

New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Conference November 10th 2012

Schedule:

9:00-9:30: Registration and Breakfast (Location)

Welcome by Dr. Ron Milon, Director, Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands

9:30am-11:30 am: Morning Sessions

11:30am- 1:00 PM Lunch and Keynote (Location)

Introduction by George Cronk, Academic Department Chair, Bergen Community College Department of Philosophy and Religion

Keynote: Josh Knobe, Yale University: “The Ordinary Concept of a ‘True Self’”

1:15pm- 3:15 pm: Afternoon Sessions

3:15pm-4:00pm Reception (location)

Morning Sessions:

9:30 AM

to

11:30 AM

Session A: Alexandra Perry, Moderator

Kant's Highest Good: Traces of the Beck-Silber Controversy in the Spanish Speaking World

Alonso Villarán, Universidad del Pacifico, Peru

Comments: Vicente Medina, Seton Hall University

Vagueness and Uncertainty

Peter Sutton, King's College London and Cornell University

Comments: Ashley Atkins, Princeton University

Descartes on Preconceived Notions and Doubt of the Cogito

Patrick Epley, Oklahoma University

Comments: Richard Fry

Session B: Moderator TBA

Transmission Failure and Factive Warrants

Ian Schnee, Western Kentucky University

Comments: Aaron Alvarez, University of Texas at El Paso

Basketball and Justice

Michael Dale, North Carolina State University

Comments: Bryant Lin, Loyola Marymount University

A Hermeneutic Examination of Scalia's Originalism and Breyer's Active Liberty

Bryant Lin, Loyola Marymount University

Comments:

Session C: Robbie Kubala, Moderator

In Defense of Moral Anger: A Response to Pettigrove

Myisha Cherry, City College CUNY

Comments: Nathaneal Smith, Albion College

Morally Relevant Potential

David and Rose Hershenov, University at Buffalo and Niagra University

Comments: Daniel Massey, Connecticut College

Is Free Will an Illusion?

Chrysoula Gitsoulis, City College, CUNY

Comments: Evan Kobolakis, Bergen Community College

Session D: Jennifer Lyden, Moderator

What is the "Paradox of Phase Transitions?"

Elay Shech, University of Pittsburgh

Comments: Matthew Childers, Western Michigan University

Let Everyone Who's Ignorant of Geometry Enter Here: On Cusanus' Use of Mathematics

Carlos Bovell, Institute of Christian Studies, Toronto

Comments: Lavina Sequeira, Bergen Community College

Mereology, Truth, and Contextual Semantics

Matthew Childers, Western Michigan University

Comments: Tom Slaughter, Bergen Community College

Session E: Chrysoula Gitsoulis, Moderator

Is Unhappiness Irrational?

Christine Vitrano, Brooklyn College

Comments: Grace Helton, NYU

William James, Hilary Putnam, and Richard J. Bernstein on the Pragmatic Importance of Temperament and Values

Thomas Keifer, Fordham University

Comments: Carlos Bovell

A Fanatical Wager

Geoff Karabin, Neumann University

Comments: Majid Amini

Virginia State University

Session F: Vanda Bozicevic, Moderator

The Notion of Ego in Husserl's Analyses Concerning Passive and Active Synthesis

Adam Kohler, Suffolk County Community College

Comments:

Merleau-Ponty's Uncommitted Painter

David Grunner, Fordham University

Comments: Chris Adamo, Centenary College

Session G: Moderator TBA

Some normative implications of indeterminate and unstable preferences

Mark Alfano, Princeton University

Comments: Jon Hricko, Johns Hopkins University

Objectivity judgments of ethical claims couched in terms of thick concepts

Jonathon Hricko, Johns Hopkins University

Derek Leben, University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown

Comments: Mark Alfano, Princeton University

Not-so-imaginative resistance: What our responses to morally deviant fictions have to teach us about our actual moral judgments

Rebecca Traynor, CUNY Graduate Center

Comments:

Afternoon Sessions:

1:15 PM
to
3:15 PM

Session H: Derek Leben, Moderator

On Whether the Higher-Order Thought Theory of Consciousness Entails Cognitive Phenomenology, or: What is it Like to Think that One Thinks that P?
Richard Brown, CUNY LaGuardia
Pete Mandik, William Paterson University
Comments: Elay Schech, University of Pittsburgh

Does the Downgrade Principle Refute Dogmatism? A Reply to Siegel
David Rey, Rutgers University and University of Barcelona
Comments:

Is Incorrighibility a Mental Feature?
Nada Gilgorov, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Comments: Michael Dale, North Carolina State University

Session I: Robert Christie, Moderator

Concrete Impossible Worlds
Martin Vacek, Slovak Academy of Sciences
Comments: Tom Slaughter, Bergen Community College

The Perils of Absolute Divine Attributes: From God to Maximal God
Majid Amini, Virginia State University
Comments: Geoff Karabin, Neumann University

Lewisian Humility
Nathaneal Smith, Albion College
Comments: Myisha Cherry, City College, CUNY

Session J: Moderator TBA

Drug-lore and its (de)Cadence
Minerva Ahumada, CUNY LaGuardia
Comments: Carlos Bovell, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto

Is Skepticism Conditionally Correct
Kaplan Hasanoglu, Emmanuel College
Comments: Charles Micelli, Bergen Community College

Lagging Criminalization
Charles Micelli, Bergen Community College
Comments:

Session K: Moderator TBA

Joyful Overman: On the Realization of Truth through Laughter and Levity
Kyle Wendling, Duquesne University
Comments: Justin Marquis, American University

Nietzsche's Anti-Philosophy: A Prolegomenon to Understanding Nietzsche as Philosopher
Justin Marquis, American University
Comments: Kyle Wendling, Duquesne University

Contextualism and Dreaming
Jonathan Dixon, Virginia Tech University
Comments: Adam Kohler, Suffolk County Community College

Session L: Tom Slaughter, Moderator

An Inferential Barrier for Relativism
Daniel Massey, Connecticut College
Comments: David Capps, Western Connecticut State

Birds Trust Their Wings, Sharks Their Teeth, and Humans Their Minds: The Critical Intelligence Argument Against Naturalism
John Mizzoni, Neumann University
Comments: Phillip Pegan, Neumann University

Is Parmenides’ Monad a Pre-Cosmic a)rxh/?
John Sisko, The College of New Jersey
Comments: John Peterman, William Paterson

Session M: Patrick Epley, Moderator

Ethics & The Limits of History: Artifacts of Evil and the Imperative to Preserve
Alexandra Perry, Bergen Community College

Does the method of cases rest on a mistake?
Moti Mizrahi, St. John’s University

Thought Experiments
Chris Herrera, Montclair State University

Session N: Moderator TBA

Hume’s “Reasoning”: Both Sensation and Not
Richard Fry, Georgetown University
Comments: Peter Sutton, Kings College London, And Cornell University

What is “Sickness” for Socrates in Hippias Minor?
Aaron Alvarez, University of Texas at El Paso
Comments: George Cronk, Bergen Community College

Endorsing the Causes of Love
Robbie Kubala, Columbia University
Comments: