESSION

10:05-11:25am | JO 4.614

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

SESSION 7

10:10-11:10am

7.1 **Invited Speaker** | Jonsson Performance Hall

Ellie Anderson, Pomona College | *Ambiguity as the Basis for Multiplicitous Selfhood: An Existential Phenomenological*
Alternative

Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

7.2 **RPA Affiliate Session** | JO 3.516

Daniel Allen, Villanova University | *Fascism and the Liberal State Monopoly on Violence in Benjamin, Gramsci, and Lukacs*

Sibillá Cavada, University of North Texas | *Letter Exchanges: Anti-Carceral Thinking and Walter Benjamin's early*
materialist criticism

Moderator: Anna Myers, University of North Texas

7.3 *Time and Temporality* | JO 4.102

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

7.4 *Community Beyond Essence: Futurity, Transgression, and the Refusal of Purity* | JO 3.601

Hayden Ridings, University of North Texas | *Curling 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

7.5 *Merleau-Ponty, Embodied Perception, and the Anthropocene* | JO 3.536

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

SESSION 8

11:20am-12:20pm

8.1 **Invited Speaker** | Jonsson Performance Hall

Cynthia R. Nielsen, University of Dallas | *Hermeneutical Reflections on Bearing Witness and Giving Testimony*

Moderator: Chaz Holsomback, University of Dallas

- 8.2 **IAEP Affiliate Session** | JO 4.102
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 Siefert, University of North Texas
- 8.3 *Plato, Education, and Censorship* | JO 3.516
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
- 8.4 *We Exist: Refusing Stable Representations in Contemporary Art* | JO 3.601
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 Chybireva Fender, University of North Texas
- 8.5 *Existential Aesthetics* | JO 3.536
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

Lunch

12:30-1:30pm | Jonsson Performance Hall Lobby

SESSION 9

1:30-3pm | Jonsson Performance Hall

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Peg Birmingham, DePaul University

Hannah Arendt on Politics and Violence: Civil Disobedience and Revolutionary Civility

Moderator: John Douglas Macready, Collin College

SPECIAL SESSION

3:05-4:25pm | JO 4.122

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

SESSION 10

3:10-4:10pm

- 10.1 **Invited Speaker** | Jonsson Performance Hall
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
- 10.2 *Philosophy of Addiction* | JO 4.614
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
- 10.3 *Arendt on Nature and Strauss on History* | JO 3.516
Moriah Q. Poliakoff, Texas A&M University | *Arendt on the conditions of the earth*
Luca Castronova, University of Dallas | *Leo Strauss' Conflicted Relationship with History and Heidegger*
Moderator: Omar Khali, Loyola University Chicago
- 10.4 *Autism and Neurodiversity* | JO 4.102
Darren Domsy, Texas A&M University | *The Healing Power of a Fantastic Metaphor: How We Should Primarily Describe People Currently Described as Autistic*
Jahnvi Lanka, University of Texas at Dallas | *Theory-Of-Mind Research Inadequately Informs Relevant Autism Intervention*
Moderator: Matthew Kwak, University of Kentucky
- 10.5 *Derrida, Hospitality, and Self-citation* | JO 4.112
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

SESSION 11

4:20-5:20pm

- 11.1 *Conscience and Confession in Foucault and Heidegger* | JO 4.614
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
- 11.2 *Epistemic Injustice* | JO 3.516
Jonathan Y. Tsou, University of Texas at Dallas | *Epistemic Injustice, Hermeneutical Injustice, and Psychiatry*
Emily C. McWilliams, University of Dayton | *Hijacking Shared Inquiry*
Moderator: John V. James, University of Dallas
- 11.3 *Hermeneutics and Translation* JO 4.102
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

- 11.4 *Love and Suffering* | JO 4.112
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
- 11.5 *Artificial Intelligence, Alchemy, and the Limits of Science* | JO 3.536
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: Jahnvi Lanka, University of Texas at Dallas

BOOK PANEL

4:30-5:45pm | JO 4.122

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

Dana S. Belu, California State University Dominguez Hills | *Politics, Pedagogy and A.R.T. in a Queered Gestell*

Jessica S. Elkayam, Sam Houston State University | *The Intimate Ties that Bind: Ontological and Sexual Difference in Drouillard's 'Feminist Heidegger'*

Respondent: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women

Moderator: Katherine Davies, University of Texas at Dallas

Business Meeting

5:45-6:15pm | JO 4.614

Dinner & Drinks

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

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