#### **Central States Philosophical Association 2014 Conference**

October 10-11, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL All sessions held at Northwestern University

Note: Sessions end five minutes before the hour to allow for a short break between sessions.

## Friday Morning, October 10: EPISTEMOLOGY [Norris University Center, 205A (Louis Room North)]

9:00 Samuel Taylor (University of Minnesota, Duluth), "Inference, Regress, and Bootstrapping"

Commentator: Trevor Nyman (Northwestern University)

Chair: Amy Flowerree (Northwestern University)

10:00 Daniel Immerman (University of Notre Dame), "Williamson, Closure, and KK" Commentator: Amy Flowerree (Northwestern University)
Chair: Rodrigo Borges (Rutgers University, New Brunswick)

11:00 Brendan Murday (Ithaca College) "On Klein's Argument for Infinitism" Commentator: Rodrigo Borges (Rutgers University, New Brunswick) Chair: Trevor Nyman (Northwestern University)

# Friday Morning, October 10: METAPHYSICS/EPISTEMOLOGY [Norris University Center, 207 (Rock Room)]

9:00 Marcus Arvan (University of Tampa), "A Refutation of Counterfactual Theories of Causation"

Commentator: Jonathan Livengood (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) Chair: Lauren Leydon-Hardy (Northwestern University)

10:00 Maxwell Suffis (Rice University), "Emergent Panpsychism, Emotional Zombies, and Fundamental Kinds" **THIS SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELED**Commentator: Ben Cordry (Lorain County Community College)
Chair: Lauren Leydon-Hardy (Northwestern University)

11:00 Remco Heesen (Carnegie Mellon University) and Pieter van der Kolk (University of Groningen, Netherlands), "A Game Theoretic Approach to Peer Disagreement" Commentator: Lauren Leydon-Hardy (Northwestern University) Chair: Jonathan Livengood (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

#### Friday Morning, October 10: ETHICS [Norris University Center, 208 (Armadillo Room)]

9:00 Shane George (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), "Can Coherentism Address the Regress Problem for Autonomy?"

Commentator: Larisa Svirsky (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Chair: Nathan Hanna (Drexel University)

10:00 Steven Weimer (Arkansas State University), "Autonomy and Regress" Commentator: Andrea Westlund (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee) Chair: Lorisa Svirsky (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

11:00 Nathan Hanna (Drexel University) "Defending the Counterfactual Component of Harm" Commentator: (Lindsay) Zi Lin (University of Wisconsin, Madison) Chair: Shane George (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

#### LUNCH: 12-1:30 PM

# Friday Afternoon, October 10: METAETHICS [Norris University Center, 205A (Louis Room North)]

1:30 Nicholas Tebben (Towson University), "Naturalism and the Agent's Perspective" Commentator: Raff Donelson (Northwestern University)

Chair: Ryan Ross (Ohio University, Athens)

2:30 Marianna Bergamaschi Ganapini (Johns Hopkins University), "Why We Should Reject Error Theory"

Commentator: David Atenasio (Loyola University, Chicago)

Chair: Brad Cokelet (University of Miami)

3:30 Ryan Ross (Ohio University, Athens), "Allaying Sidgwick's Problem"

Commentator: Brad Cokelet (University of Miami)

Chair: Raff Donelson (Northwestern University)

## Friday Afternoon, October 10: EPISTEMOLOGY [Norris University Center, 207 (Rock Room)]

1:30 Emily Sullivan (Fordham University), "Understanding from Testimony"

Commentator: Derek Green (Northwestern University)

Chair: Daniel Skibra (Northwestern University)

2:30 Aaron Elliott (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), "Don't Rock the Boat: The Instability of 'Rising Tides' Invariantism"

Commentator: Daniel Skibra (Northwestern University)

Chair: Casey Swank (St. Cloud State University)

3:30 Landon Hedrick (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), "The Self-Defeat Argument for Phenomenal Conservatism"

Commentator: Casey Swank (St. Cloud State University)

Chair: Derek Green (Oakland University)

## Friday Afternoon, October 10: METAPHILOSOPHY [Norris University Center, 208 (Armadillo Room)]

1:30 Ryan Felder (Binghamton University) "Rescuing Progress in Philosophy"

Commentator: Tomek Wysocki (Washington University, St. Louis)

Chair: Chad Gonnerman (Michigan State University)

2:30 Chad Gonnerman (Michigan State University), Stephen Crowly (Boise State University), Michael O'Rourke (Michigan State University), "Cross-Disciplinary Research as a

Platform for Philosophical Analysis"

Commentator: David Blanks (Ohio State University)

Chair: William Cochran (Northwestern University)

3:30 Tomek Wysocki (Washington University, St. Louis), "Intuitions Aren't on the Rocks:

Against Capplen's Philosophy without Intuitions"

Commentator: William Cochran (Northwestern University)

Chair: Michael O'Rourke (Michigan State University)

# Friday, 5-6 PM: Keynote Address by Professor L.A. Paul (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) in Norris University Center, Northwestern Room 202 B

Friday, 6:30 PM: Reception (same room as Keynote Address)

# Saturday Morning, October 11: METAETHICS/PHIL ACTION/POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2101]

- 9:00 David Atenasio (Loyola University, Chicago), "Evaluating Moral Truth" Commentator: Emily Sullivan (Fordham University)
  - Chair: Daniel Telech (University of Chicago)
- 10:00 Andrei Buckareff (Marist College), "Agency, Causalism, and Intentional Omissions" Commentator: Daniel Telech (University of Chicago) Chair: Elizabeth Edenberg (Vanderbilt University)
- 11:00 Elizabeth Edenberg (Vanderbilt University) "Domination, Domestic Violence, and Pettit's Republican Freedom"

Commentator: Marcus Arvan (University of Tampa)

Chair: Andrei Buckareff (Marist College)

## Saturday Morning, October 11: FREE WILL/MODERN PHILOSOPHY [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2107]

- 9:00 Patrick Connolly (Iowa State University), "A New Approach to Lockean Relations" Commentator: Lewis Powell (University at Buffalo)
  Chair: Gretchen Ellison (Northwestern University)
- 10:00 Leigh Vicens (Augustana College), "Self-forming Actions and Conflicts of Intention" Commentator: Gretchen Ellison (Northwestern University)
  Chair: Brian Hutchinson (Metropolitan State University, Denver)
- 11:00 Martha Gibson (University of Wisconsin, Madison) "Moore and Austin on 'Can'" Commentator: Brian Hutchinson (Metropolitan State University, Denver) Chair: Lewis Powell (University at Buffalo)

# Saturday Morning, October 11: METAPHYSICS/EPISTEMOLOGY [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2111]

- 9:00 David Hershenov (University at Buffalo) and Adam Taylor (North Dakota State University), "Animalism and Autonomy"
  - Commentator: Christa Hodapp (University of Masschusetts, Lowell)

Chair: Meg Wallace (University of Kentucky)

- 10:00 Elanor Taylor (Iowa State University), "Three Problems for Grounding" Commentator: Meg Wallace (University of Kentucky)
  Chair: Daniel Korman (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
- 11:00 Philip Osborne (Rowan University), "Can't We Just Agree to Disagree?" Commentator: Daniel Korman (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) Chair: Benjamin Almassi (Governors State University)

LUNCH: 12-1:30 PM

# Saturday Afternoon, October 11: ETHICS/APPLIED ETHICS [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2101]

1:30 Crystal Allen Gunasekera (Principia College), "Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos"

Commentator: Cheryl Abbate (Marquette University)

Chair: Kathryn Norlock (Trent University)

2:30 Benjamin Almassi (Governors State University), "Moral Repair and Restoration" Commentator: Kathryn Norlock (Trent University)

Chair: Jessica Talamantez (Northwestern University)

3:30 Bertha Manninen (Arizona State University), "A Philosophical Analysis of the Phenomenology of Child Abuse"

Commentator: Jessica Talamantez (Northwestern University)

Chair: Cheryl Abbate (Marquette University)

## Saturday Afternoon, October 11: PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2107]

1:30 Michael Hannon (Fordham University), "The Purpose and Semantics of Knowledge Ascriptions"

Commentator: Geoff Pynn (Northern Illinois University)

Chair: Greg Landini (University of Iowa)

2:30 Daniel Rubio (Rutgers University, New Brunswick), "Conditional Excluded Middle Revisited"

Commentator: Greg Landini (University of Iowa)

Chair: Geoff Pynn (Northern Illinois University)

3:30 (No session)

# Saturday Afternoon, October 11: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION/MUSIC THEORY) [McCormick Tribune Center, Room 2111]

1:30 Samuel Ruhmkorff (Smith College; Bard College at Simon's Rock), "Gott and Evil" Commentator: Dawn Eschenauer Chow (University of Chicago) Chair: Hannah McKeown (University of Chicago)

2:30 Eric Kraemer (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse), "Theism, Science and Evil" Commentator: Amber Carlson (Vanderbilt University)
Chair: Dawn Eschenauer Chow (University of Chicago)

3:30 Aaron Yarmel (University of Wisconsin, Madison), "Explanations in Music Theory" Commentator: Hannah McKeown (University of Chicago)
Chair: Amber Carlson (Vanderbilt University)

#### Saturday October 11, 5 PM: Business Meeting and Presidential Address by Sandy Goldberg (Northwestern University) in McCormick Tribune Center, Room 3127