# 2018 Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society.



March 23-34, 2018
Winthrop University
Rock Hill, South Carolina

#### **Conference Organizers**

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#### 2018 Essay Prize Winners

SCSP Undergraduate Prize: Ben Lang (Furman University), "Ineffable Anxiety as the Coat of Arms: Abraham Has No Mouth, and He Must Scream"

SCSP Graduate Student Prize: A. Parikh (University of South Carolina), "Knowledge as Justified True Belief: A Pragmatic Defense"

SCSP Untenured Faculty Prize: B. McCraw (USC Upstate), "Quasi-Doxastic Propositional Faith"

**Judging panel**: Anne Bezuidenhout (USC), Kevin DeLapp (Converse College), Jeremy Henkel (Wofford College), James Manos (Adler University), Anne Pollok (USC), Nils Rauhut (Coastal Carolina University), Aaron Simmons (Furman), Murray Skees (USC Beaufort).

NCPS Undergraduate Prize: Luke Donner (Westmont College), "The Problem of Possibility: A Modal Case for Moral Non-Naturalism"

NCPS Graduate Student Prize: Seena Eftekhari (University of Kansas), "Nozick on Compensation, Consent, and the Minimal State"

NCPS Untenured Faculty Prize: Aaron Segal (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Lost at Sea: A Novel Case for Metaphysical Skepticism"

**Judging panel:** John Carroll (North Carolina State University), Johannes Hafner, Timothy Hinton (North Carolina State University), Robert Mabrito (North Carolina State University), Patrick Toner (Wake Forest University), Michael Veber (East Carolina University), and Heath White (UNC-Wilmington).

#### The societies and their officers

The North Carolina Philosophical Society may be found online at:

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## Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Noon: Registration and coffee (registration open all afternoon) - Owens Hall ground floor, lobby.

#### Friday pm Sessions

Room #	G07	G08	101	104	107	108	109	209	207
Category	Metaph. 1	Epistem. 1	Mind 1	Religion	History 1 Ancient // Action Theory	SocPol 1	Ethics 1	Continental 1 (Panel)	Language 1
1:10 - 1:50	Problem Really Implies J. Lim (Troy University)	Why not Persuade the Skeptic? A Critique of Unambitious Epistemology M. Veber (East Carolina University)	Thinking Differently About Thought N. Georgalis (East Carolina University)	The Forgotten Monarchy of the Father in Analytic Discussions of the Trinity B. Branson (Brescia University)	The Qualitative Dimensions of Μέγεθος in the Poetics C. Corcoran (High Point University)	Solidarityfor Nazis? On the Limits of Liberal Conceptions of Solidarity R. DuFord (UNC Wilmington)	Famine, Affluence, and Philosophers' Biases P. Seipel (USC Lancaster)	Unable to Live: Adorno's Thought of Non-Violence R. Elmore (Appalachian State University)	Artificial intelligent chatbots and the future of Expressivism H. Kempt (University of Duisburg-Essen)
1:55 - 2:35	for Metaphysical Skepticism	A. Nordmann (Technical University of Darmstadt)	Visual Experience is an Action: A Phenomenological Case for Enactivism K. Hasanoglu (Emmanual College)	Quasi-Doxastic Propositional Faith B. McCraw (USC Upstate)	,	Nozick on Compensation, Consent, and the Minimal State S. Eftekhari (University of Kansas)	Acceptance Cognitivism A. Archer (George Washington University)	Tortuous Time: Undoing the Past in Jean Améry and James Baldwin J. Weiss (Appalachian State University)	Mistakes about conventions and meanings C. Grant (MIT)
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2:45 - 3:25	Response to Daniel Korman P. Rezkalla(Florida State	Knowledge as Justified True Belief: A Pragmatic Defense A. Parikh (University of South Carolina)			Practical Bullshit B. Boesch (University of South Carolina)	What's happening: Trump, Twitter and an affectively driven epistemology of ignorance M. Skees (USC Beaufort)	Two Methods of Arguing for A Theory of Well-Being L. Kallberg (St. Louis University)	A Market of Cities: Neoliberalism, Municipal Debt, and the Rise of Inequality J. Manos (Adler University)	A Canonical Test for a Canonical Semantics? A Patterson (Syracuse University)
3:30 - 4:10	Context Sensitivity and Stepwise Dependence in Lewis' Theory of Causation A. Kil (Unaffiliated)		Multi-Centered Contents & Thoughts of Limited Accessibility H. Guzman-Orozco (University at Buffalo, SUNY)	Putting Philosophy in its Place: Augustine and Ghazali on Philosophy in Religious Discourse J. Swanstrom (Georgia Southern University)	Moral Feeling and Moral Self-Awareness T. Hammond (Boston University)	The Benefits of Coercion: The Coercive Approach to Distributive Justice B. Hupfer (High Point Unviersity)	A Critique of the Instrumentalization Argument for Prostitution's Immorality R. Lovering (CUNY - College of Staten Island)	On Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Religious Other K.J.G. Villezca (Don Bosco Academy, Pampanga)	Is This Sentence Meaningless? A Moderate Anti-Realist Approach to the Meaner Paradox P. Marton (Bridgewater State University)

4:10 to 7:00 pm Dinner break. On your own. Dining suggestions included with your registration materials.

# **Keynote Address**

7:00 - 8:30pm

018 Kinard Hall (next to Owens)

Welcome: **Dr. Daniel F. Mahony** 

President, Winthrop University.

Chair: Dr. David Reiter

President, South Carolina Society for Philosophy and Professor of Philosophy, Erskine College

Address: Dr. Robert Audi

John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

# **A Theory of Moral Conduct**

If we do what we morally ought to do, does that suffice for being a moral person? It would not for Aristotle, since doing what we ought to do does not entail acting from virtue. It would not for Kant, since we can do what we ought to do for morally inappropriate reasons. The question is harder for utilitarianism, but regularly maximizing utility does not entail being a moral person. For common-sense intuitionism, too, doing the right deeds does not suffice for being a moral person. This presentation will argue that our conduct goes beyond our deeds and that a suitable predominance of morally right conduct in life apparently does suffice for being a moral person. Showing this requires an accounts of conduct, its governing norms, and how a theory of conduct accommodates moral standards.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Reception (with cash bar)} \\ \textbf{8:30} - \textbf{10:00} \\ \textbf{Tuttle Dining Room, McBryde Hall} \end{array}$ 

# Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Morning Sessions**

Room #	G07	G08	101	102	103	104	1077	108	G05
Category	Metaph. 2	Epistem. 2	Mind 2	Environ.	History 2 EM	Soc Pol 2 Race/gender	Ethics 2	Logic	Lang 2 (Panel pt. 1)
9:00 - 9:40	Carnap's Expressivism without a No Exist Problem P. Rardin (Appalachian State University)	Epistemic Injustice and the Gricean Maxims F. Fowzer (San Francisco State University)	A Critique of Parfit – A Multiple Causal Model of Survival G. DelCarmen (Brandeis University)	Is wilderness a historical kind? D. Earl (Coastal Carolina University)	The Transcendence of the Self in Spinoza's Ethics and Short Treatise A. Hasan-Birdwell (Furman University)	"I Can't Believe I Still Have to Protest This Shit": Decoloniality and the Enduring Presence of Past Injustice D. Gandolfo (Furman University)	Lying as a Betrayal of Trust J. Henkel (Wofford College)	Meta-Linguistic Negotiation and Logical Pluralism T. Kouri Kissel (Old Dominion University)	The Philosophical Significance of Empirical Semantics K. Richardson (North Carolina State University)
9:45 - 10:25	Libertarianism as an Explanatory Hypothesis A. Kissel (Old Dominion University)	Fictional Artifacts in Science J. Price (University of South Carolina)		Sustainability and Justice M. Stone (Furman University)	On the Deficiency of Spinoza's 'Free Man' as the Model of Human Nature B. Kautsch (University of South Carolina)	Kin and Country: A Critique of a White Nationalism N. Sasser (Greenville Technical College)	Can Animal Pain Really Be Worse than Our Pain? A Reply to Akhtar E. Terrill (George Washington University)	Bunched Logical Pluralism S.A. Logan (North Carolina State University)	Speech Acts and Speaking Up G. Russell (UNC Chapel Hill)
	1	1			10 minute BREAK	1	1		
10:35 - 11:15	Grounding Necessitation and Composition J. Darcy (University of Virginia)	Confidence Without Certainty: On the Importance of Philosophy in a STEM(B) World A. Simmons (Furman University)		'Not the Wolf Itself': Examining the Use of a Species' Right to Exist in Conservation Disputes M.P. Allen (East Tennessee State University)	Jeremy Bentham and the Concept of Religion M. Minářová (Charles University, Prague)	Understanding Self-Injury through (Body) Shame and Oppression A. Laguardia (University of Connecticut)	A New Argument Against 'Ought' Implies 'Can' R. Turner (Walters State Community College)	How can more than one logic be correct?  E. Stei (Bonn/UNC-Chapel Hill)	Directly Referential Definite Descriptions and Frege's Puzzle S. Varey (UNC Chpoel Hill)
11:20 - 12:00	Stage Theory and Phenomenal Space N. Danne (University of South Carolina)	Specifying Coherentism M. Forgione (University of South Carolina)					Confucian Ritual and Aristotelian Habit K. DeLapp (Converse College)		Three Dimensions of Modal Interpretation B. Sherman (USC Columbia)

12:00 – 1:30pm Lunch break. On your own. Dining suggestions included with your registration materials.

## Saturday March 24th

#### **Afternoon Sessions**

Room #	G07	G08	101	102	103	104	1077	209	G05
Category	Met 3	UG 1 history	UG 2 value theory	UG 3 met ep mind sci	History 3 Kant/Modern	Soc Pol 3	UG 4 misc	UG 5 (gender & race panel)	Lang 3 (Panel pt 2)
1:30 - 2:10		Overcoming and Becoming: Toward A New Mode of Being Z. Huang (Furman University)	Justificatory Convergence in the Public Sphere: Can Moral Epistemology Survive its Post-Metaphysical Turn? B. Colhoun (Furman University)	Returning Computationalism's Mind Dependence to the Foreground J. Heine (Dartmouth University)	Significance S. Gurofsky (University of	Jacques Maritain and Jean- Paul Sartre J. Pappin III (University of South Carolina)	Expansion of Mind: Living with Meaning V.A. Ochoa (Appalachian State University) also met/valueth	Seeking Justice: Trans Liberation Through Abolition L. Williams (Appalachian State University)	The Intentional Dependence of T  E. Stewart (University of South Carolina)
2:15 - 2:55	Seeing Unified Events K-C Chen (Boston University)	Ineffable Anxiety as the Coat of Arms: Abraham Has No Mouth, and He Must Scream B. Lang (Furman University)	A Refutation of Thomson's Violinist Analogy Without the Dissimilarity Objection S. Burgess (Midlands Technical College)	The Problem of Possibility: A Modal Case for Moral Non-Naturalism L. Donner (Westmont College)	Kant on the Ground of Normativity T. Kinnaman (George Mason University)	Trigger Warning: This Essay Surely Contains Wrongthink!' J. Watkins-Quesada (Unaffiliated)	Fictional Names and Truth: How to cope with them? M. Marabello (University of Padua	HSV Confession and the Reimagining of Sexual Respectability E. Smith (Appalachian State University)	DnDexicals: The Monster Problem of "Pure Indexicals" in RPG and Fantasy' A.J. Murphy (University of South Carolina)
					10 minute BREAK				
3:05 - 3:45	From Actual to Possible Objects Q. Wu (Boston University)	Kierkegaard and Mother Teresa: Dark (K)nights of Faith B. Williams (Furman University)		Disagreeing to Disagree M. LeBar (Davidson College)		Appropriating the Unmarked Mass Graves of Genocide as Memorial Sites P.E. Wilson (Shaw University)	The Middle Way: Living Between the Epistemic Extremes with Dionysius and Wolterstorff E. Simmons (Furman University)	The Modern Vanguard: Intersectional Feminists J. Venditelli (Appalachian State University)	General Extenders and Joint Communication A. Bezuidenhout (University of South Carolina)-
3:50 - 4:30	Time to Dispense with Dispensibility Arguments A. Story (Duke University)	Expansion of Mind: Living with Meaning V.A. Ochoa (Appalachian State University)		An Evidentialist Defense of Reasonable Religious Disagreement A. Nolte (East Carolina University)				"Where Are You from": a Phenomenology of Questions and Embodiment. A. Lemus-Gomez (Young Harris College)	Round Table Discussion

5:30 to 8:00pm Banquet: Tuttle Dining Room, McBryde Hall.

SCSP Presidential Address: "Does Theism Enjoy An Epistemic Advantage Over Naturalism? Reflections On Some Recent (And Not So Recent) Work." David Reiter, Erskine College

(Please note: payment for the optional banquet (see SCSP website) must be completed by 3/15)