



**The 2017 meeting of the [Central States Philosophical Association](#)
Oct. 27-28, 2017**

Hosted by Washington University in St. Louis

Keynote Speaker: [Branden Fitelson](#) (Northeastern University)

Conference Venue: [Chase Park Plaza Royal Sonesta Hotel](#) (212 N. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63108, United States). All conference sessions will take place in the Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

Conference Program

Friday Morning, Oct. 27, Empire Room

Chair: James Beebe (Buffalo)

9:00 Thomas Mulligan (Georgetown), “The Epistemology of Disagreement and Collective Decision-Making: Lessons and Bayesian Prospects”

Commentator: Jeremy Shipley (Volunteer State Community College)

10:00 Jon Burmeister (Missouri), “Searching for the Reason why True Belief is Epistemically Valuable”

Commentator: Casey Swank (St. Cloud State)

11:00 Nevin Climenhaga (Notre Dame), “(Epistemic) Probability is Degree of Support, not Degree of (Rational) Belief”

Commentator: Thomas Mulligan (Georgetown)

Friday Morning, Oct. 27, Maryland A

Chair: Jonathan Spelman (Ohio Northern)

- 9:00 David Atenasio (Loyola Chicago), “Blameless Participation in Structural Injustice”
Commentator: Audra Goodnight (Saint Louis)
- 10:00 Maria Altepeter (Washington Univ. St. Louis), “Why We Should Promote Residential Integration: A Response to Tommie Shelby”
Commentator: Katherine Sweet (Saint Louis)
- 11:00 Crystal Allen Gunasekera (Principia College), “Muggers, Soldiers, and Inept Analogies”
Commentator: Alexandra Romanyshyn (Saint Louis)

Friday Morning, Oct. 27, Maryland B

Chair: Haoying Liu (Massachusetts)

- 9:00 Thomas Ames (Missouri–St. Louis), “Towards a Three-factor Approach to Monothematic Delusion”
Commentator: Katie Rapiere (Washington Univ. St. Louis)
- 10:00 Sruthi Rothenfluch (Portland), “Awareness of Motor Control and Prediction Error in Self-Monitoring: A Defense of Frith’s Comparator Model of Thought Insertion”
Commentator: Maria Doulatova (Washington Univ. St. Louis)
- 11:00 Benjamin Henke (Washington Univ. St. Louis), “Connolly on Perceptual Learning”
Commentator: Ali Hasan (Iowa)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 27, Empire Room

Chair: Peter van Elswyk (Rutgers)

- 1:30 William Hannegan (Saint Louis), “Dispositional Essentialism, Directedness, and Final Causation”
Commentator: Tobias Flattery (Notre Dame)
- 2:30 Cruz Austin Davis (Virginia Tech), “Inclusive Nihilism”
Commentator: Noël Blas Saenz (Illinois)
- 3:30 Noël Blas Saenz (Illinois), “The Disciplining of Grounding” Commentator: Kevin Morris (Tulane)

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Chair: Sruthi Rothenfluch (Portland)

- 1:30 Haoying Liu (Massachusetts), “Consciousness in Space?” Commentator: Derek Lam (Virginia)
- 2:30 Jared Peterson (Wisconsin–Parkside), “Introspecting Phenomenal Attitudes”
Commentator: Yuval Avnur (Scripps College, Claremont)

3:30 Paul Boswell (GRIN/CRÉ, Montréal), “There Are No Intrinsic Desires”
Commentator: Keshav Singh (North Carolina–Chapel Hill)

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Chair: James Beebe (Buffalo)

1:30 Joshua Blanchard (North Carolina–Chapel Hill), “The Problem of Unwelcome Epistemic Company”

Commentator: Micah Dugas (Louisiana Lafayette)

2:30 Ali Hasan (Iowa), “An Abductive Solution to the Problem of Memorial Justification”

Commentator: James Beebe (Buffalo)

3:30 Timothy Loughrist (North Alabama), “Reliabilism, Defeaters, and the Generality Problem”

Commentator: Walker Page (Saint Louis)

4:30 – 4:45 Break

Keynote Address, Empire Room

4:45 Branden Fitelson (Northeastern), “Truth, Knowledge, and Epistemic Utility Theory”

Friday Evening, Lenox Room

6:00-8:00 Reception

Saturday Morning, Oct. 28, Empire Room

Chair: James Beebe (Buffalo)

9:00 Derek Lam (Virginia), “Modal Testimony: Can They Justify?” Commentator: Deke Gould (Augustana College)

10:00 Joshua DiPaolo (Kansas State), “Conversion, Epistemic Virtue, and Self-Licensing”

Commentator: Luis Pinto de Sa (Saint Louis)

11:00 Yuval Avnur (Scripps College, Claremont), “Physicalist Arguments Against the Afterlife”

Commentator: Joshua Blanchard (North Carolina–Chapel Hill)

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9:00 John Lemos (Coe College), “The Irrationality Problem and Kane’s Dual Effort’s Theory”

Commentator: James Cain (Oklahoma State)

- 10:00 James Cain (Oklahoma State), “Free Will, Resiliency, and the Flip-flopping Argument”
Commentator: Matthew Shea (Saint Louis)
- 11:00 Joshua Mugg (Indiana Kokomo), “Dilemmism Defended” Commentator:
Corey Katz (Ohio State)

Saturday Morning, Oct. 28, Maryland B

Chair: Noell Birondo (Wichita State)

- 9:00 Corey Katz (Ohio State), “Contractualism, Narrow Person-Affecting Wrongness and the Non-Identity Problem”
Commentator: Stephen Snyder (Boğaziçi)
- 10:00 Peter van Elswyk (Rutgers), “Deceiving without answering” Commentator:
Michael Shaffer (St. Cloud State)
- 11:00 Jonathan Spelman (Ohio Northern), “Moral Obligation and Punishment”
Commentator: Dane Muckler (Saint Louis)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 28, Empire Room

Chair: James Beebe (Buffalo)

- 1:30 David Rose (Washington Univ. St. Louis), “Folk Teleology Drives Persistence Judgments”
Commentator: Philip Robbins (Missouri)
- 2:30 Kevin Morris (Tulane), “Multiple Realization’s Last Stand?” Commentator:
Cruz Austin Davis (Virginia Tech)
- 3:30 Aaron Elliott (Nebraska), “How To Make Progress Against The Supervenience Challenge”
Commentator: Ranpal Dosanjh (Iowa State)

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- 1:30 Jeonggyu Lee (Santa Barbara), “Against Predicativism of Names” Commentator:
Billy Dunaway (Missouri–St. Louis)
- 2:30 David Sackris (Arapahoe Community College), “Nihilism is an Ethos for Vague Language”
Commentator: Jeonggyu Lee (Santa Barbara)
- 3:30 James S. Kintz (Saint Louis), “Joint Attention, Symmetrical Sharing, and the First-Person Plural”
Commentator: Michael Mazza (Saint Louis)

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Chair: Nevin Climenhaga (Notre Dame)

- 1:30 Monte Cook (Oklahoma), “Why Must Descartes’s Meditator Prove That God Exists?”
Commentator: Scott Ragland (Saint Louis)
- 2:30 Noell Birondo (Wichita State), “Practical Wisdom and Coercive Technai”
Commentator: Jason Chen (Saint Louis)
- 3:30 David Stern (Iowa), “Wittgenstein and Moore on Grammar” Commentator:
David Sackris (Arapahoe Community College)

4:30 – 4:45 Break

Presidential Address, Empire Room

4:45 Jonathan Kvanvig (Washington Univ. St. Louis), “Knowing the Future” 6:00
Business Meeting