



North Carolina Philosophical Society

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Duke University
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Conference Organizers

Katherine Brading, Rachel Gilbert, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, and Rubin Stern: Duke University,
Local Organizers

Stephen Puryear: NC State University, NCPS President

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NCPS Essay Prize Winners

Undergraduate Prize: Emma Williams (Duke University) “The Non-Liberation of Coming Out: A Foucauldian Analysis”

Graduate Student Prize: Max Kramer (University of Arizona) “Making Things Fit”

Untenured Faculty Prize: Kevin Busch (Davidson College) “The Limits of Humean Thought”

Judging Panel: Jonathan Barker, Matthew Brophy, Melissa Burchard, Brian Butler, Clint Corcoran, Jonathan Dixon, Amy MacArthur, Patrick Toner, and Mike Veber

The North Carolina Philosophical Society

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Secretary-Treasurer: Beth Hupfer, High Point University

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The North Carolina Philosophical Society Website

<https://ncps.nomadcyb.org/2023-meeting/>

Conference Overview

All locations on Duke's East Campus

Friday, March 3rd

1:00-5:00	Registration (West Duke Building Lobby)
2:00-5:00	Concurrent sessions 1A-F (see below for locations)
5:00-7:30	Dinner Break
5:10-5:40	NCPS Business Meeting (Classroom Bldg 240)
7:30-9:00	Keynote Address (East Duke 209 Auditorium)
9:00-10:00	Reception (West Duke Building Lobby)

Saturday, March 4th

9:00-12:00	Registration (West Duke Building Lobby)
9:00-12:00	Concurrent sessions 2G-L (see below for locations)
12:00-1:30	Lunch Break
1:30-4:30	Concurrent sessions 3M-R (see below for locations)
5:15-6:30	Presidential Address (East Duke 209 Auditorium)

Friday March 3rd Schedule

1A Moral Psychology (Friedl 204)

Chair: Guy Axtell

2:00-2:40 Olga Lenczewska (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)

"Kant and Rawls on Moral Maturation"

2:45-3:25 Max Kramer (University of Arizona) *Graduate Prize Winner*

"Making Things Fit"

10 Minute Break

3:35-4:15 Guy Axtell (Radford University)

"Partiality Traps and our Need for Risk-Aware Ethics and Epistemology"

4:20-5:00 Meredith Sheeks (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

"The Guilt of the Moral Minimalist"



1B Epistemology (East Duke 209)

Chair: Matt Shields

- 2:00-2:40 Jordan Myers (University of Houston)
"Epistemic Resultant Luck and the Appropriate Target of Epistemic Blame"
- 2:45-3:25 Insa Lawler (University of North Carolina, Greensboro)
"On Plain Why Questions"

10 Minute Break

- 3:35-4:15 Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest)
"Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Skepticism: A Reply to Machery"
- 4:20-5:00 Aaron Champene (St. Louis Community College, Meramec)
"Is Knowledge Sufficient for Assertion?"

1C Social/Political Philosophy (Classroom Bldg 103)

Chair: Eric Scarffe

- 2:00-2:40 Eric Scarffe (Florida International University)
"A Conception of Dignity"
- 2:45-3:25 Chaeyeon Lee (University of Iowa)
"A Rawlsian Distributive Justice and Reproductive Justice"

10 Minute Break

- 3:35-4:15 Kate Yuan (Independent Scholar) and Olga Lenczewska (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)
"Negative Duty, Philanthropy and Global Poverty"
- 4:20-5:00 Xinting Liu (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
"Self-ownership as Opportunity"

1D Applied Ethics (Classroom Bldg 136)

Chair: Ben Sarbey

- 2:00-2:40 Ben Sarbey (Duke University)
"Should Palliative Medicine Assist in Hastening Death?"
- 2:45-3:25 Kristen Hine (Towson University)
"Does the Moral Right to Abortion Guarantee Abortion Access?"

10 Minute Break

- 3:35-4:15 Tobias Flattery (Wake Forest University)
"Deepfakes and Dishonesty"
- 4:20-5:00 Paul Wilson (Shaw University)
"Developing a Phenomenological Psychology for Holocaust Survivor Testimonies."



1E Metaphysics (Classroom Bldg 137)

Chair: Marc A. Moffett

- 2:00-2:40 Yanssel Garcia (University of Nebraska, Omaha)
 "Endurantism, Presentism, and the Problem of Temporary Intrinsic"
 2:45-3:25 Zack Garrett (Excelsior Classical Academy) and Zachariah Wrublewski
 (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)
 "Beyond Impossibility"

10 Minute Break

- 3:35-4:15 Zach Thornton (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
 "Surviving Temporary Transformations"
 4:20-5:00 Patrick Rardin (Appalachian State University)
 "A Deflationary Solution to Nelson Goodman's Alleged Dilemma"

1F Undergrad Presentations (Classroom Bldg 240)

Chair: Beth Hupfer

- 2:00-2:40 Jocelyn Chin (UG Duke University)
 "Brain Death and Organ Procurement: Definitions and Decisions"
 2:45-3:25 Ibrahim Dagher (UG University of California, Davis)
 "Two New Successive Addition Arguments: A Reply to Malpass"

10 Minute Break

- 3:35-4:15 Andreas Freiberger (UG Duke University)
 "Appearance and Truth: Kernels of Moderation Found in Nietzsche's
 Maximalism"
 4:20-5:00 Harry Honig (UG University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
 "Agent-Regret and Regret Consequentialism"

5:00-7:30 Dinner Break: Dinner on your own; dining suggestions included with registration**5:10-5:40 NCPS Business Meeting** (Classroom Bldg 240): Everyone is welcome to attend, but only faculty affiliated with a school in North Carolina will be able to vote

Keynote Address

7:30-9:00, East Duke 209 Auditorium

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. Rebecca Walker

Professor of Philosophy
Professor of Social Medicine
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

“One Health, One Ethic? Confronting the Disunity of Ethical Oversight for Human and Nonhuman Animal Research”

The COVID-19 pandemic and global climate crisis each underscore how health is interconnected across species. The One Health movement aims to leverage these sites of mutual impact for shared benefit. Such benefit depends also on testing and developing health interventions using both human and nonhuman animal subjects. Yet, as some public health advocates and practitioners embrace a unified view of health, the ethical systems of research oversight have lagged. Human and nonhuman animal studies are managed through divergent oversight systems functioning under distinct ethical principles. While typically unquestioned, employing disunified ethical systems to guide research is conceptually remarkable. What could possibly justify this? A default philosophical assumption is that the different moral status of human and nonhuman animals provides an underlying rationale. However, the use of moral status to justify the employment of different moral principles is dubious. More subtly, varying needs and interests of different species could be appealed to regardless of moral status. Yet, while it is important to respect and accommodate such differences, they do not fall neatly along categorical lines differentiating humans from all others. A more promising, but unexplored, rationale is how human and animal studies are structured, such as with the need for voluntary participation in human studies, and the confinement structure of other animal studies. Nevertheless, illuminating examples are offered to defy this explanation. Ultimately, using one set of ethical principles for human studies and another set for animal studies remains an oversight practice in search of an ethical justification. I offer instead some thoughts about how to unify the oversight system without ignoring important differences in various types of research studies.

Reception

9:00-10:00 West Duke Lobby



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Saturday March 4th Schedule Session 2

2G Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics (West Duke 101)

Chair: Max Kramer

9:00-9:40 Alexia Papigiotis (The Graduate Center, CUNY)
"Rooting for the Devil: Relatability as Sympathy for Immoral Characters"

9:45-10:25 Kevin Bethell (Ohio University)
"Kant's Aesthetics: Tattoos and Fine Art"

10 Minute Break

10:35-11:15 Katherine Valde (Wofford College)
"Sew What? A Philosophy Exploration of Neutrality in Fashion"

11:20-12:00 Justin Remhof (Old Dominion University)
"Nietzsche on Science, Art, and Life-Affirming Metaphysics"

2H Social/Political Philosophy (West Duke 105)

Chair: Kate Yuan

9:00-9:40 Joseph Porter (DePauw University)
"Power Laundering"

9:45-10:25 Megha Devraj (University of Southern California)
"Civil Disobedience as an Imaginative Challenge"

10 Minute Break

10:35-11:15 Nicolas Colgrove (Wake Forest University)
"On Resistance and Resisting Well"

11:20-12:00 Genae Matthews (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Epistemic Resistance"

2I Applied Ethics (West Duke 106)

Chair: Kristen Hine

9:00-9:40 Zach Ferguson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Philosophy Departments Should Stop Serving Meat"

9:45-10:25 Sean Brantley (Neurocomputational Ethics Research Group at NC State)
"Moving Away from The Trolley Problem: Methodological Improvements
Due to ADC Model Operationalized Virtual Traffic Vignettes"

10 Minute Break

10:35-11:15 Nevin Johnson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Basic Moral Parity: Egalitarianism without Equality"

11:20-12:00 Dominique Codjia (Northwestern University)
"Pornography, Hermeneutical Injustice, and the Problem of Authority"



2J Metaphysics and Philosophy of Math and Science (West Duke 108B)

Chair: Insa Lawler

- 9:00-9:40 Dylan Brown (Duke University)
"Friend, (not) Food: Livestock as a Social Kind"
- 9:45-10:25 Haodong Lyu (Western Michigan University)
"In What Sense is Grounding Conceptual or Worldly?"

10 Minute Break

- 10:35-11:15 Manuel Barrantes (California State University, Sacramento)
"Do Mathematical Explanations of Physical Phenomena Require Explanatory Proofs?"
- 11:20-12:00 Christopher Gregory Weaver (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
"Hamilton, Hamiltonian Mechanics, and Causation"

2K Undergrad Presentations (West Duke 202)

Chair: Aaron Thieme

- 9:00-9:40 Emma Williams (UG Duke University) *Undergrad Prize Winner*
"The Non-Liberation of Coming Out: A Foucauldian Analysis"
- 9:45-10:25 Gabriel Kim (UG University of Virginia)
"The Noble Lie: The Reality of Earthly Justice"

10 Minute Break

- 10:35-11:15 Faith Chong (UG Duke University)
"A Compatible Dichotomy: An Exploration of Confucian Democracy"
- 11:20-12:00 Samantha Vincent (UG Wake Forest University)
"How Does Patient-Doctor Trust Affect Health Outcomes?"

2L History of Philosophy (East Duke 204B)

Chair: Tanuj Raut

- 9:45-10:25 Charles Duke (University of South Florida)
"The Ascetic in Kant and Nietzsche"

10 Minute Break

- 10:35-11:15 Sanem Soyarslan (North Carolina State University)
"Spinoza's Solitude"
- 11:20-12:00 Kevin R. Busch (Davidson College) *Faculty Prize Winner*
"The Limits of Humean Thought"

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break: Lunch on your own; dining suggestions included with registration

Session 3

3M Pedagogy Panels (West Duke 101)

Chair: Zach Ferguson

1:30-2:55 Eunice Jianping Hu, Bryan Ellrod, and Rebecca Permar (Wake Forest University), Respondent: Katherine Jo (Duke University)
"Educating Character in the Humanities: Individual Flourishing and Professional Development "

10 Minute Break

3:05-4:30 Gary Comstock (NC State) and Aiden Kestigian (ThinkerAnalytix)
"Does College Teach Students to Think Critically? Philosophers' Responsibilities and General Education Requirements"

3N Epistemology and Philosophy of Language (West Duke 105)

Chair: Jonathan Dixon

1:30-2:10 Marc A. Moffett (University of Texas, El Paso)
"Action Theory as Epistemology"

2:15-2:55 Botian Liu (Duke University)
"The Epistemic Irrationality of Racial Profiling"

10 Minute Break

3:05-3:45 Shih-Hao Liu (University of Miami)
"Arguments from Unconceived Objections and Modal Skepticism"

3:50-4:30 Z Quanbeck (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"On the Moral Significance of Belief"

4:35-5:15 Simon Varey (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Techniques for Corpus Analysis in Philosophy"

3O Ethics and Metaethics (West Duke 106)

Chair: Kevin R. Busch

1:30-2:10: Joe Shin (Calvin University)
"No Wronging Yourself"

2:15-2:55: Ernesto Garcia (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
"Rethinking Respect for Persons"

10 Minute Break

3:05-3:45: Dario Cecchini (North Carolina State University)
"Moral Intuitions and the Reliability Challenge"

3:50-4:30: Aaron Thieme (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Moral Theory and Scalar Concepts"

4:35-5:15 Taylor Koles (University of Pittsburgh)
"Species of Aggregation- The Case of Contractualism"



3P Ancient Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy (West Duke 108B)

Chair: Clint Corcoran

- 1:30-2:10 Allonzo Perez (Northwestern University)
"Negation and non-being in the Prologues of the *Sophist* and the *Theaetetus*"
- 2:15-2:55 Yun-Cheng Wang (Georgia State University)
"A Minimal Psychological Reading of the First Wave in Book V of the Republic"
- 10 Minute Break*
- 3:05-3:45 Tanuj Raut (University of California, Irvine)
"The Guessing Game in Plato's Allegory of the Cave"
- 3:50-4:30 Shih-Han Huan (Duke University)
"Flexibility in Itself as an Ideal: The Playful Spirit of the Zhuangzi"

3Q Undergrad Presentations (West Duke 202)

Chair: Cal Fawell

- 1:30-2:10 Amen-Ra Pryor (UG Duke University)
"An Ethical Argument for the Reparation of the Conditions of African Americans"
- 2:15-2:55 Zhaojun Zhai (UG Johns Hopkins University)
"Spinoza's Inferential Strategies: Formalizing Ethics' Demonstrations"
- 10 Minute Break*
- 3:05-3:45 Javah Xie (UG Duke University)
"Against Attitudinal Discontinuism"
- 3:50-4:30 Angelica Villalba (UG Duke University)
"The Lunatic, the Lover, and the Poet: Love and Reason in A Midsummer Night's Dream"

3R Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind (East Duke 204B)

Chair: Aaron Champene

- 1:30-2:10 David Rodriguez (University of Connecticut)
"Character Growth Externalism: A View to Ameliorating Vice"
- 2:15-2:55 Matt Shields (Wake Forest University)
"Rationality, Bad Belief, and the Ends of Interpretation"
- 10 Minute Break*
- 3:05-3:45 Quinn Hiroshi Gibson (Clemson University)
"Depression, Intelligibility, and Non-Rational Causation"
- 3:50-4:30 Nicholas Tebben (Towson University)
"Collective Mental Content"



Presidential Address

Dr. Stephen Puryear

“Can Animals Be Owned?”

5:15-6:30

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