

IAPRS Program Schedule April 11 –12, 2014, West Chester University

Friday, April 11

Registration: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Anderson, ground floor (lower level: Church Street entrance)

Session I: 5:15 – 6:45 p.m.

I.A: Anderson 101 Moderator: Simon Ruchti, West Chester University

Nicholas C. DiDonato (West Chester University, faculty): “Revisiting Teleology: A Thomistic Critique of Terrence Deacon’s Scientific Interpretation of Teleology”

Matthew Pierlott & Daniel Forbes (West Chester University, faculty): "Theistic Metaphysics and Naturalism"

Lauren Pierson Swanson (West Chester University): “Assigning Ontological Status To The Phenomenon Of Constructive Positivity”

I.B: Anderson 102 Moderator: Dean Johnson, West Chester University

Brian Fink (West Chester University, graduate student): Cantor’s Continuum Problem as an Antinomy

Carl-Fredrick Wegner Korsnes (West Chester University, student): “The Logics of Heidegger: Does Philosophizing About ‘Being’ Stretch Beyond the Limits of Knowledge?”

George F. Beals (West Chester University, student): Does Leibniz Successfully Deny the Divine Command Theory?

Session II: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

II.A: Anderson 101 Moderator:

Kailey Murphy (Edinboro University, student): “An Argument for Altruistic Morality”

Heon C. Kim, PhD (East Stroudsburg University, faculty): “A Separation Thesis and the Neo-liberal World Today”

Corbin Fowler (Edinboro, student): “Nietzsche: A Critical Perspective”

II.B: Anderson 102 Moderator:

Chuck Ward & Matthew Johnson (Millersville University, faculty): “An Eye for an I?: Solipsism and Representation in Wittgenstein’s Tractatus”

Martin Weatherston (East Stroudsburg University, faculty): “Kant and Hegel on the Scope of Human Consciousness”

John Kaiser Ortiz (Millersville University, faculty): Human Rights, Immigration, and the Valladolid Debate

Reception: 8:45 – 10:00 p.m. (Phillips Hall Conference Room—lower level)

Saturday, April 12

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Anderson Hall, lower floor)

Session III: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

III.A: Anderson 101

Moderator:

Christie Gribschaw (Slippery Rock, student): “A Defense of Final Causality”

Jamie L. Phillips (Clarion University, faculty): “Epistemic Progressivism”

Allan Bäck (Kutztown University, faculty): “Measuring Goodness”

III.B: Anderson 101

Moderator:

Tom Sparrow (Slippery Rock University, faculty): “Kantian Enlightenment, Liberal Arts, and Public Education

Ellis Neilly (student): “A Critique of Kant’s Analytic/Synthetic Dichotomy”

Joshua D. Steinberg (Kutztown University): “Truth or Incoherence”

Keynote Address: 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM (Phillips Autograph Library—upper level)

Introductions: Larry Udell, West Chester University

Arnold Farr (University of Kentucky): “The Persistence of One-Dimensional Thinking and the Ongoing Relevance of Herbert Marcuse”

Comments: Andrew Lamas (University of Pennsylvania)

Arnold L. Farr specializes in German idealism, Marxism, critical theory, and philosophy of race. He is co-editor and co-author of *Marginal Groups and Mainstream American Culture* (2000), and author of *Critical Theory and Democratic Vision: Herbert Marcuse and Recent Liberation Philosophies* (2009). He is author of over three dozen articles and book chapters on German Idealism, critical theory (mainly Marcuse and Honneth), and philosophy of race. He is the founder and President of the International Herbert Marcuse Society. Arnold is presently working on three books, *Misrecognition*, *Mimetic Rivalry*, and *One-dimensionality: Toward a Critical Theory of Human Conflict and Social Pathology*; *Liberation, Dialectic, and the Struggle for Social Transformation: The Life and Work of Herbert Marcuse*; and finally, *Multidimensional Marcuse: Radical Thought/Radical Action Today*.

Andrew T. Lamas teaches critical theory—with a focus on radical political economy, alternative economic development, and critical pedagogy—at the University of Pennsylvania, where he organized the 2011 “Critical Refusals” conference of the International Herbert Marcuse Society. He is a longstanding board member of the Bread & Roses Community Fund in Philadelphia, and he is on the editorial advisory board of the *Radical Philosophy Review*. He also founded and directs Penn’s Social Justice Research Academy. He is the general editor of “Critical Refusals,” the 2013 special double issue (vol. 16, nos. 1 and 2) of the *Radical Philosophy Review*, for which he is also currently editing an upcoming special issue on the fiftieth anniversary of Marcuse’s *One-Dimensional Man*.

Luncheon, Awards, and Business Meeting: 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (Phillips Hall Conference Room—lower level)

Session IV: 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

IV.A: Anderson 101 Moderator:

Stephen J. Sullivan (Edinboro University, faculty): “Some Surprising Connections Between The Atheism Of Kurt Baier And That Of Richard Dawkins And Jean-Paul Sartre”

Mellissa Spradley (West Chester University, graduate student): “Moral Particularism: A New Form of Virtue Ethics?”

James Smith (Independent Scholar): “Is a Philosophy of History Possible?”

IV.B: Anderson 102 Moderator:

Paul D. Harris (West Chester University, faculty): “There’s something funny about Kierkegaard”

Julian Schooley (Slippery Rock University): “YOLO and the Eternal Recurrence”

Beverly Littlewood (West Chester University, graduate student): “Changing Karma to Mission”

Session V: 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Anderson 101

Jay Winkleman (Kutztown University, student): “Aristotle, Your Monism is Showing”

Joshua Cutts (West Chester University, graduate student): “The Care of Subjectivity”

Charlotte X. Moore (West Chester University, faculty): “What is Emptiness (Śūnyatā)? Changing Descriptions in Modern Scholarship”