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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

Registration table: 1st floor

9am – 12pm: Ethics

1225A (1st floor)

Chair: Sophie Dandelet (UC Berkeley)

- Eugene Chislenko (Temple University): “Blame and Protest.” Commentator: Tyler Haddow (University of California, Berkeley).
- Marcus William Hunt (Tulane University): “Asymmetry and the Afterlife.” Commentator: Eugene Chislenko (Temple University).
- Avi Appel (Cornell University): “Hypocrisy as Selfish Self-Exceptionalism.” Commentator: Kelley Annesley (University of Rochester).

9am – 12pm: Metaphysics 1

1225B (1st floor)

Chair: Jan Swiderski (Syracuse University)

- Marc Johansen (Creighton University): “Adverbialism about Dispositions.” Commentator: Neil Williams (University at Buffalo).
- Matthew Lamb (University of Rochester): “Module Tropes without Overdetermination: A Weak Antirealist Approach.” Commentator: Seth Goldwasser (University of Pittsburgh).
- Giorgio Sbardolini (Ohio State University): “Comparing Contents.” Commentator: David Braun (University at Buffalo).

9am – 12pm: Political philosophy

M&T Bank Auditorium 2120B (2nd floor)

Chair: Rasmus Rosenberg Larsen (University of Toronto Mississauga)

- Seena Eftekhari (Tufts University): “The Priority of the Good: Liberalism’s Perfectionist Aims and Infrastructure.” Commentator: Lawrence Torcello (Rochester Institute of Technology).
- Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State University): “Same-Sex Marriage, Equality, and Slippery Slopes.” Commentator: T.J. Broy (Western Michigan University).
- Craig K. Agule (Rutgers University-Camden): “The Reasoning-Corrective Account of Desert.” Commentator: Kevin Scott (University of Notre Dame).

2pm – 5pm: Virtue ethics

1225A (1st floor)

Chair: Seena Eftekhari (Tufts University)

- Maria Altepeter (Washington University in St. Louis): “Emotion and Moral Judgment: When Virtue Leads You Astray.” Commentator: Julie Kirsch (D’Youville College).
- T.J. Broy (Western Michigan University): “Music and Moral Virtue.” Commentator: Tobias A. Fuchs (Brown University/Illinois Institute of Technology).
- Evan Westra (University of Toronto): “Knowledge of Character: Reliable Trait Attribution and the Situationist Challenge.” Commentator: James Beebe (University at Buffalo).

2pm – 5pm: Metaphysics 2

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220A (2nd floor)

Chair: Marc Johansen (Creighton University)

- Tobias Flattery (University of Notre Dame): “A Leibnizian Package Deal: Causal Independence and Existential Independence.” Commentator: Joshua Merlo (University at Buffalo).
- Scott Dixon (Ashoka University/University of Hamburg): “Relative Positionalism Revisited.” Commentator: Maureen Donnelly (University at Buffalo).
- Joshua Merlo (University at Buffalo): “On Not Despising the Scholastics: The Leibnizian Recovery of the Principles of Medieval Metaphysics.” Commentator: Tobias Flattery (University of Notre Dame).

2pm – 5pm: Trust, learning, and experience

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220B (2nd floor)

Chair: Benjamin Lennertz (Colgate University)

- Sophie Dandelet (UC Berkeley): “Trusting is Not Believing Against the Evidence.” Commentator: John Komdat (University of Rochester).
- Koray Karaca (University of Twente): “An Epistemological Perspective on Accountability in Machine Learning Applications.” Commentator: Harjeet S. Parmar (University at Buffalo).

- David Sackris (Arapahoe Community College) and Rasmus Rosenberg Larsen (University of Toronto Mississauga): “The Aesthetic Convention: Aesthetic Experience as a Fiat Type of Perception.” Commentator: William Osborne III (Syracuse University).

5:30pm – 7:30pm: Keynote address

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220A (2nd floor)

Chair: James Beebe (University at Buffalo)

- Michael Lynch (University of Connecticut): “Truth as a Democratic Concept.”

7:30pm – 10pm: Conference dinner

Sol Messinger Active Learning Center 1220 (1st floor)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Registration table: 2nd floor

9am – 12pm: Agency, responsibility, and rationality

Medical Alumni Association Classroom 2213A (2nd floor)

Chair: Maria Altepeter (Washington University in St. Louis)

- Mustafa Aghahosseini (University of Houston): “Frankfurt-Style Cases and Responsibility for Omissions: A Response to Swenson.” Commentator: Craig K. Agule (Rutgers University-Camden).
- Seth Goldwasser (University of Pittsburgh): “Practical Knowledge: Practical Reasoning, Reliable Judgment, and Reliable Execution of Intention.” Commentator: Luke Golemon (Western Michigan University).
- Jan Swiderski (Syracuse University): “Essential Indexicality and Rationality.” Commentator: Kevan Edwards (Syracuse University).

9am – 12pm: Epistemology

Medical Alumni Association Classroom 2213B (2nd floor)

Chair: Allan Hazlett (Washington University in St. Louis)

- Liz Jackson (University of Notre Dame): “How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment.” Commentator: Casey Swank (St. Cloud State University).
- Benjamin Lennertz (Colgate University): “Probabilism without Arguments.” Commentator: Koray Karaca (University of Twente).
- Yuzhou Wang (Bowling Green State University): “Against Rowland’s Approach to the Practical Implication of Conciliationism.” Commentator: Kolja Keller (University of Rochester).

9am – 12pm: Ancient philosophy

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220A (2nd floor)

Chair: P.X. Monaghan (Doane College)

- Takashi Oki (Nagoya University): “Aristotle’s Uses of ‘ἐνεκά του’ and ‘οὐ ἐνεκά’.” Commentator: Justin Clark (Hamilton College).
- Michael Oliver Wiitala (Cleveland State University): “Intelligence as a Cause: *Phaedo* 96a-99c.” Commentator: Colin Smith (University of Kentucky).

- Katherine Sweet (Saint Louis University): “The Noble Lie and the Deception Behind It.” Commentator: Kristin Culbertson (University of Connecticut).

2pm – 5pm: Philosophy of Mind

Medical Alumni Association Classroom 2213A (2nd floor)

Chair: Katherine Sweet (Saint Louis University)

- Rocco J. Gennaro (University of Southern Indiana): “Mental Qualities, HOT Theory, and Change Blindness.” Commentator: Hayley Clatterbuck (University of Rochester).
- Christopher F. Masciari (University of Maryland, College Park): “Chunking and the Subjective Impression of Richness.” Commentator: Jens Kipper (University of Rochester).
- Joshua O'Rourke (Princeton University): “Property Dualism, Substance Dualism, and the Mental Problem of the Many.” Commentator: Matthew Lamb (University of Rochester).

2pm – 5pm: Intersections of Metaphysics and Ethics

Medical Alumni Association Classroom 2213B (2nd floor)

Chair: Michael Oliver Wiitala (Cleveland State University)

- Kristin Culbertson (University of Connecticut): “Realism, Anti-Realism, or Neither? Buddhist Perspectives on Personal Identity.” Commentator: Evan Westra (University of Toronto).
- P.X. Monaghan (Doane College): “God* Does Not Exist: A Deductive Argument for Atheism*.” Commentator: Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State University).
- Adam Waggoner (Western Michigan University): “Modal Realism and Two Arguments from Concern.” Commentator: Scott Dixon (Ashoka University/University of Hamburg).

2pm – 5pm: Normativity

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220A (2nd floor)

Chair: Liz Jackson (University of Notre Dame)

- Ritwik Agrawal (University of Missouri-Columbia): “‘Pain is bad’ Cannot Save Moral Realism: Assessing Katia Vavova’s Response to Evolutionary Debunking Arguments.” Commentator: Hille Paakkunainen (Syracuse University).
- Amy Flowerree (Texas Tech University): “Against Epistemic Instrumentalism.” Commentator: Allan Hazlett (Washington University in St. Louis).
- Luke Golemon (Western Michigan University): “Symmetry in Normativity.” Commentator: Alexandra King (University at Buffalo).

5pm – 5:30pm: Business meeting

5:30pm – 7:30pm: Presidential address

Ronald Dozoretz Auditorium 2220A (2nd floor)

Chair: Allan Hazlett (Washington University in St. Louis)

- James Beebe (University at Buffalo): “Scientific Realism in the Wild: An Empirical Study of Seven Sciences and HPS.”