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March 23-25, 2023

“WHAT IS METAPHYSICS?”

Thursday, March 23

Registration: 4:30 – 5:00 PM

Registration will be located in the pre-function area of the Decatur Conference Center, which is at the back of the Marriott Hotel. Please make sure to pick up your name tags and drink tickets for the reception and banquet!

5:00 – 6:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and Kant (Mary Gay D)

Chair and Commentator: Phillip Stambovsky (New Haven, CT)

Nicholas Anderson (Princeton University) “*Metaphysica Naturalis* and the Transcendental Anthropology of Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*”

Osman Nemli (Vassar College), “Kant as *Prolegomenon* to Post-Kantian Philosophy”

Session 2: Metaphysics and Art (Mary Gay C)

Chair and Commentator: Michelle Mahoney (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

John J. Stuhr (Emory University) “Metaphysics as Art, Metaphysics as Science”

Richard Velkley (Tulane University) “Image and the Grounding of Metaphysics: Art, World, and Freedom”

6:30 – 8:00 PM: Welcoming Reception (*pre-function area*)

Friday, March 24

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 AM (*pre-function area of conference center*)

9:00 – 10:15 AM: Keynote Address (*Mary Gay Room*)

Moderator: Michael Baur (Fordham University)

Elise Crull (City College of New York) “Why We Can’t Have Nice Things: The Instability of Metaphysical Categories”

10:15-10:30 AM: Break

10:30-11:45 AM: Aristotle Prize Lecture (*Mary Gay Room*)

Chair and Commentator: Tyler Tritten (Gonzaga University)

John Montani (University of Oregon) “Rhythm and Intuition in Bergson’s Metaphysics”

11:45 AM: Lunch (on your own) / MSA Executive Council Meeting (*Clairemont Room*)

1:30-3:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and Hegel (*Henry Oliver Room*)

Chair and Commentator: Rylie Johnson (Emory University)

Chen Yang (Purdue University), “Hegel on Presuppositionless Metaphysics”

Session 2: Metaphysics and Relativism (*Mary Gay Room*)

Chair and Commentator: Lucas Carroll (Boston College)

Jason Exar Cabitac (Emory University) “Metaphysical Relativism in the Search for Truth”

Larry Cahoon (College of the Holy Cross) “Objective Relativism and Metaphysics”

3:00-3:15 PM: Break

3:15-5:15 PM: President’s Roundtable – What Is Metaphysics? (*Mary Gay Room*)

Introductions & Moderator: Larry Cahoon (College of the Holy Cross)

Peter van Inwagen (University of Notre Dame)

Tim Maudlin (New York University)

David Weissman (City College of New York)

5:25-6:15 PM: Annual Business Meeting, followed immediately by Past Presidents' Advisory Board (*Mary Gay Room*)

Saturday, March 25

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and Language (*Mary Gay D*)

Chair and Commentator: Rylie Johnson (Emory University)

Daniel Dombrowski (Seattle University): “Metaphysics as the Study of Non-Restrictive Existential Statements”

Session 2: Metaphysics and the Transcendental (*Mary Gay C*)

Chair and Commentator: Vincent Colapietro (Penn State University & URI)

Alex Obrigewitsch (University of Sussex): “Metaphysics as Transcendental Poetics: The Transcendental Schematism of Aristotle’s *Poetics*”

Joe Pettit (Morgan State University): “Transcendental Pragmatic Metaphysics and the Problem of Creation *ex Nihilo*”

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and the Real (*Mary Gay D*)

Chair and Commentator: Samuel Walker Bennett (University of Georgia)

Rafal Banka (University of Oxford) “Engaging Chinese Metaphysics: A Mereological Conceptualization of Daoism”

Session 2: Metaphysics and Its Conditions (*Mary Gay C*)

Chair and Commentator: Virgil McCorgray (University of Georgia)

Jarrad Felgenhauer (Seattle University) “Metaphysics: Conditioning versus Genetic”

Amedeo Robiolio (King’s College London) “Transparency Precludes Metaphysics”

12:15 PM: Lunch (on your own)

2:00 – 3:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and Its Parameters (*Mary Gay D*)

Chair and Commentator: Christopher D. Merwin (Emory University)

Lucas Carroll (Boston College) “*Reincipiens*—On Negative Ontology”

Andrew Davis (Belmont University) “What is Metaphysics?: A Genealogy of Confusion”

Session 2: Metaphysics and Its “Outside?” (*Mary Gay C*)

Chair and Commentator: Amin Amouhadi (University of Georgia)

Bernardo Andrade (Emory University) “The Alibi of Metaphysics”

Vincent Colapietro (Penn State University & URI) “‘Here?’ ‘We?’ (‘Are?’)”: Notes for a Metaphysics of Location

3:30 – 3:45 PM: Break

3:45 – 5:15 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Metaphysics and Its Subject Matter (*Mary Gay D*)

Chair and Commentator: Jason Cabitac (Emory University)

Edward Halper (University of Georgia) “Metaphysics and the Problem of the One and the Many”

Robert Cummings Neville (Boston University) “Metaphysics has Its True Form in the Sermon”

Session 2: Metaphysics and Its Vocation (*Mary Gay C*)

Chair and Commentator: David Weissman (City College of New York)

Michael Baur (Fordham University) “The Vocation of Metaphysics: Recognizing Reality’s Own Self-Reflexivity”

7:00 PM: Banquet – *Henry Oliver Room*

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