

**Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies  
Twenty Second Annual Conference  
April 3-4 2009  
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania**

**Friday April 3**

**Registration, North Hall Lobby 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Session I A, Pennsylvania Room North Hall 7:00-8:30 pm**

[Chair, Helen Schroepfer, West Chester University]

“The Ethics of Poetry? A Look at The Moral World Through Transcendent Communicative Metaphors” Chris Bowsman, Graduate Student, Edinboro University

“Why Are We in this Handbasket?: Dewey’s Experience of Propaganda”  
Ann Strom, Graduate Student, West Chester University

**Session I B, North Hall 156 7:00-8:45 pm**

[Chair, Brad Wilson, Slippery Rock University]

“Functional Analysis and the Meaning of Life”  
Joel Press, Professor of Philosophy, California University of Pennsylvania

“The Young Camus and the Atheistic Argument from Irreligious Experience”  
Stephen J. Sullivan, Professor of Philosophy, Edinboro University

“Divine Command Theory On Trial; The Humanist’s Alternative to Absolute Morality”  
Louis Sebastian, Alumnus, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

**Reception, North Hall Faculty Dining Club 9:00-11:00 pm**

## Saturday April 4

**Registration, North Hall Lobby 8:00 am -12:00 pm**

**Continental Breakfast, 8:00 -9 am North Hall Faculty Dining Club**

**Session II, North Hall Pennsylvania Room 9:00-10:30 am**

[Chair, Katherine Cooklin, Slippery Rock University]

“*Arête and Eudaimonia: The Summum Bonum*”

Timothy Bock, Student, Clarion University

“A Critical Analysis of Absolute and Relative Views of Time”

Charles Richey, Student, California University of Pennsylvania

“Buddha: An Eastern Knight of Faith”

Cory Pfahl, Student, Slippery Rock University

**Keynote Address, North Hall Pennsylvania Room 10:45 am-12:05 pm**

“Punctuation in Gertrude Stein and Wittgenstein”

Gordon Bearn, Professor of Philosophy, Lehigh University

**Lunch and IAPRS Business Meeting, North Hall Faculty Dining Club 12:15-1:45 pm**

**Session III A, North Hall 156 2:00-3:30 pm**

[Chair, Richard Fidler, Slippery Rock University]

“Milton Friedman’s Inconsistency”

Larry Udell, Professor of Philosophy, West Chester

“A Topical Approach to Critical Thinking”

Lisa Schoenberg, Professor of Fine Arts, Cheyney University

“Weaving Threads of *Xenophon* with Plato’s Work”

James Susan Smith, Alumnus, Edinboro University

**Session III B, North Hall Pennsylvania Room 2:00-3:30 pm**

[Chair, Andrew Colvin, Slippery Rock University]

“Christian Zionism: The Theology of State Terrorism”

Werner Lange, Professor of Sociology, Edinboro University

“Diversity and Exclusivity: A Religion Needs Both”

M. Ashraf Adeel, Professor of Philosophy, Kutztown University

“J. Krishnamurti's Critique of Religion”

Theodore L. Kneupper, Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy, Slippery Rock University

**Session IV A, North Hall 156 3:40 – 5:30 pm**

[Chair, Corbin Fowler, Edinboro University]

“Violence: As American As Apple Pie”

Matthew Sines, Student, Edinboro University

“Capital Punishment, a Capital Injustice?”

Joshua M. Baden, Student, Edinboro University

“St. Thomas Aquinas on Sexual Ethics”

Nicole Popovich, Student, Edinboro University

“*Lepr*Kantian Ethics”

Jenn Highfill, Student, Edinboro University

**Session IV B, North Hall Pennsylvania Room 3:40 – 5:10 pm**

[Chair, Joel Press, California University]

“Cosmopolitanism in the State”

Sierra Brown, Student, Slippery Rock University

“Jean-Paul Sartre: Consciousness, Nothingness, Responsibility, Freedom, and the Criticism of Bad Faith” Bailey Costantino, Student, Slippery Rock University.

“Autonomy or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb”

Andrea O’Leary, Student, California University

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