



South Carolina Society for Philosophy & North Carolina Philosophical Society *2022 Joint Meeting*

CONVERSE UNIVERSITY
Spartanburg, SC
March 25-26

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Friday, March 25th

- 9:00-12:00 Check-in and registration (Kuhn 2nd floor lobby)
Please visit the SCSP webpage (southcarolinaphilosophy.org) to pre-register and pay conference fees.
- 1:15 General Welcome (Lever Auditorium, Kuhn 203)
- Devi Dillard-Wright (SCSP President) & Stephen Puryear (NCPS President)
 - Lienne Medford (Converse Provost)
 - Kevin DeLapp (SCSP Vice-President and conference organizer)
- 2:00-4:15 Concurrent Sessions 1A-F (see below for locations)
- 4:30-5:30 Keynote Address (Lever Auditorium, Kuhn 203)
- Chair, Devi Dillard-Wright (SCSP President)
 - Speaker, George Yancy (Emory University)
- 5:30-7:30 Reception (Kuhn 2nd floor lobby)

Saturday, March 26th

- 9:30-11:45 Concurrent Sessions 2A-F
- 12:00-1:00 SCSP Business Meeting (Mickel 201)
- 1:30-3:00 Concurrent Sessions 3A-G (see below for locations)
- 3:30-5:00 Concurrent Sessions 4A-G (see below for locations)
- 5:30-7:30 Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony
(1st & 2nd floor lobbies Phifer Science Hall)

FRIDAY

1A Thinking the Political Present (Kuhn 101)

Chair: Haley Dunn (Converse)

2:00pm Murray Skees (USC Beaufort), "Towards a Critique of Datafication"

2:45pm James Manos (Caldwell), "Reflections on the Ethics and Metaphysics of Punishment"

3:30pm Rick Elmore (Appalachian State), "The Terror of Pragmatic Politics: Adorno's Concept of Non-Violence"

- 1B Aesthetics: Music & Games** (Kuhn 108)
 Chair: Brooke Perry (Converse)
- 2:00pm Ben McCraw (USC Upstate), “Brutal Truth: Modern(ist) Aesthetics and Death Metal”
- 2:45pm Stephanie Jennings (Michigan State), “The Heroic Authoritarianism of Monomythic Video Games”
- 1C Race & Culture** (Kuhn 122)
 Chair: Brett Sherman (USC Columbia)
- 2:00pm Talhah Mustafa (Nebraska-Lincoln), “The Role of Culture in Race”
- 2:45pm Jaleel Fotovat-Ahmadi (Boston Univ.), “The Moral Significance of Race: Understanding Du Bois through James and Royce”
- 3:30pm Hyo Won Seo (Texas A&M), “Born without the Light: Baldwin and Morrison on the Fear of the Dark(y)”
- 1D Reparations** (Kuhn 123)
 Chair: Jeremy Henkel (Wofford)
- 2:00pm Mariam Duindam-Kazajian (Indiana Univ.), “Shameful Identities: Reparations and Responsibility” [Zoom]
- 2:45pm Khang Tôn (UC Davis), “Reparative Obligations to Refugees”
- 1E Normative Claims & Reasons** (Kuhn 125)
 Chair: Paul Forrester (Yale)
- 2:00pm Jake Khawaja (Rutgers) & Jonas Harney (Saarland), “The Combining View of Claims”
- 2:45pm Stephanie Hoffmann (Wisconsin-Madison), “Moral Encroachment and the Distinction between Right Kinds of Reasons and Wrong Kinds of Reasons”
- 3:30pm Henrique Cassol (Missouri-St. Louis), “Blind Spot and Clear View Reasons: A Dual Solution to the Internal vs. External Reasons Debate”
- 1F Dignity & Democracy** (Kuhn 337)
 Chair: Nancy Williams (Wofford)
- 2:45pm Eric Scarffe (Florida International), “Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law”
- 3:30pm Joseph Porter (UNC Chapel Hill), “Two Arguments Against Democracy from Political Irresponsibility”

Keynote Address (Lever Auditorium, Kuhn 203)
Chair: Devi Dillard-Wright (USC Aiken)

4:30pm **George Yancy** (Emory University, Samuel Chandler Dobbs Professor)
“Black Embodiment and the Violence of Whiteness”

Abstract: In this talk, I will discuss both spectacular and mundane ways in which whiteness “touches” the Black body. Implicit within this distinction involves an interrogation of the “innocence” of whiteness and how the unveiling of whiteness demonstrates its haptic (or as always already touching) nature. Given this, how do we make sense of the distinction between “good” whites and “bad” whites? Is the distinction still sustainable, and in what form? I gesture toward what I see as the necessary “insurrection at the level of ontology” (Judith Butler’s language) of whiteness itself. Here, I will argue that whiteness must be in crisis, disoriented, and un-sutured.

SATURDAY

2A Trust & Authority (Kuhn 101)

Chair: Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest)

9:30am Brett Sherman (USC Columbia), “Power and Openness”

10:15am Saba Bazargan-Forward (UC San Diego), “Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability”

2B Anti-Racism (Kuhn 108)

Chair: Brooke Perry (Converse)

10:15am Paul Wilson (Shaw), “Dismantling Racist Institutions for Transitional Justice”

11:00am Bowen Zheng (Wake Forest), “How Do Words Manipulate? Debunking Trump’s Anti-Asian Racist Utterance”

2C Philosophy of Religion (Kuhn 123)

Chair: Benny Mattis & Sloane Hopkins (Covenant)

10:15am Ryan Kulesa (Missouri), “Counterfactual Dependence is Sufficient for Divine Causation”

****Winner NCPS Best Graduate Student Prize****

11:00am Chet Duke (Univ. South Florida), “The Faith of Man in Himself: Locating Feuerbach within Nietzsche’s *Thus Spake Zarathustra*”

- 2D Virtue** (Kuhn 125)
Chair: Bill Davis (Covenant)
- 10:15am Guus Duindam (Michigan-Ann Arbor), “The Formula of Universal Law and Kant’s Virtue Ethics” [Zoom]
- 11:00am Daniel Grasso (Missouri-St. Louis), “Virtue Ethics and Radical Conversion: A Skill Disanalogy”

- 2E French Political Philosophy** (Kuhn 336)
Chair: Cameron Carsten (Wofford)
- 10:15am Kristina Grob (USC Sumter), “The Master’s Tools, Revisited: Implicit Gender Essentialisms in Second Wave Beauvoir Scholarship”
- 11:00am Maia Wellborn (Univ. Oregon), “Violence as Disalienation: Reading Embodied Resistance in Fanon”

- 2F Applied Ethics** (Kuhn 337)
Chair: Beth Hupfer (High Point)
- 9:30am Gavin Markovic (Charleston), “Changing the Model of the Criminal Justice System” ****Winner of SCSP Best Undergraduate Essay Prize****
- 10:15am Ginny Coleman (Queens Univ. Charlotte), “The Ethics of Non-Therapeutic Infant Male Circumcision in the U.S.: An Exploration through Theory” ****Winner of NCPS Best Undergraduate Essay Prize****
- 11:00am Tobias Flattery (Wake Forest), “Do Robots Deserve Moral Rights? Even If Not, Should We Treat Them as If They Do?”

*** Break ***

- 3A Pedagogy** (Kuhn 101)
Chair: Kristina Grob (USC Sumter)
- 1:30pm Mark Herman (Arkansas State), “From Outside or Inside? Priming Intro Students’ Philosophical Disposition”

- 3B Philosophy of Language** (Kuhn 108)
Chair: Brett Sherman (USC Columbia)
- 1:30pm Jeffrey Kaplan (UNC Greensboro), “Semantic Power”
- 2:15pm Josephine Lovejoy (Wisconsin-Madison), “An Inquiry into the Necessity of Language for Metaphorical Understanding”

- 3C Faith** (Kuhn 122)
 Chair: Paul Wilson (Shaw)
 1:30pm Nathan Fredere (Covenant), “The Paradox of Faith in Kierkegaard’s *Fear and Trembling*”
 2:15pm Chris Tweedt (Christopher Newport), “An Argument for the Perspectival Account of Faith”
- 3D Conspiracy Theories** (Kuhn 123)
 Chair: Haley Dunn (Converse)
 1:30pm Mark Stone (Furman), “Is There a Problem with Conspiracy Theories?”
 2:15pm Ryan Ross (Johns Hopkins), “Conspiracy Theories in Echo Chambers”
- 3E Mind & Consciousness** (Kuhn 125)
 Chair: Brooke Perry (Converse)
 1:30pm Lorenzo Manuali (Stanford), “The Dual Learning and Motivation Dysfunction Theory of Addictive Desire: A Neurophilosophical Theory”
 2:15pm Will Nelson Leonard (Univ. Arizona), “The Science of Consciousness and the Foundations of Phenomenology”
- 3F Platonism** (Kuhn 336)
 Chair: Daniel Grasso (Missouri-St. Louis)
 1:30pm Daniel Larkin (Georgia Southern), “Appearances can be Revealing: The Truth Behind the Seven Accounts of Sophistry in Plato’s *Sophist*”
 2:15pm Benny Mattis, “Anamnetic Eschatology in Five Gospels”
- 3G Science** (Kuhn 337)
 Chair: Mary Owens Davidson (Converse)
 1:30pm Jim Stewart (USC Columbia), “What is Ad Hocness?”
****Winner of SCSP Best Graduate Student Prize****
 2:15pm Gareth Fuller (Univ. Kansas), “Robustness: Models, Experiments, and Confirmation”

Break

- 4A Interpreting Hume** (Kuhn 101)
 Chair: Kristy Stapleton (Covenant)
 3:30pm Nathan Sasser (Greenville Tech), “What Livingston Got Right—and Wrong—about Hume’s Concept of Philosophy”
 4:15pm Alayna Bradberry (Covenant), “An Analysis of Max Grober’s ‘The Steady Contempt of Life’”
- 4B Moral Psychology** (Kuhn 108)
 Chair: Kristina Grob (USC Sumter)
 3:30pm Michael Bruckner (Wisconsin-Madison), “Resemblance, Magnetism, Role? A Metasemantic Challenge for Moral Thought Pluralism”
 4:15pm Nathan Wood (Central Piedmont), “Can You Forgive Me? A Preliminary Analysis of a Problem”
- 4C Evidence & Explanation** (Kuhn 122)
 Chair: Brooke Perry (Converse)
 3:30pm Jonathan Barker (Wake Forest), “Explanation and Defeat”
****Winner of NCPS Best Untenured Faculty Prize****
 4:15pm Paul Forrester (Yale), “Two Kinds of Epistemic Permissivism”
- 4D Skepticism** (Kuhn 123)
 Chair: Gareth Fuller (Kansas)
 3:30pm Jeremy Henkel (Wofford), “How to Respond to Vaccine Skepticism: A Nyāya-Based Account”
 4:15pm Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest), “Dismissing Skepticism”
- 4E Nominalism** (Kuhn 125)
 Chair: Bailey Szustak (Illinois-Chicago)
 3:30pm Daniel Berntson (Rutgers), “Nominalism and Immutability”
 4:15pm Patrick Rardin (Appalachian State), “The Problem with Conscious Apprehension for Deflationary Nominalists”

4F Ancient Political Philosophy (Kuhn 336)

Chair: Haley Dunn (Converse)

3:30pm Chrysoula Gitsoulis (CUNY), "The Individual vs the State: A Study of Socrates and Antigone"

4:15pm Kennon Later (Wake Forest), "Epicurean Hedonism and Justice: Is Beneficial Coexistence Possible for the Individual and the Community?"

4G Time (Kuhn 337)

Chair: Hyo Won Seo (Texas A&M)

3:30pm Sam Scott (Kent State), "It's about Time: 'Ticking' Off Mark Heller"

4:15pm Katherine Valde (Wofford), "Biological Timescales and the Processual Nature of Life"

****Winner SCSP Best Untenured Faculty Prize****

Local Eats & Drinks

Lunch & Dinner

- Converse Deli – sandwiches, salads, and wraps (right across from campus; lunch only)
- Eggs Up Grill – breakfast and brunch fare (right across from campus; lunch only)
- Lemongrass – bánh mì (downtown; lunch only)
- Lime Leaf – Thai (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Monsoon – Asian noodle house (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Burgär – burgers (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Health-in-Hand – juice, smoothies, wraps (downtown; lunch only)
- Pokenori – poke (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Miyako – sushi (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Dray Bar & Grill – gastropub (Drayton Mills; lunch and dinner)
- Cribbs Kitchen – gastropub (Drayton Mills; lunch and dinner; across from AC Hotel)

Nightlife

- Delaney's – Irish pub (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Fr8Yard – biergarten (downtown; lunch and dinner)
- Bond St – wine bar (downtown)
- Holliday Brewing – beer with adjoining pizza parlor (Drayton Mills)
- RJ Rockers Taproom – brewery and pub (downtown; across from AC Hotel)
- Ciclops – beer and cider (downtown)

Coffee/Tea/Breakfast

- The Pharmacy (downtown)
- Little River Coffee Bar (downtown)
- Eggs Up Grill (right across from campus)
- Spill the Beans (downtown)
- Bella Latte (Drayton Mills)

“Downtown” = 5-7 minute drive (1.2 miles) from campus, head West down Main St (toward tall Denny's building), terminating in pedestrian zone with several nearby parking lots and garages.

“Drayton Mills” = 5-7 minute drive (1.8 miles) from campus, head North on Pine St., right turn on Isom. Isom becomes Drayton Ave after a couple miles and the Drayton Mills marketplace plaza will be on the left.

“Right across from Campus” = to the South of campus, across Main St.