

# Southwestern Philosophical Society

## Friday, November 13

12:00 – 5:00 **REGISTRATION**

**Foyer Outside Meeting Rooms**

1:00 – 3:00 **I-A: PHILOSOPHY OF LITERATURE**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* Julie Kuhlken, Misericordia Univ.

— "Kames On Ideal Presence: Revisiting The Problem of Fiction And Emotion"

Eva Dadlez, Univ. of Central Oklahoma

*Commentator:* Scott Bartlett, Southern Methodist Univ.

— "Fact, Fiction, or Fraud; Faked Memoirs From Frey To Wilkomirski"

Sarah Worth, Furman Univ.

*Commentator:* Anne-Marie Bowery, Baylor Univ.

1:00 – 3:00 **I-B: SKEPTICISM AND BELIEF**

**Jackson**

*Chair:* Thomas Senor, Univ. of Arkansas Fayetteville

— "Pragmatic Invariantism and External World Skepticism"

Eric Thompson, Univ. of Tennessee Knoxville

*Commentator:* Scott Aikin, Vanderbilt U.

— "Van Inwagen's Two Failed Arguments for the Belief in Freedom"

Zachary Goldberg, Arizona State Univ.

*Commentator:* Candice Shelby, Univ. of Colorado Denver

## BREAK

3:30 – 5:30 **II-A: POLITICAL AGENCY AND LEGITIMATION**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* Robert Talisse, Vanderbilt Univ.

— "The Inseparability Thesis: Why Political Legitimacy Entails Political Obligations"

Jason Wyckoff, Univ. of Colorado Boulder

*Commentator:* Alastair Norcross, Univ. of Colorado Boulder

— "The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent: The Capacity for 'Thought' and a 'First-Person Perspective'"

Kendy M. Hess, College of the Holy Cross

*Commentator:* David Beisecker, Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas

3:30 – 5:30 **II-B: ARISTOTELIAN AND NEO-ARISTOTELIAN VIRTUE ETHICS**

**Jackson**

*Chair:* Anthony Thomas, Kishwaukee College

— "Friendship as an Impersonal Value"

Todd Lekan, Muskingham College

*Commentator:* Anthony Thomas, Kishwaukee College

— "Hursthouse's Virtue Ethics, the Slide into Consequentialism, and the Problem of Instrumentally Successful Vice"

Mark Piper, James Madison Univ.

*Commentator:* Henry Jackman, York Univ.

## Saturday, November 14

9:00 – 12:45 and 2:15 – 4:30 **REGISTRATION**

**Foyer Outside Meeting Rooms**

8:30 – 10:30 **I-A: ETHICS: HUME AND NIETZSCHE**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* Stuart Rosenbaum, Baylor Univ.

— "Hume's Deflationary Theory of Allegiance"

Kenneth Henley, Florida International Univ.

*Commentator:* Chris Shrock, Baylor Univ.

— "Nietzsche, Economy and Morality"

Iain Morriison, Univ. of Houston

*Commentator:* Mark Painter, Misericordia Univ.

8:30 – 10:30 **I-B: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS**

**Jackson**

*Chair:* Matthew Brown, Univ. of Texas, Dallas

— "Nature, Virtue, and the Nature of Virtue: An Outline for an Environmental Virtue Ethics"

Chris Meyers, Univ. of Southern Mississippi

*Commentator:* Julie Kuhlken, Misericordia Univ.

— "Biodiversity Loss, the Motivational Gap, and the Failure of Conservation Education"

William Grove-Fanning, Univ. of North Texas

*Commentator:* Jonathan Parker, Univ. of North Texas

## BREAK

10:45 – 12:45 **II-A: KANT AND ETHICS**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* James Swindler, Illinois State Univ.

— "Kant on Empirical Concept- and Intuition-Formation: Discussion with Hannah Ginsborg"

Hoke Robinson, Univ. of Memphis

*Commentator:* Ken Rogerson, Florida International Univ.

— "Willing Universal Law Vs. Universally Lawful Willing: What Kant's Supreme Principle of Ethics Should Have Been"

Scott Forscher, Independent Scholar

*Commentator:* Richard Galvin, Texas Christian Univ.

10:45 – 12:45 **II-B: DEWEY, ETHICS, AND DEMOCRACY**

**Jackson**

*Chair:* David Hildebrand, Univ. of Colorado Denver

— "Ethical Progress and the Goldilocks Problem: Objectivity and the Radical Revision of Values"

Amanda L. Roth, Univ. of Michigan

*Commentator:* Cynthia Gayman, Murray State Univ.

— "Moral Considerations in Epistemic Conceptions of Democracy"

Mary Butterfield, Vanderbilt Univ.

*Commentator:* Stuart Rosenbaum, Baylor Univ.

## LUNCH ON OWN

## Saturday, November 14 (continued)

2:45 – 4:45 **III-A: AESTHETIC VALUE THEORY**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* Danney Ursery, St. Edward's Univ.

— "Obscenity, Censorship And Aesthetic Value"

Jenn Neilson, Univ. of Texas, Austin

*Commentator:* Joseph Bien, Univ. of Missouri

— "Critical Philosophy As Artistic Endeavor: On The Form of Kant's Critique of Aesthetic Judgment and Its Implications"

Sam Stoner, Tulane Univ.

*Commentator:* Meghant Sudan, Stony Brook Univ.

2:45 – 4:45 **III-B: REALISM AND TRUTH**

**Jackson**

*Chair:* Scott Aikin, Vanderbilt Univ.

— "Proper Function Justification and Epistemic Rationality"

Todd Long, California Polytechnic State Univ.

*Commentator:* Jerry Steinhofner, Brown Univ.

— "Platonism and Recent Correspondence Theories of Truth"

Timothy Mosteller, California Baptist Univ.

*Commentator:* Jim Shelton, Univ. of Central Arkansas

5:00 – 7:00 **BUSINESS MEETING & PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**Griffin**

**"Why I am Not a Pluralist"**

Robert B. Talisse, Vanderbilt Univ., President, SWPS

7:00 – 9:00 **BANQUET**

**FUSE Restaurant (Directions at Registration Table)**

Later **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION**

**President's Suite**

## Sunday, November 15

9:00 – 11:00 **I-A: AUTONOMY AND AGENCY**

**Griffin**

*Chair:* Matthew Swanson, Misericordia Univ.

— "Hey, You, What's so Special about the Second-Person Perspective?"

Robyn Gaier, St. Louis Univ.

*Commentator:* Soroya Gollop, Southern Methodist U.

— "Autonomy and Accountability"

James Swindler, Illinois State Univ.

*Commentator:* E.J. Coffman Jr., Univ. of Tennessee Knoxville

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