# JOINT MEETING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY



## February 26-27, 2010 Queens University of Charlotte Charlotte, North Carolina

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
REGISTRATION IN SYKES AUDITORIUM LOBBY: FRIDAY, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

LOWER LEVEL OF SYKES BUILDING (ALL COFFEE BREAKS WILL ALSO BE IN THIS LOBBY.)

## SESSION I: FRIDAY, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

FRI. 2:00 - 5:00	SESSION A: THE EMERGENCE OF LOGICAL EMPIRICISM LOCATION: SYKES 28 CHAIR: GREG OAKES, WINTHROP UNIVERSITY	SESSION B: ETHICS LOCATION: SYKES 222 CHAIR: EDDY SOUFFRANT, UNC CHARLOTTE	SESSION C: METAPHYSICS  LOCATION: DANA 202  CHAIR: MALCOLM MUNSON  GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
2:00 - 2:40	NATHAN SASSER  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  "FRIEDMAN UNFOUNDED: WHY CARNAP'S  AUFBAU WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE NEO-  KANTIAN"	Brian Butler  UNC Asheville  "Moral Heuristics and Melioristic Moral Reasoning: Sunstein's Two Models of Moral Reasoning"	David Taylor  "Temporal Wholes and the Special Composition Question"
2:45 - 3:25	Brian Zaharatos  University of South Carolina  "Cultural Objects in Carnap's Aufbau: A  Heideggerian Critique"  **SCSP Graduate Essay Prize Winner**	Joseph Mayes  University of Wyoming  "The Pavement on the Road to Hell: Does Intention Never Directly Affect Permissibility?"	MICHAEL VEBER  EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  ON AN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN FREEDOM AND THE REALITY OF FUTURE"
3:25 - 3:35	COFFEE BREAK IN SYKES LOBBY	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby
3:35 - 4:15	THOMAS OBERDAN  CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  "THE TURNING-POINT: SCHLICK, CASSIRER, AND THE INTERPRETATION OF RELATIVITY"	Daniel Boisvert  UNC Charlotte  "Expressivism, Nondeclaratives, and Success  Condition Semantics"	TROY CATTERSON  NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE  UNIVERSITY  "SORTING OUT THE SORTALS: A FREGEAN  ARGUMENT FOR ESSENTIALISM"  ** NCPS UNTENURED FACULTY ESSAY PRIZE **
4:20 - 5:00	MICHAEL STOELTZNER  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA "PARTING THE WAYS ON CONCEPT"	Chris Howard  Brandeis University  "Morality, Personal Relationships, and  Conflict: A Response to Christine  Korsgaard"	<b>Jamin Asay</b> <i>UNC Chapel Hill</i> "Troubles for Truthmaking"

FRI. 2:00 - 5:00	SESSION D: ACTION THEORY  LOCATION: DANA 214  CHAIR: AMY MACARTHUR  HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY	SESSION E: EPISTEMOLOGY  LOCATION: SYKES 220  CHAIR: JOHN GULLEY  WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY	SESSION F: UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS  LOCATION: DANA 302  CHAIR: NANCY WILLIAMS  WOFFORD COLLEGE
2:00 - 2:40	GERALD BEAULIEU  EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  "EXPLANATORY AND NORMATIVE REASONS FOR ACTION: A SYNTHESIS "	Erik Krag University of Tennessee "Coherentism and Belief Fixation"	HEIDI HILDEMAN  UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  "REJECTION OF PASCAL'S WAGER"
2:45 - 3:25	MICHAEL PENDLEBURY North Carolina State University "Acting for a Reason"	<b>Georgi Gardiner</b> <i>University of Edinburgh</i> "Safety's Swamp: The Value of Modal Stability"	Alfred Peeler  College of Charleston  "Meta-ethical Relativism and the  Conceptualization of Morality"
3:25 - 3:35	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	COFFEE BREAK IN SYKES LOBBY
3:35 - 4:15	Yu Izumi University of Maryland "Fine-Grained Events and Coarse Situations"	Johannes Hafner North Carolina State University "Explanation by Mathematical Induction?"	John Helsel Furman University "MacIntyre and Liberalism: A Moderate Path to Resolving Moral Arguments?"
4:20 - 5:00	<b>Joseph Ulatowski</b> <i>University of Nevada Las Vegas</i> "Act Individuation: An Experimental Approach"	Patrick Brissey  University of South Carolina  "Rickless' Occult Faculty"	JAY CARLSON  WOFFORD COLLEGE  "DIALECTIC AND DISAGREEMENT: BERNARD LONERGAN IN THE CONTEXT OF 20TH CENTURY  EPISTEMOLOGY"  ** SCSP UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE WINNER **

#### DINNER: FRIDAY, 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Trexler Building for the University Dining Hall.
Otherwise, see the Restaurant Guide for the Queens University Area for recommendations.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: FRIDAY, 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
CHAIR: CHRISTIAN MILLER (WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY)
LOCATION: SYKES AUDITORIUM

DR. MICHAEL DICKSON
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
"SEEMING IS BELIEVING?"

ABSTRACT: "GOING BACK AT LEAST TO ARISTOTLE, THERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM ABOUT WHAT COULD COUNT AS EVIDENCE FOR METAPHYSICAL CLAIMS. (I BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM EXTENDS, IN OTHER FORMS, TO OTHER AREAS OF PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY, BUT I RESTRICT MY ATTENTION HERE TO METAPHYSICS.) A POPULAR CONTEMPORARY APPROACH IS TO APPEAL TO INTUITION. SOME CONTEMPORARY METAPHYSICIANS AND EPISTEMOLOGISTS HAVE OFFERED A DEFENSE OF THIS APPEAL. I WILL CONSIDER, AND REJECT, ONE SUCH DEFENSE. ASSUMING THAT OTHERS SHOULD BE REJECTED AS WELL, WE ARE LEFT WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO APPROACH METAPHYSICS, HOW IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE (IF IT IS POSSIBLE) TO ENGAGE IN METAPHYSICAL INQUIRY WITHOUT APPEAL TO INTUITION AS EVIDENCE. I WILL OFFER A CONCEPTION OF INQUIRY THAT, I SUGGEST, HAS THIS FEATURE."

RECEPTION: 9:00 - 11:00 P.M.

LOCATION: SYKES BUILDING ROTUNDA. MAIN LEVEL

## SESSION II: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAT. 9:00 - 12:00	SESSION A: CONTINENTAL  LOCATION: SYKES 28  CHAIR: JULIAN YOUNG  WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	SESSION B: TIME LOCATION: DANA 110 CHAIR: DAVID TAYLOR	SESSION C: PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, COGNITIVE SCIENCE, AND BIOETHICS LOCATION: WALKER SCIENCE 107 CHAIR: DAVID MEELER, WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
9:00 - 9:40	Joe Frank Jones  Barton College  "Heidegger and Derrida: The Aporia of Eschatology"	PETER STENBERG  University of South Carolina  "Time, Eternity, and the Order of Creation: Augustine and the Phenomenological Question of Time"	Renjie Yang University of South Carolina "Can The Causal Markov Assumption Be Violated?
9:45 - 10:25	DAVID HAMMOND  HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY  "KANT, LONERGAN AND THE COMPLETION OF THE TURN TO THE SUBJECT"	<b>Greg Oakes</b> <i>Winthrop University</i> "The Reality of Non-Present Times"	Christian Hipp Newberry College "Demarcating Science"
10:25-10:35	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby
10:35 - 11:15	Michael Lee Thompson University of South Florida "A Kantian Form of Libertarianism? From Heidegger's Critique to the Kantian Solution"	RICHARD GAWNE  WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  "NOW AND THE PRESENT: AN ESSAY ON THE  SEMANTICS OF TENSE"	MICHELE MERRITT  University of South Carolina  "The Cure for the Cure: Googling the Extended Mind"
11:20 - 12:00	<b>Peter Dennis</b> <i>University of Reading</i> "A Tension in Being and Time §44"	Bryan Roberts University of Pittsburgh "How to Time-Reverse a Quantum System"	Anton Tupa University of South Carolina "What Is It to Have a Future-Like-Ours?"

SAT. 9:00 - 12:00	SESSION D: PHILOSOPHY OF  LANGUAGE  LOCATION: WALKER SCIENCE 120  CHAIR: DANIEL BOISVERT  UNC CHARLOTTE	SESSION E: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY LOCATION: SYKES 222 CHAIR: JUSTIN WEINBERG UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	SESSION F: UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS LOCATION: SYKES 224 CHAIR: ERIC MULLIS QUEENS UNIVERSITY
9:00 - 9:40	Patrick Rardin Appalachian State University "On Exemplification"	Jonathan Miles  Bowling Green State University  "A Defense of Free Speech based on Intellectual Virtue"	Robert Duncan Lenoir-Rhyne University "Alasdair MacIntyre on Agency"
9:45 - 10:25	Sarah McCulley Ohio University "Davidson's Semantical Primitives and Why They Cannot Work"	EDWARD SONG  Louisiana State University  "Acceptance, Fairness and Political Obligation"	ALEXANDRA ELFNER  UNC WILMINGTON  "THE DECEPTION OF THE MENTAL: DAVIDSON'S  UNTENABLE THESIS ON MENTAL EVENTS"
10:25-10:35	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby
10:35 - 11:15	Anne Bezuidenhout  University of South Carolina  "Conversational Implicatures and Discourse Coherence"	BARBARA LEVENBOOK  NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  "HOW TO HOLD THE SOCIAL FACT THESIS—A  REPLY TO GREENBERG AND TOH"	BO-SHAN XIANG  Wake Forest University  "Socrates' Use for the Afterlife Myths in  The Apology, The Gorgias, and The  Republic"
11:20 - 12:00	Brendan Murday Ithaca College "Definite Descriptions and Semantic Pluralism"	Jamie Steele Georgia Southern University "Oikos versus Polis: Aristotle and Plato on Citizenship in the State"	LEAH TOWNSEND  UNC CHAPEL HILL  "MORALITY, MOORE, PSYCHOPATHS, AND YELLOW: PROPOSING A MORAL ACQUISITION DEVICE"

LUNCH: 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

TREXLER BUILDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY DINING HALL.
THE SCSP WILL HOLD ITS BUSINESS MEETING DURING LUNCH IN TREXLER DINING HALL.

## SESSION III: SATURDAY, 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

SAT. 1:30 - 4:30	SESSION A: ETHICS  LOCATION: SYKES 28  CHAIR: ANTON TUPA  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	SESSION B: PHILOSOPHY OF MIND LOCATION: SYKES 222 CHAIR: RICHARD COMBES UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE	SESSION C: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY LOCATION: DANA 202 CHAIR: MICHAEL FUNK DECKARD, LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY
1:30 - 2:10	<b>Justin Weinberg</b> <i>University of South Carolina</i> "When Is Moral Hazard Hazardous?"	Jack Kwong  Appalachian State University  "Aliefs and Belief-Discordant Behaviors"	David Landy  San Francisco State University  "Descartes' Compositional Theory of  Mental Representation"
2:15 - 2:55	<b>Anthony Marc Williams</b> <i>College of Charleston</i> "Forgiveness Frankfurt Style"	Julia Krause Johns Hopkins University "Evans' Informational Content: The Animal Argument and Egocentric Space"	EMILY KELAHAN  UNC CHAPEL HILL  "HUME: WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?"  ** NCPS GRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE WINNER *
2:55 - 3:05	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby
3:05 - 3:45	<b>Hui-Min Lin</b> <i>National Chung Cheng University</i> "The Paradox of Desert"	JESSE STEINBERG  University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  "Is Belief a Propositional Attitude?"	CALEB COLLEY  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  "HOW ARE PLEASURE AND HAPPINESS RELATED IN ARISTOTLE'S NICHOMACHEAN ETHICS?"
3:50 - 4:30	Leonard Kahn United States Air Force Academy "Conflict, Regret, and Morality"	James Blackmon San Francisco State University "Searle's Wall"	Stephen Puryear  North Carolina State University  "Leibniz on the Metaphysics of Color"

SAT. 1:30 - 4:30	SESSION D: SPECIAL SESSION ON CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION  LOCATION: DANA 302 CHAIR: JOHN WHITMIRE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	SESSION E: UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS LOCATION: SYKES 224 CHAIR: DAVIS KUYKENDALL UNC CHARLOTTE	SESSION F: EPISTEMOLOGY  LOCATION: DANA 110  CHAIR: JIM GRIFFIS  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE
1:30 - 2:10	[Panel session times are subject to adjustment.]  J.F. Humphrey, panelist  North Carolina Agricultural and  Technical State University  "Socrates' Wisdom"	William Brady UNC Chapel Hill "Unjustified Veridical Memory-Belief" ** NCPS Undergraduate Essay Prize Winner**	JASON DECKER  CARLETON COLLEGE  "QUINING QUARRELS: INDIFFERENCE  AND DEEP AGNOSTICISM"
2:15 - 2:55	MARK WELLS, PANELIST  MONTREAT COLLEGE  "HOW DO YOU BEAT SOCRATES AT HIS OWN GAME? APORIA, TRUTH AND THE ETERNAL IN THE PHILOSOPHICAL FRAGMENTS"	Ian Cruise Louisana State University "Klosko on Fairness: Obligation, Duty, and Voluntary Action"	Shawn Graves  Cedarville University  "Defending the Equal Weight View  from Some Problem Cases"
2:55 - 3:05	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby	Coffee Break in Sykes Lobby
3:05 - 3:45	James McLachlan, Panelist  Western Carolina University  "Beyond the Self, Beyond Ontology: Levinas' Reading of Shestov's Reading of  Kierkegaard"  *Panel Respondent: Julie Meadows,  Presbyterian College	Samuel Murray  Wake Forest University  "God and Normativity: A Revised Divine  Command Theory of Ethics"	CHRISTOPHER CLOOS  SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  "AGAINST THE TOTAL EVIDENCE REQUIREMENT"
3:50 - 4:30	DAVID ROBERTS  University of South Carolina at  Lancaster  "The Power of Evil is the Problem of Evil"	Kristen Wells UNC Wilmington "How Guilty is God? A Response to Aaron Ridley and Mathias Risse"	BEN MCCRAW  University of Georgia  "A New Take on Epistemic Trust"

Break: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sykes Auditorium Lobby

## SESSION IV: SATURDAY, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

SAT. 5:00 - 6:30	SESSION A: MEANING OF LIFE AND PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION  LOCATION: SYKES 28  CHAIR: PAUL JOHNSON  SOUTHERN SEMINARY	SESSION B: VAGUENESS  LOCATION: SYKES 222  CHAIR: WILL KIBLINGER  WINTHROP UNIVERSITY	SESSION C: PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND AESTHETICS LOCATION: DANA 110 CHAIR: CHRISTIAN HIPP NEWBERRY COLLEGE
5:00-5:45	MICHAEL WILLENBORG  SOUTHERN SEMINARY  "A CANTORIAN ARGUMENT FOR THEISM"	Dennis Earl, SCSP President Coastal Carolina University "Vague Analysis"	GORDON PURVES  UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  "IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE USEFUL FICTION:  AN INTERPRETATION OF VIRTUAL CRACKS AS  NON-FICTIONS"
5:45-6:30	HEATH WHITE  UNC WILMINGTON  "MATTERING AND MECHANISM: WHY A  MECHANISTIC UNIVERSE SEEMS DEPRESSING"	CHRYSOULA GITSOULIS  CITY COLLEGE/CUNY  "VAGUENESS AND THE SORITES PARADOX"	MICHAEL SPICHER  University of South Carolina  "In Support of Aesthetic Experience"
SAT. 5:00 - 6:30	SESSION D: APPLIED ETHICS  LOCATION: DANA 202  CHAIR: CLINT CORCORAN  HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY	SESSION E: METAPHYSICS AND MIND LOCATION: DANA 302 CHAIR: ANNE BEZUIDENHOUT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	SESSION F: UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS LOCATION: SYKES 224 CHAIR: MARK WELLS MONTREAT COLLEGE
5:00-5:45	NATHAN NOBIS  MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  "Defending Embryo Experimentation"	DAVID FROST  UNC CHAPEL HILL  "THE "IN VIRTUE OF" QUESTION: TOWARDS A  TRANSCENDENTAL SOLUTION TO THE QUA  PROBLEM OF MENTAL CAUSATION"	NICK PALMER  NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  "IDEOLOGY, MECHANICS, AND STRUCTURE OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT"
5:45-6:30	Paul Wilson Shaw University "Executing the Right to Die	<b>Chris Tweedt</b> "A Problem for Numerical Sameness without Identity"	Brandon Tinklenberg UNC Wilmington "Functionalism and Mental State Externalism"