

PASSHE Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies

30th Annual Spring Conference
March 31 & April 1
Millersville University / The Ware Center, Lancaster PA

2017 Conference Program

Friday, March 31

4:00 – 6:30 pm Registration, Ware Center Lobby
Refreshments, 3rd floor Atrium

Session 1: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

1A—Library (2-02) (chair: Tom Sparrow, SRU)

Prof. Joshua Fischel (MU) “Listening and Creative Democratic Practice”
Robert Poe (MU) “Objective Values Without Cosmic Significance”
Erik Starn (WCU) “Human Ethics on Other Worlds”

1B—Choral Room (3-08) (chair: TBD)

Prof. Dennis Weiss (York) “How Ought We to Treat Our Televisions”
McKenzie Raver (York) “Challenges to DeGrazia's Animalistic View of Identity”
Bryce Rinehart (MU) “Hegel's Philosophy of Lordship and Bondage in *Ex Machina*”
1st prize in the annual student paper contest

1C—Classroom (3-04) (chair: Andrew Winters, SRU)

Prof. Matthew Pierlott (WCU) “Disloyal Disobedience: Leaking Information to Blow
Elizabeth Scianna (WCU) “Pipelines, Property Rights, and Environmental Justice”
the Whistle”

Following the panels a conference reception will be held at Tellus360, 24 East King Street, Lancaster (about 2 blocks from the Ware Center).

Saturday, April 1

8:00 am – 12:00 noon

8:00 – 10:30 am

Registration, Ware Center Lobby
Continental Breakfast, 3rd floor Atrium

Session 2: 9:00 – 10:30 am

2A—Library (2-02) (chair: Dennis Weiss)

Prof. Heon Kim (ESU)

“A Response to Hegel’s Approach to Africa from African
Bumuntu Philosophy”

Bryce Detweiler (WCU)

“Xunzi and Hobbes: Subduing Evil in the East and the West”
2nd prize in the annual student paper contest

Prof. Roman Altshuler (KU)

“Temporalized Constitutivism: A Free Will Proposal
for Libertarians”

2B—Choral Room (3-08) (chair: Joshua Fischel, MU)

Prof. Andrew Winters (SRU)

“A Process Account of Structure”

Robert DeVall (Ind. Scholar)

"Kant, Space, and Non-Euclidean Challenges"

Brett Moyer (MU)

“Radically Resolute: Reading Wittgenstein as Pragmatist”

2C—Classroom (3-04) (chair: TBD)

Prof. Robert Main (WCU)

“Aberrant Growths: Queer Metaphysics of Culture”

Laura Berkel (KU)

“An Aristotelian Take on Existentialism and Gender”

Ryan Baron (KU)

“Acknowledgement of the End”

2D—Classroom (3-05) (chair: John Kaiser Ortiz, MU)

Prof. Martin Weatherston (ESU)

“Schopenhauer and Wagner on the Nature of Music:
A Creative Difference”

Tyler Rutherford (WCU)

“Christian Martyrdom & Persecution During Roman Times”

Jacob Emery (WCU)

“Commentary on J. Zeis's "A foundherentist conception of the
justification of religious belief”

10:45am-12:00pm: Binns Room

Keynote Address

Joseph Margolis, Temple University

“A Sense of Pragmatism's Trajectory and Prospects”

12:15 - 1:45pm

Lunch in the Atrium

Session 3: 2:00-3:30pm

3A—Library (2-02) (chair: Roman Altshuler)

Prof. John Kaiser Ortiz (MU) “Political Economy of Trans-Atlantic Existentialism”
Ricky Asplen (MU) “Is Paz Wright or Wrong?”
Nicklaus McCoy (MU) “The Cultural Contract”

3B—Choral Room (3-08) (chair: Martin Weatherston, ESU)

Prof. Steven James (WCU) “Epistemic Remembering”
Kristy McKee (Clarion) “The Divide of the People”
Prof. Matt Johnson (MU) “Anti-adaptationism regarding sexual traits and behaviors”

3C—Classroom (3-04) (chair: Tom Sparrow, SRU)

Philip Taylor (WCU) “Hannah Arendt and the Exclusion of the Social”
Jayme Kerr (SRU) “Feminist Views on Marriage: Through Simone de Beauvoir and
Susan Moller Okin”
3rd prize in the annual student paper contest

Session 4: 3:45-5:15 pm

4A—Library (2-02) (chair: Jen Miller, MU)

Levi Walbert (KU) “Denying to affirm: Apophatic Theology”
August Alexander (MU) “Islamophobia as misleading definition”
Cody Mayak (KU) “Accounting for and Rationalizing Theistic Belief”

4B—Choral Room (3-08) (chair: John Kaiser Ortiz, MU)

Prof. Daniel Forbes (WCU) “Ethics from a Cow’s Eye View: Temple Grandin’s Autistic
Perspective on Nonhuman Suffering”
Spencer Upton (SRU) “The Aim of Medicine and a Current Practice That Fails to
Meet That Aim”
Craig Rounsaville (KU) “Abortion Is Wrong! But It's Okay: A Kantian Framework”

4C—Classroom (3-04) (chair: Josh Fischel, MU)

Prof. Chuck Ward (MU) “Beer, Cheese, and human-microbe entanglements”
George Beals (WCU) “Does The Euthyphro Affirm or Deny the Law of Excluded
Middle?”
Jim Smith (Ind. Scholar) “Arguments in Euthyphro. Challenges not just 10a/11/b”