

**18th Annual PASSHE Interdisciplinary
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**Mansfield University
April 1 - 2, 2005**

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Schedule of Events: Friday April 1

Conference Registration 3rd Floor Auditorium

Session 1 6:30 - 7:30

Alumni Hall

- Rm 301: John Smith "Meno: Sparring with the Champ"
Todd Lavin, moderator
- Rm 312: Noel Swasta, Mansfield University, "Existential
Perceptions of Film"
Robert Timko, moderator
- Rm 314: Matthew Morgan, Indiana University, "What's
Wrong with this Picture-Theory?"
Dan Boone, moderator
- Rm 317: James G. Edwards, Shippensburg University,
"Locke on Intuitive and Demonstrative Knowledge:
Can We Reconcile Empiricism with Intuitive
Knowledge?"
moderator TBA

Schedule of Events: Saturday April 2

Session 2 7:45 - 8:45

Alumni Hall

- Rm 301: Jennifer Hetrick, Clarion University,
“Misconstruing Taoism”
Frank Hoffman, moderator
- Rm 312: Zack Dubord, Mansfield University, “The
Ontological Status of Musical Recordings”
Ira Newman, moderator
- Rm 314: Aaron Rock, Shippensburg University,
“Shakespeare and Camus: An Existential Look at
Hamlet”
Jim Smith, moderator
- Rm 317: Betty J. Osthoff, Slippery Rock University,
“Nietzsche’s Artist”
Bernie Frydberg, moderator

Session 3 8:00 - 8:50

Alumni Hall

- Rm 301: Corbin Fowler, Edinboro University, “Forgiveness
is not a Free Pass”
Robert Timko, moderator
- Rm 312: Nancy J. Hudson, California University,
“Philosophy beyond Reason: Wisdom and
Ignorance in Nicholas of Cusa”
moderator TBA
- Rm 314: Erik Strobl, Indiana University, “The Fate of
Analyticity: A Critique of Grice and Strawson’s
Reply to W.V.O. Quine’s ‘Two Dogmas of
Empiricism’”
Carol Caraway, moderator
- Rm 317: Jamie Phillips, Clarion University, “Maximally
Moderate Rationalism”
Tom Young, moderator

9 - 11 pm Reception, North Manser Dining Hall

Warm Greetings, conversation, and lots of food and drink
(Even beer!!)

Session 4 Panel Discussions 9:00 - 10:50
Alumni Hall

- Rm 312: “Classical Canadian Thought in a North American Context”, Mansfield University
Robert Timko, chair
Zach Dubord, “Common Themes in Canadian Philosophy”
Ryan Saxton, “Canadian Ideology - Canadian Philosophy?”
- Rm 314: “Diversity in Philosophy of Religion”, West Chester University
Frank J. Hoffman, chair, “Social Justice in Early Buddhism”
Jenna L. Thrasher, “The Patriarchal God”
Tim Golden, esq., “On the Incarnation Supported and Institutionalized by Governmental Power”
Mary Beth Sama, discussant
- Rm 317: Slippery Rock University
Ira Newman, chair
Steve Barron, “Revealing Hidden Characteristics from Pain”
Mark Kratz, “DaVinci’s ‘Last Supper’ & Hegel’s Aesthetics”
Rachelle Dambacher, “Reflections on Tolstoy’s ‘What is Art’”

Keynote Speaker 11:00 - 12:00
Richard T. Hull, Ph.D., “The Alchemy of Informed Consent”
Alumni Hall 317

Lunch and Business Meeting 12:15 - 1:20

Session 5 1:30 - 2:20
Alumni Hall

- Rm 312: Brian Skibo, Slippery Rock University, “An Analysis in Kant: How the World is Already Synthesized through Systems”
Bernie Freyberg, moderator
- Rm 314: Wesley D. Cray, Indiana University, “Determinism, Responsibility, and Language”
Dan Boone, moderator
- Rm 317: Kathleen Mosher, Clarion University, “Death as Conclusion of Self”
Tom Young, moderator

Session 6 2:30 - 3:20

Alumni Hall

- Rm 301: Mary MacLeod, Indiana University,
“Transcendental Location of the Categorical
Imperative”
Carol Caraway, moderator
- Rm 312: Roslyn Weiss, Lehigh University, “An Apology
within the Republic”
Robert Timko, moderator
- Rm 314: Steve Sullivan, Edinboro University, “God and the
Meaning of Life”
Robert Timko, moderator
- Rm 317: Adam Miller, Villanova University, “Giorgio
Agamben’s Messianic Community”
moderator TBA

Session 7 3:30 - 4:20

Alumni Hall

- Rm 312: Rijelle Kraft, Mansfield University, “Explaining the
Behaviors of Individuals with Autism through
Philosophy and Cognitive Science”
Robert Timko, moderator
- Rm 314: Andrew Colvin, Slippery Rock University,
“Religious and Aesthetic Dimensions of Emptiness
(Sānyat~) in Nishitani’s ‘Religion and
Nothingness’”
moderator TBA
- Rm 317: Lucas Allen Keefer, Indiana University, “Lucretius
and Marcus Aurelius: Why Philosophers Must Not
Forsake Roman Roots”
Carol Caraway, moderator

Session 8 4:30 - 5:20

Alumni Hall

- Rm 301: Mary McGuigan, Slippery Rock University, “What Are You Laughing At - On the Seriousness of Comedy”
Bernie Freydberg, moderator
- Rm 312: Jacob Casella, Mansfield University, “Memes and Morality”
Ira Newman, moderator
- Rm 314: Ian Druckles, Indiana University, “Rousseau, Nietzsche and Anscombe: When the Facts Don’t Matter”
Dan Boone, moderator
- Rm 317: Todd Lavin, Clarion University, “Narcissism, the New Right, and the Need for Communicative Action”
Jim Edwards, moderator

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