

20<sup>th</sup> Annual PA-SSHE

Interdisciplinary  
Association of  
Philosophy and  
Religious Studies

Clarion University

April 13-14, 2007

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2007**

7:00-7:15 P.M.

Lobby: Founders Hall

President of Clarion University, Dr. Grunenwald

7:15-8:15 P.M.

SESSION ONE

Islamophobia and Religious Rhetoric

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Todd Lavin, Clarion University

Dr. Werner Lange, Edinboro University

“Christian Critique of Islamophobia”

Shaina Vella, Edinboro University

“Islamophobia and the Current Witch-Hunt

Directed Against Muslims”

Dr. Helen Schroepfer, West Chester University

“Religion and the Rhetoric of the Bush Administration”

Philosophy and Modernity

118 Founders Hall

Moderator: Betty Osthoff, Slippery Rock University

Dr. Richard Findler, Slippery Rock University

“Terrorism and the Freedom of Religion: What We  
Have Left to Learn from Enlightenment Thought”

Dr. Katherine Cooklin, Slippery Rock University

“The Project of Enlightenment: Myth, Magic and  
the Culture Industry”

Jeremy Swarm, Clarion University

“Copyright in the Digital Age”

## Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2007

8:30-9:30 P.M.

SESSION TWO

### Currents in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Robert Timko, Mansfield University

Dr. Timothy Roberts, West Chester University

“Inducing Faith? The Rightful Terrain of Scientific Enquiry”

Dr. Jamie Phillips, Clarion University

“Methodological Contextualism and Lottery Paradoxes”

Danielle Wylie, Indiana University of PA

“Why Thinking About the Future is Rational”

William Dummett, Clarion University

“The Irrational Notion of the Soul”

### Currents in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy

118 Founders Hall

Moderator/Respondent: Dr. Schroepfer

Ashley Manta, West Chester University

“The Relentless Gaze of the Other: A Look at Sartre and Heidegger”

Anthony DeMaria, West Chester University

“Being toward the End: Death in *Being and Time*”

Laurence Tamaccio, West Chester University

“Gadamer’s Vanishing Point: MacIntyre and Gadamer”

Noah Zinter, West Chester University

“Authenticity and Ends: The Authenticity of *Dasein* in Relation to Kant”

## Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

8:45-9:45 A.M.

SESSION ONE

### Philosophy and Soren Kierkegaard

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Colvin, Slippery Rock

Dr. Ian Duckles, Indiana University of PA  
“Derrida, Kierkegaard, Faith and Despair”

Dr. Tatiana Patrone, Monclair State University  
“Kierkegaard’s Subjective Truth and Kant’s Idea  
Of Pure Reason”

### Philosophy and Friedrich Nietzsche

118 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Katherine Cooklin, Slippery Rock

Dr. Stephen Sullivan, Edinboro University  
“Nietzsche’s Anticipation of Russell”

Betty Osthoff, Slippery Rock University  
“Is Evil Truly Evil? – Nietzsche’s Ethics”

10:00-11:00 A.M.

SESSION TWO

### Asian and African Philosophies

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Matthew Cross, West Chester University

Commentator: Louis DiLello, West Chester University

Dr. Eliot Wreh-Wilson, Edinboro University  
“Rethinking African Philosophy”

Dr. Frank Hoffman, West Chester University  
“Cross-cultural Movement of Oral and Written Buddhist  
Texts”

### Ancient Greek Philosophy

118 Founders Hall

Moderator: Corbin Fowler, Edinboro University

James Smith, Independent Scholar  
“Socrates Consistent: Avoiding the Many and  
Obeying the Law”

Eric Dontigney, Mansfield University  
“Aristotle’s Knowledge and *Nous*”

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007**

11:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hart Chapel Theatre

Dr. Arnold Lorenzo Farr, St. Joseph's University

“Religion Within the Boundaries of Pure Sensibility”

12:30-2:00

Lunch / Business Meeting

Chandler Hall, Faculty Dining Room

## Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

2:15-3:15      SESSION THREE

### Aesthetics

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Bernard Freyberg, Slippery Rock University

Kayla Hersperger, Slippery Rock University

“The Indifferent Aesthetic of Merce Cunningham”

Amanda Schenley, Slippery Rock University

“A Description and Example of Tolstoy’s Theory of Aesthetics”

### Sartre and Pop Culture

118 Founders Hall

Moderator: Robert Kulling, Clarion University

Lucas Mays, Clarion University

“Sartre and David Fincher’s *Fight Club*”

Cait Tomeo, Clarion University

“Sartre, Authenticity and *American Beauty*”

Aimee Zellers, Clarion University

“Sartre, Jigsaw and the *Saw Trilogy*”

Elijah Daubenspeck, Clarion University

“Sartre’s *Creek*: An Analysis”

## Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

3:30-4:45      SESSION FOUR

### Contemporary Epistemology

104 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Jamie Phillips, Clarion University

Ian Alexander, Clarion University

“Foundationalism and Constitutional Interpretation”

Timothy Bock, Clarion University

“Can We Extend Knowledge through Pure Reason Alone”

David Durney, Clarion University

“The Phenomena of Knowledge”

Adam Esbenshade, Clarion University

“Foundationalism versus Coherentism”

Josh Volchko, Clarion University

“Why Gettier Cases Don’t Undercut Knowledge”

### Contemporary Existentialism

118 Founders Hall

Moderator: Dr. Todd Lavin, Clarion University

Dr. Corbin Fowler, Clarion University

“A New Look at Existentialism”

Jennifer Hetrick, Clarion University

“Beauvoir and Extending Female Sexuality”