

Twenty-third Annual Conference
April 16-17, 2010

3:30-5:30 PM **Session 4B** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Dr. Scott Forschler (unaffiliated),

“The Dangers of Philosophical Superlatives in Kant and Anselm”

Michael Weaver (West Chester University),

“Why I Can’t Believe”

Harvey Greer (West Chester University),

“God or Not: A Thematic Analysis of Sartre & Kierkegaard”

Holly Metzler (West Chester University),

“Overcoming Difference: Hick’s Pluralism versus Newbiggin’s Dialogue”

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Religious Studies

Friday, April 16

6:00-8:00 PM **Registration** (Anderson Hall, rm XXX)

7:00-8:30 PM **Session 1A** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Timothy Burke (West Chester University),

“The Roots of Transcendentalism: Ralph Waldo Emerson & Indian Philosophy”

R. Maxwell Spears (Slippery Rock University),

“The Coinciding Speech of Brahman & Logos”

Peter Secor (Kutztown University),

“Is Human Nature All That Bad? According to Mencius and Xunzi”

7:00-8:30 PM **Session 1B** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Dr. Dan Forbes (West Chester University),

“Shifting the Burden of Proof: An Examination of Responses to Skepticism from Moore and Descartes”

Eli Bonner (West Chester University),

“Putting Marxist Epistemology to Work: the Case for Radical Egalitarianism”

Milo Crimi (Kutztown),

“Epistemic Failure”

8:45-10:30 PM **Reception** (Phillips Autograph Library)

Saturday, April 17

8:00-9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

9:00-10:30 AM **Session 2A** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Andrea O’Leary (California University),

“Knowledge of Qualia: An Analysis of the Knowledge Argument”

Dr. Joel Press (California University),

“On the Virtues of Cursory Scientific Reductions”
Dr. Stephen Sullivan (Edinboro University),
“A Critique of Social Constructivism about Natural Science”

9:00-10:30 AM **Session 2B** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Matthew Sines (Edinboro University),
“All You Need Is Love—and Why”

Chris Bowsman (Edinboro Alumni),

“Empowering Dialogue & the Nature of Power”

Dr. Corbin Fowler (Edinboro University),

“Does God Want us to be Tree Huggers (Interpreting Bible Stories)?”

10:45- 12:00 AM **Keynote Address** (Anderson Hall, rm. 103?XXX)

Dr. Lanei Rodemeyer (Duquesne University)

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12:15-1:30 PM **Lunch , Awards and Business Meeting** (Sykes
Student Union Ballroom)

1:45-3:15 PM **Session 3A** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Bailey Constantino (Slippery Rock University),
“The Aesthetician’s Hubris”

Jim Smith (Edinboro Alumnus),

“Plato, A Little More Prodicus Please”

Charles Richey (California University),

“Plato’s Philosophy & the 7th Letter”

1:45-3:15 PM **Session 3B** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Vadim Fedorovsky (Kutztown University),

“The Prudential Paradox of Socrates”

David Antonini (Slippery Rock University),

“Heidegger & Socrates: An Ethical Consideration of Death”

Dr. Allan Back (Kutztown University),

“Kant and Mill Reconciled”

3:30-5:30 PM **Session 4A** (Anderson Hall, rm. XXX)

Moderator:

Dr. Hans Pedersen (Indiana University),

“Rorty, Kierkegaard & the Problem of Agency in an Ironic Age”

Megan McCormick (West Chester University),

“A Joyous Non-Sequitur”

Amy Marvin (West Chester University),

“Subjectivity, Temporality & Recognition”

Katrina Dix (West Chester University),

“Overabundance & Curiosity in Foucault: Postmodern Confusion,
the Aesthetics of Existence, and the Care of the Self”