

# Southwestern Philosophical Society

## Friday, November 12

12:00 - 5:00 **Registration**

12:30 - 2:10 **Session I**

### A. Aesthetics—Bayou Ballroom A

Chair: Robert Feleppa, Wichita State U

- Edward G. Lawry, Oklahoma State U:  
"Blessed With Awareness: Wolterstorff, Danto and Hornby on Responding to Art"

Comments: David Schwartz, Randolph-Macon Woman's College

- Eva Dadlez, Central Oklahoma U:  
"Knowing Better: Epistemic Underpinnings of the Moral Criticism of Fiction"

Comments: Deborah Harter, Rice U

### B. Actions and Events—Bayou Ballroom B

Chair: Jeffrey Hershfield, Wichita State U

- Dylan Dodd, U of California-Santa Barbara:  
"Intentions, Plans, and Weakness of Will"

Comments: Mark Brown, U of Wisconsin

- Sean Landis, Texas Tech U:  
"Trumping Preemption Considered"

Comments: Neil Manson, U of Mississippi

2:15 - 5:00 **Session II**

### A. Ethics—Bayou Ballroom A

Chair: Kenneth Rogerson, Florida International U

- James Cain, Oklahoma State U:  
"Utilitarianism and the Moral Significance of an Individual"

Comments: Jean-Paul Vessel, New Mexico State U

- Tim Dunn, U of Wisconsin-Waukesha:  
"The Value of Solidarity"

Comments: Amy Lara, Kansas State U

- Chris Meyers, U of Southern Mississippi:  
"A Non-realist Theory of Objective Moral Truth"

Comments: Richard Lee, U of Arkansas

### B. Mind and Language—Bayou Ballroom B

Chair: Deborah Soles, Wichita State U

- Torin Alter, U of Alabama:  
"On the Conditional Analysis of Phenomenal Concepts"

Comments: Brad Thompson, Southern Methodist U

- Mark Mc Cullagh, U of Guelph:  
"Motivating Inferentialism"

Comments: David Beisecker, U of Nevada-Las Vegas

- Ian Dove, U of Nevada-Las Vegas:  
"On Assertion and Robustness: Second Thoughts on Jackson's Way Out"

Comments: Douglas Patterson, Kansas State U

## Saturday, November 13

9:00 - 12:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 11:45 **Session III**

### A. Applied Ethics—Dixie Room

Chair: Alastair Norcross, Rice U

- Kenneth Shockley, The U at Buffalo: "Centering Value Pluralism in Environmental Ethics"

Comments: Stephen Hanson, McNeese State U

- George Schedler, Southern Illinois U:  
"Should Peter Singer Become an Ethical Meat Eater?"

Comments: Simon Keller, Boston U

- Harret Gardin, as told to Michael Patton, U of Montevallo:  
"Game Preserve Ethics: The Case for Hunting the Poor"

Comments: Randy Auxier, Southern Illinois U-Carbondale

### B. Continental Philosophy—Bayou Ballroom B

Chair: Rebecca Bensen-Cain, Oklahoma State U

- Russ Couch, Southern Illinois U-Carbondale:  
"Cultural Crisis and the Role of the Artist"

Comments: Joe Bien, U of Missouri

- Chris Blakley, Louisiana State U:  
"Ethics in Foucault and Deleuze"

Comments: Lynne Huffer, Rice U

- Tim Hyde, Stony Brook U:  
"Methodological Questions: An Analysis of Heidegger's Interrogative Methodology as Expressed in the Introduction to *Being and Time*"

Comments: Mark Painter, College Misericordia

1:15 - 4:00 **Session IV**

### A. Virtue Ethics—Dixie Room

Chair: Francis Coolidge, Loyola U-New Orleans

- May Sim, College of the Holy Cross:  
"Making Friends with Confucius and Aristotle"

Comments: Xiufen Lu, Wichita State U

- Chris Tucker, Purdue U:  
"Harman vs. Virtue Theory: Do Character Traits Explain Behavior?"

Comments: Todd Stewart, Illinois State U

- Brad Wilburn, Washington U:  
"Forgiveness and Moral Improvement"

Comments: Jack Weir, Morehead State U

### B. Epistemology—Bayou Ballroom B

Chair: James Swindler, Illinois State U

- Richard Greene, Weber State U:  
"A Puzzle About Epistemic Standards"

Comments: Michael Wolf, Cal State Fresno

- Mylan Engel, Jr., Northern Illinois U:  
"The Equivocal or Question-Begging Nature of Evil Demon Arguments for External World Skepticism"

Comments: Ram Neta, U of N. Carolina-Chapel Hill

- Mark McEvoy, Hofstra U:  
"The Internalist Counterexample to Reliabilism"

Comments: Henry Jackman, York U

4:00 **Business Meeting—Bayou Ballrooms A&B**

5:00 **Presidential Address—Bayou Ballrooms A&B**

Chair: David Soles, Wichita State U

7:00 **Banquet—Acme Oyster House**

9:00-11:00 **President's Reception—Presidential Suite**

## Sunday, November 14

9:00 - 10:50 **Session V**

### A. God and Fairness—Dixie Room

Chair: Trisha Buchanan Phillips, Mississippi St./Rice

- Charles Kurtz, Thiel College, "Fairness as an Equilibrium"

Comments: James Page, U of Maine

- Mark Webb, Texas Tech U, "An Empirical Challenge to Dissatisfaction Theodicy"

Comments: Thomas Senor, U of Arkansas

11:00 - 12:50 **Session VI**

### A. Political Philosophy—Dixie Room

Chair: Eric Cavallero, Tulane U

- Elizabeth Cooke, Creighton U:  
"The Limits of Conversation: Pragmatism, Pluralism, and Religion"

Comments: Scott Bartlett, Southern Methodist U

- Edward Song, U of Virginia:  
"Cosmopolitan Sovereignty and the Morality of Intervention"

Comments: Darian DeBolt, U of Central Oklahoma

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