

2020 Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy



March 27-28, 2020

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Asheville, North Carolina

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Conference Organizers

Melissa Burchard, UNC-Asheville, local organizer
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NCPS Essay Prize Winners

Undergraduate Prize: Vanya Bhat (UNC-Chapel Hill) “A Critique of Complete Patient Autonomy”

Graduate Student Prize: Cara Cummings (Johns Hopkins) “The Proper Scope of *Akrasia*”

Untenured Faculty Prize: Veljko Dubljevic (NC State) “The Normative Implications of Recent Empirical Neuroethics Research on Morality”

Judging Panel: Matthew Brophy, Melissa Burchard, Brian Butler, Clint Corcoran, Kevin Richardson, John Roberts, Patrick Toner, Mike Veber, and Heath White

SCSP Essay Prize Winners

Undergraduate Prize: Thomas Moore, "Willing the Path from Despair: Schopenhauer, Van Gogh, and the Alleviation of Suffering through Art and Transcendence"

Graduate Student Prize: William Evan Welchance, "The Functional Conception of Laws"

Untenured Faculty Prize: Jeremy Killian, “Ah I Remember my First Beer: The Aesthetic Objection to Heckling in Stand-up Comedy”

Judging Panel: Kristina Grob and Nathan Sasser

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Friday March 27th

Registration: Beginning at 1:00pm location TBD

Session I

Time	Forgiveness Room TBD	Ethics 1 Room TBD	Phenomenology Room TBD	Metaethics 1 Room TBD	Religion Room TBD	Time Room TBD	Logic Room TBD	Undergrad 1 Room TBD
2:00-2:40	<i>Forgive and Punish</i> Kimberly Goard, Richmond Community College	<i>Moral Disagreement Skepticism Levelled</i> Jonathan Dixon, University of Massachusetts, Amherst	<i>Transcendence of Joker's Moral Positioning from the Heideggerian Fursorge to the Hobbsian Harm...</i> Abdul Rahim, University of Karachi	<i>Why the Etiological Account Cannot Ground Normativity for Biocentrism</i> Stephanie Hoffmann, University of Wisconsin, Madison	<i>Moral Problems for Pragmatic Faith</i> Matthew Baddorf, Walters State Community College	<i>Temporal Passage in a Fragmented World</i> Kyley Ewing, University of Maryland	<i>The Normativity of Logic: The Dialogical Account and the Aboutness Question</i> Deke Gould, Augustana College	<i>Finding Purpose in Coercion</i> Dallas Havens, University of Indianapolis
2:45-3:25	<i>Forgiving and Forgetting</i> Craig Augle, Rutgers University, Camden	<i>Unaroused, Unaccounted for, Invisible, but Still Here: On the Need to Revisit (Introduce?) Asexuality</i> Abigail Klassen, University of Winnipeg	<i>Phenomenology is all Greek to Me: The Influence of Aristotelian Metaphysics on Heidegger's Understanding of 'Being'</i> Cameron Hepola, Holy Apostles College and Seminary	<i>The Proper Function of Ethical Judgment: A Biosemantic Theory of Ethical Thought and Discourse</i> Drew Johnson, University of Connecticut	<i>"Confucian" Arguments for the Existence of God</i> Kevin DeLapp, Converse College	<i>The Functional Role of The Concept of Time</i> Katherine Fazekas, Coastal Carolina University	<i>Whitehead and Others on Material Continuation</i> Gregory Oakes and Mikhail Anfinson, Winthrop University	<i>From Recognition to Death in the Mass Shooters' America</i> Lane Hepburn, UNC Asheville

Session II

Time	Metaethics 2 Room TBD	Technology Ethics Room TBD	Epistemology 1 Room TBD	Mind/ Metaphysics Room TBD	History 1 Room TBD	Ethics 2 Room TBD	Aesthetics Room TBD	Philosophy of Science Room TBD
3:40-4:20	<i>The Normative Implications of Recent Empirical Neuroethics Research on Morality</i> Veljko Dubljevic, North Carolina State University *Untenured Faculty Prize*	<i>If A.I. only had a Heart: Why Artificial Emotion Research Needs to take Emotions more Seriously</i> Garrett Merriam, Sacramento State University	<i>Wittgenstein and the ABC's of Religious Epistemics</i> Guy Axtel, Radford University	<i>Meeting the Matching Content Challenge to Cognitive Phenomenology</i> Preston Lennon, Ohio State University	<i>History, Chronology and Technological Determinism: A Dialectical Interpretation of the Mesthene/McDermott Debate</i> Michael Ruse, Coastal Carolina University	<i>Justifying Out of Habit</i> Amichai Amit, Tel Aviv University	<i>Musical Normativity</i> Michael Dickson, University of South Carolina	<i>The Problem of (not) Defining Timbre</i> James Trybendis, The New School for Social Research
4:25-5:05	<i>What's Wrong with the Scientific Study of Morality?</i> Paul Rezkalla, Florida State University	<i>Artificial Morality: Defining a Developmental Approach to Machine Ethics</i> Nicholas DeHoust and Chris Tweedt, Christopher Newport University	<i>The Epistemic Significance of Referential-Attributive Distinction</i> Anne Bezuidenhout, University of South Carolina	<i>The Functional Conception of Laws</i> William Welchance, University of Virginia	<i>Why Did Descartes Think His Method Was Veracious At Its Inception</i> Patrick Brissey, University of South Carolina	<i>On the Possibility of a Uniquely Indian Ethical Theory: A Pragmatist Theory of Dharma</i> Apurva Parikh, University of South Carolina	<i>Ah, I Remember my First Beer: The Aesthetic Objection to Heckling in Stand-up</i> Jeremy Killian, Coastal Carolina University	

Dinner on your own: 5:05-7:00 information in packets

Keynote Address

7:00 – 8:30pm

Welcome: **Dr. Beth Hupfer**

*Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Philosophical Society
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, High Point University*

Chair: **Dr. Stephen Puryear**

*President, North Carolina Philosophical Society
Associate Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University*

Address: **Dr. Jennifer Morton**

*Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Senior Fellow, Center for Ethics and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

The Limits of Epistemic Resilience: Prejudice and Discrimination

Can epistemic resilience help members of marginalized groups overcome the sort of challenge that prejudice and discrimination pose? In contexts of prejudice and discrimination, the evidence agents face is rarely supportive of epistemic resilience. An agent who sees that members of her group G rarely succeed in the pursuit of E because of prejudice and discrimination against Gs has evidence that her efforts might be better expended elsewhere. If she has a less-risky, valuable alternative, then quitting can be a rational way of avoiding the potential costs of failure. One might be tempted to resist this pessimistic conclusion by appealing to pragmatic encroachment theories that allow that in some cases an agent can rationally believe against the evidence. In this paper, I will argue against this way of resisting the pessimistic conclusion. I suggest that these theories ignore the very real opportunity costs that agents pay when they settle on difficult long-term ends without being sensitive to evidence of potential failure. Relying on a theory of epistemic resilience modeled as an epistemic policy, I argue that we should understand epistemic resilience to support believing optimistically only in a very narrow range of cases. In many cases of prejudice and discrimination, the rational thing for the agent to do is to pursue alternatives. Though some might find this conclusion unpalatable, I will argue that it offers the correct diagnosis of the cases in question because it puts the onus for rectifying the injustice brought about by prejudice and discrimination on the political and social context rather than on an agent's capacity to believe against the evidence.

Saturday, March 28th

Registration: Beginning at 8:30am

Session III

Time	Panel: MAP Panel on Diversity Room TBD	Panel: Kierkegaard in an Age of Populism Room TBD	Panel: Count, Sing, Do Room TBD	Ancient Room TBD	Ethics 3 Room TBD	Free Will/ Metaphysics Room TBD	Undergrad 2 Room TBD	Undergrad 3 Room TBD
9:00-9:40	Participants: Naomi Simmons-Thorne (USC), Hannah Read (Duke), Simone Gubler (UNC-Chapel Hill)	<i>Democratic Politics and Neighbor Love</i> John Altick, The Citadel	<i>Thought and Revolutionary Praxis in Adorno and Derrida</i> Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University	<i>The Proper Scope of Akrasia</i> Cara Cummings, Johns Hopkins University *Grad Prize*	<i>Basic Moral Parity</i> Nevin Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	<i>In/Compatibilism about Free Will: An Ethical Dispute?</i> Heath White, University of North Carolina, Wilmington	<i>Our Lord and Savior, Liberalism</i> Tim Irwin, Appalachian State University	<i>Looking Up: The Philosopher's Compulsion to Descend</i> Katie Schoulda, High Point University
9:45-10:25		<i>Kierkegaard and Leftist Populism? A Thought Experiment</i> Aaron Simmons, Furman University	<i>Jargon of Industry: Identity Thinking in the Age of Big Data</i> Murray Skees, University of South Carolina, Beaufort	<i>Aristotelian Marital Friendship</i> Z Quanbeck, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	<i>Empathy for Opponents</i> Hannah Read, Duke University	<i>Does Nonhuman-Agent Have Free Will?</i> Das Pujarini, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	<i>White Ignorance is not a Disability</i> Nic Koshki, Townson University	<i>The Correspondence Theory of Truth Is Still on the Table</i> Phillip Yoon, Johns Hopkins University
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:40-11:20		<i>Kierkegaard, Populism, and Phenomenological Therapy</i> Amber Bowen, Trinity College	<i>Music after Auschwitz</i> Joe Weiss, Appalachian State University	<i>Maternal Metaphors in Symposium: Plato on the Relevance of Feminine Experience in Philosophy</i> Delaney Thull, UNC, Chapel Hill	<i>An Arendtian Reflection on Civil Disobedience and the Separation of Powers in Light of the Trump Presidency</i> David Antonini, Clemson University	<i>Distinctness as Possible Difference</i> Zach Thornton, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	<i>What's Fair, Anyway? Democratic Equality, Meritocracy, and Justice</i> Anne Moore, UNC, Greensboro	<i>Aesthetic Flow: Neural Correlates and Implications of a Goal-Directed Aesthetic Experience</i> Jack Vavrinchik, Elmhurst College
11:25-12:15				<i>The Alleged Fallacy in Nicomachean Ethics 1.2</i> Takashi Oki, Nagoya University	<i>Higher-order Error Theories and Moral Psychology</i> Lee Graham, University of Houston	<i>Where There are Clouds... Modal Transfer and Constraint Tuning</i> Justin Price, University of South Carolina	<i>Mind Over Matter: Towards an Intentionalist Account of Perception</i> John Sanner, UNC, Chapel Hill	<i>A Materialistic Problem for Mereological Universalism</i> Andrew Chase Dill, North Carolina State University

Lunch: 12:15-1:30

Session IV

Time	Applied Ethics Room TBD	Value Theory Room TBD	Emotion and Meaning Room TBD	Epistemology 2 Room TBD	History 2 Room TBD	Social/Political Room TBD	Undergrad 4 Room TBD	Undergrad 5 Room TBD
1:30-2:10	<i>Monogamy Does not Require Sophisticated Philosophical Justification...</i> Nick Harding, University of Southampton	<i>Does Autonomous Moral Reasoning Favor Consequentialism</i> Caner Turan, Tulane University	<i>Emotion and Motivation in Tappolet's Perceptual Theory</i> Matthew Turyn, Georgia State University	<i>Time and Epistemology of Measurement</i> Brittany Gentry, St. Anselm College	<i>Kierkegaard and Levinas: Towards a Kierkegaardian Ethics of Alterity</i> Seth Daves, University of South Florida	<i>Closing the Genocide Impunity Gap with Katherina von Kellenbach's Mark of Cain</i> Paul Wilson, Shaw University	<i>Aristotelian Analysis of the Goodness of Bahamian v. American Ways of Life</i> Margaret Byers, Christopher Newport Univ.	<i>You Have a Friend in Me. Montaigne and Aristotle on Friendship</i> Sarah Money, Furman University
2:15-2:55	<i>Meat Me Halfway? Health and the Ethics of Animal-based Diets</i> John Porter, UNC, Chapel Hill	<i>Moral Worth and Accidentally Right Actions</i> Allen Coates, East Tennessee State University	<i>Humility, Pride, and Self-Loathing</i> Jennifer Wargin, Texas A&M University	<i>Four Theses Concerning Cognitive Design and Epistemic Justification</i> David Reiter, Erskine College	<i>Hume's Rejection of Philosophical Enthusiasm</i> Nathan Sasser, Greenville Technical College	<i>Humanizing Indignity and the Morality of Fellowship</i> David Holiday, Coastal Carolina University	<i>Can Meaning be Made by Emphasis?</i> Regan Flieg, Christopher Newport University	<i>Willing the Path from Despair...</i> Thomas Moore, Furman University
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3:10-3:50	<i>Abortion after the Point of Viability</i> Kristen Hine, Towson University	<i>Requirement and Value</i> Robert Bass, University of North Carolina, Pembroke	<i>Love and Psychological Egoism</i> Joe Nelson, Duke University	<i>Propositional Justification is not Necessary for Doxastic Justification</i> Bada Kim, University of Kansas	<i>Ibn Rushd's Takfir of al-Ghazālī: Ta'wil and Causal Kufr</i> Saja Parvizian, Coastal Carolina University	<i>Fake News and a Notion of Function</i> Seth Goldwasser, University of Pittsburgh	<i>Science's Potential for Art</i> Jack Moore, Christopher Newport University	<i>The Metaphysics of Resistance</i> Kaiming Zhang, Furman University
3:55-4:35	<i>What's Wrong with Segregation (on Airplanes)</i> Peter Seipel, University of South Carolina, Lancaster	<i>Virtue Without Character</i> Charles Starkey, Clemson University	<i>Meaningfulness as Mattering</i> Michael Prinzing, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	<i>Circular Explanations Can be Good</i> Benjamin Rancourt, North Carolina State University	<i>The Strange Case of Qualitative Magnitude</i> Clint Corcoran, High Point University	<i>Disinformation as Manipulative Content</i> Elizabeth Stewart, University of South Carolina	<i>Reconsidering the Appreciation of Religious Music</i> Sabrina Green, Converse College	<i>A Critique of Complete Patient Autonomy</i> Vanya Bhat, UNC, Chapel Hill *Undergrad Prize*
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4:45-5:25	<i>Ultimatums</i> Conner Schultz, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	<i>Valuable Akrasia: Why Akratic Actions (Sometimes) Enhance Agency</i> Andre Rusavuk, University of Birmingham	<i>Traumatic Developments: The Necessity of Trauma for 'Proper' Adulthood Identities</i> Melissa Burchard, UNC, Asheville	<i>The Formality of Kant's Logic in Consciousness of Logical Laws</i> Tyke Nunez, University of South Carolina	<i>In Defense of Plato's Feminism</i> Nils Rauhut, Coastal Carolina University	<i>Public Justificationism: A More Particularist Epistemology of Political Disagreement</i> Jay Carlson, Loyola University, Chicago	<i>The Possible Good of Existence</i> Stephen Busic, Lee University	<i>Derridean Economics: A Representation of Systematic Instability</i> Peighton Connor, Appalachian State University

