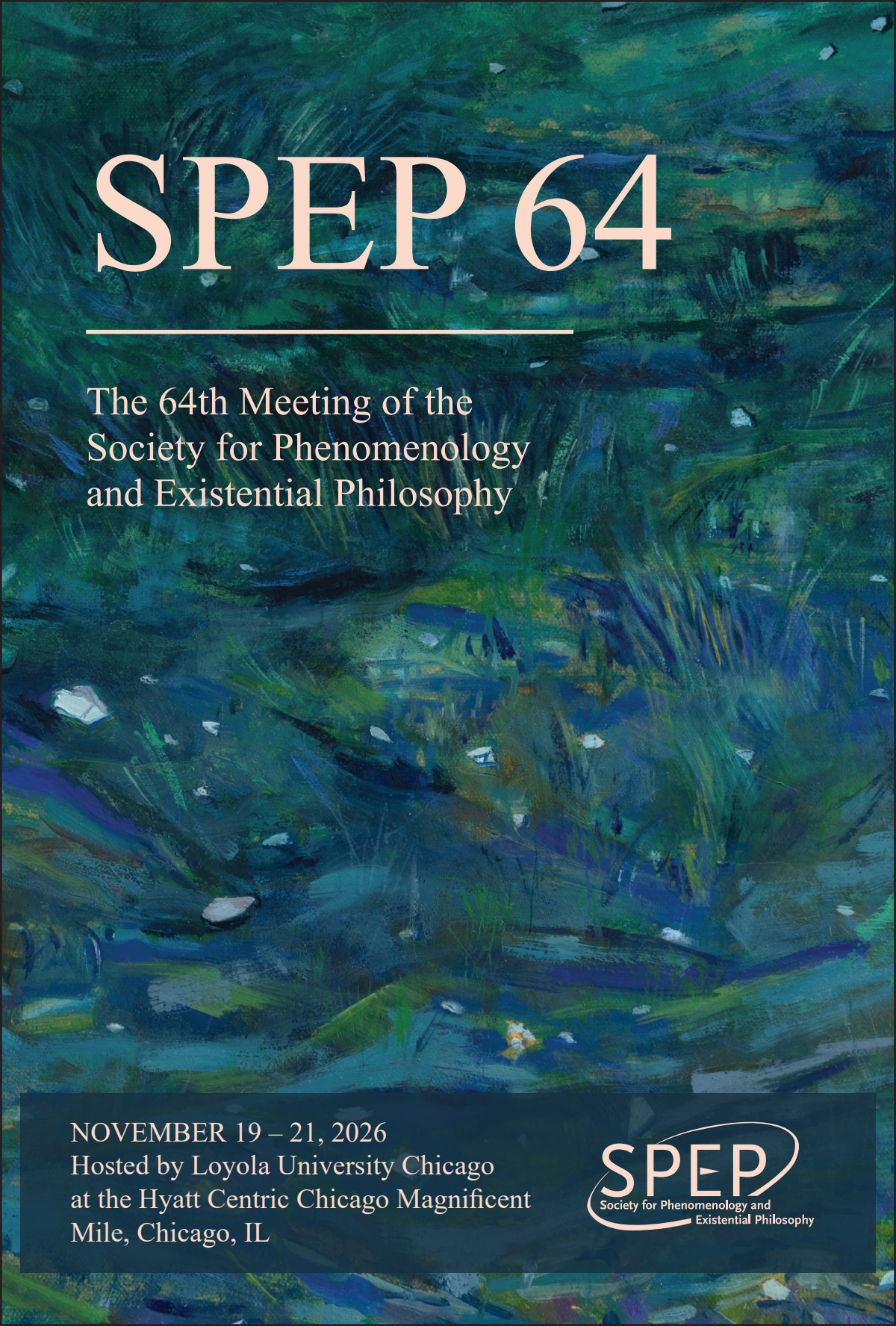


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SPEP PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, November 19, 2026

THURSDAY SESSION I: 12:30-3:00 PM

Lakeshore East	Andrew Cutrofello, *The One and the Others: Metaphysics, Poetry, and the Antinomies of Plato's "Parmenides"* (Northwestern University Press)
Lakeshore West	**Scholar Session: Dermot Moran**
Grand Ballroom Salon A	John Protevi, *Regimes of Violence: Toward a Political Anthropology* (University of Minnesota Press)
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Philosophical Storytelling in Film, Literature, and Theater
Grand Ballroom Salon C	William Paris, *Race, Time, and Utopia: Critical Theory and the Process of Emancipation* (Oxford University Press)
Erie	Jessica Elbert Decker, *Motherless Daughters and Female Monsters: Androcentric Fantasy in Ancient Greek Myth and Freudian Theory* (Palgrave Macmillan)
Illinois	Reading Kant in an Unenlightened Age
Michigan	The Allure and Threat of Artificial Intelligence
Ontario	Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion Committee Panel: Institutions and Access: Family, Healthcare, Education, and the State
Ohio	Porous Borders
Streeterville	Trials and Tribulations of Embodiment

THURSDAY SESSION II: 3:15-5:45 PM

Lakeshore East	**Contributions to Continental Philosophy: Fred Moten**
Lakeshore West	**Memorial Session for Eduardo Mendieta**
Grand Ballroom Salon A	Timothy Brownlee, *Recognition and the Self in Hegel's* Phenomenology of Spirit (Cambridge University Press)
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Limits and Absences in Phenomenology
Grand Ballroom Salon C	James Haile, *The Dark Delight of Being Strange* (Columbia University Press)
Erie	Josh Hayes, *A Citizen of the World: Al-Fārābī's Cosmopolitanism* (Edinburgh University Press)
Illinois	Merleau-Ponty from Institution to Political Action
Michigan	Kathryn Lawson, *Ecological Ethics and the Philosophy of Simone Weil* (Routledge)
Ontario	Critical Existentialisms
Ohio	(Re)Turning to Our Friends in a Time of Fascism: Resistance via Transgressive Connections
Streeterville	Nietzschean Resonances

PLENARY SESSION 6:15-8:15 PM

Grand Ballroom	Nan Z. Da, "Reading Comprehension, a Comedy"

FRIDAY, November 20, 2026

Publishers Meet and Greet Breakfast 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

St. Clair Ballroom

FRIDAY SESSION I: 9:00-10:45 AM

Lakeshore East	Life Appearing in Contemporary French Phenomenology
Lakeshore West	Theorizing with Literature and Film
Grand Ballroom Salon A	Race, Politics, Gender
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Differentiating the Social and the Self
Grand Ballroom Salon C	Futural Gender
Erie	Solidarity and the Commons
Illinois	Violence and Anti-Blackness
Michigan	Psychoanalysis Rethinking its Roots
Ontario	Political Excess and Stability
Ohio	Temporality: Expansion and Emptiness
Streeterville	Derrida, Phenomena, Politics

GURWITSCH MEMORIAL LECTURE 11:00-12:45 PM

Lakeshore West	Liu Zhe, "The Transcendental Dimension of Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology: From the Tacit *cogito* to the Flesh"

FRIDAY SESSION II: 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

Lakeshore East	Heideggerian Phenomenology and Metaphysics
Grand Ballroom Salon A	Simultaneity and Irrationality in German Idealism
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Selective Indifference: An Existential Expression of Settler Subjectivity
Grand Ballroom Salon C	Sound and Event in Deleuze and Hartman
Erie	Temporality of the Colonial
Illinois	Repression at the End of the World
Michigan	History, Race, Capitalism
Ontario	Democracies, Problems, and Competencies
Ohio	Black Studies as Critical Theory
Streeterville	Repression, Authority, Justice

SPEP BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON 1:15-2:30 PM

Grand Ballroom	*Light lunch will be served. Minutes of the 2025 SPEP Business Meeting can be found on pages 40-42*

FRIDAY SESSION III: 3:00-4:15 PM

Lakeshore East	The Most Influential 20th-Century French Philosopher You Probably Know Nothing About
Lakeshore West	A Phenomenological Analysis of Two Kinds of Regret

Grand Ballroom Salon A	Nation Trouble: The Native, the Settler, and the Immigrant: Between Autochthony and Indigeneity
Grand Ballroom Salon B	The Universal Shadow at Play: Double-Consciousness, Double-Voicedness, and Double Vision in the Art of Kara Walker and William Kentridge
Grand Ballroom Salon C	Inside Quantum Measurement: Merleau-Ponty and QBism on Interacting with the Depths of a Universe in the Making
Erie	Phenomenological Variation and Democratic Transformation: Merleau-Ponty, Anthropology, and the Zapatistas
Illinois	The Machine as Measure: Günther Anders on Technological Shame
Michigan	The Subjunctive Philosophy of W. E. B. Du Bois
Ontario	Natal Fantasies, Necropolitical Realities
Ohio	Temporal Convalescence: A Beauvoirian Account of Authentic Eroticism
Streeterville	Identity Thinking without a Thinker: Adorno and Datafication

FRIDAY SESSION IV: 4:30-6:15 PM

Lakeshore East	Badiou and Deleuze on the Transcendental and Objective Synthesis
Lakeshore West	The Uses of Laughter
Grand Ballroom Salon A	New Marxisms
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Wandering Lifeworlds
Grand Ballroom Salon C	Extending Husserl's Mereology and Method
Erie	Stepping Back from the Noise
Illinois	Affective Injury and Temporal Harm
Michigan	Defining Fascist Aesthetics, Then and Now
Ontario	Love and Terror in Foucault
Ohio	Transcendental Law and the Double Bind of the State
Streeterville	Death and Transgression

SATURDAY, November 21, 2026

SATURDAY SESSION I: 9:00-11:45 AM

Lakeshore East	**Scholar Session: Mary Beth Mader**
Lakeshore West	**Memorial Session for Alphonso Lingis**
Grand Ballroom Salon A	Mariana Ortega, *Carnalities: The Art of Living in Latinidad* (Duke University Press)
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Don Thomas Deere, *The Invention of Order: On the Coloniality of Space* (Duke University Press)
Erie	María del Rosario Acosta López, *Grammars of Listening: Rendering the Unheard-of Audible* (Herder) [*Gramáticas de la escucha: hacer audible lo inaudito*]
Illinois	Rae Aumiller, *Hegel, Marx, and the Laughing Matter of Spirit* (Northwestern University Press)
Michigan	Sean Meighoo, *Postcolonial Derrida* (Edinburgh University Press)

Ontario	Is Race Struggle Intelligible?
Ohio	Is One Born a Woman? Adriana Cavarero and Olivia Guaraldo on Sex, (Anti-)Gender, and Difference—Critical Perspectives
Streeterville	Pathways through Critical Theory

SCHUWER LECTURE 12:00 PM

Lakeshore East	Dennis J. Schmidt, "Burning Down the House: What Remains?"

SATURDAY SESSION II: 1:30-4:15 PM

Lakeshore East	**Memorial Session for John Sallis**
Lakeshore West	Genealogies of Colonial Power: Method, Movement, Time
Grand Ballroom Salon A	Critical Phenomenology and Method
Grand Ballroom Salon B	Ecological Loss and Responsibility
Grand Ballroom Salon C	Ladelle McWhorter, *Unbecoming Persons: The Rise and Demise of the Modern Moral Self* (The University of Chicago Press)
Erie	Committee on the Status of Women Roundtable Panel: Practicing Feminist Philosophy Now
Illinois	Jill Drouillard, *Feminist Heidegger: Sex, Gender, and the Politics of Birth* (State University of New York Press)
Michigan	Feminist Philosophies of Sex and Gender
Ontario	Edward Said and the Idea of Palestine
Ohio	Merleau-Ponty in Dialogue
Streeterville	Vision, the Uncanny, and Hermeneutics

PLENARY SESSION: 4:45-6:45 PM

Grand Ballroom	Yuk Hui, "On Kant Machine"

Local Arrangement Contacts
Andrew Cutrofello (acutrof@luc.edu) and Jennifer Gaffney (jgaffney@luc.edu) serve as local hosts and organizers. Cara Greene (cgreene6@luc.edu) is the book exhibit coordinator. Antonia Stan (astan2@uwo.ca) is the coordinator of the student volunteers.

All sessions will be held in the The Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel at 633 N St. Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611. Information can be found at the hotel's website:

https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-centric/en-US/chimm-hyatt-centric-chicago-mag-mile

Hotel Accommodations
Reservations are now open for our conference hotel, the Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile. To book a room at the conference rate of $209 per night, please use the link below:

https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/CHIMM/G-SPE6

The conference rate will be available through October 28, subject to room availability. We encourage you to book early, as rooms in the SPEP block are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Travel Information
Directions for all modes of transportation are also posted on the SPEP website: http://www.spep.org.

Air
For participants staying at the Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile, these are the airport transportation options:

Airport	Distance	Travel Time	Approximate Cost
O'Hare International Airport (ORD)	~18 miles (29 km)	25–60 minutes (depending on traffic)	Taxi: $55–70 • Uber/Lyft: $45–60 • CTA Blue Line: $5
Midway International Airport (MDW)	~11 miles (18 km)	20–40 minutes	Taxi: $35–45 • Uber/Lyft: $30–50 • CTA Orange Line: $2.50–5

Childcare Services
There are various childcare services available in the Chicago area, including:

https://www.jovie.com/locations/il/chicago/jovie-of-chicago/

https://www.care.com/babysitters/loyola-university-chicago

Audiovisual Equipment and Wi-Fi
All audiovisual equipment arrangements have already been made. Inquiries or confirmations may be sent to Antonia Stan and Benjamin Décarie-Daigneault at spepassistant@gmail.com. A QR code is available on p.15, through which to share presentation materials in rooms not equipped with a screen and projector.

Publishers' Breakfast
Conference attendees are invited to attend the Publishers' Breakfast on Friday November 20, 2026, from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. in the St. Clair Ballroom. This is an occasion to browse publishers' offerings as well as meet attending editors.

Website and Online Program
The complete, updated program is available on the SPEP website at http://www.spep.org.

Publication Notice
The SPEP Executive Committee strongly encourages authors to submit papers presented at the annual

meeting for consideration for the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* SPEP Special Issue edited by the two SPEP Executive Co-Directors each year. To be considered, papers must be uploaded by January 20th, 2027 through the JSP online submission system at http://www.editorialmanager.com/jsp/. You will need to create an author profile and note the manuscript type as "Special Issue article (SPEP)"; the online system will then guide you through the steps to upload your submission. Submitted papers should be no longer than 4,000 words including notes. Papers should be formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style and in MS Word format (no PDFs). If the paper is selected for publication, there will be an opportunity for minor revisions. Decisions regarding publication will be communicated by February 8, 2027.

Executive Committee Elections

Dr. Antonio Calcagno will complete his term as Executive Co-Director on the SPEP Executive Committee. An online election will be run through the Philosophy Documentation Center (PDC) for the Executive Co-Director position. The bio of the candidate for this position appears below. All current members of the Society were sent a link to vote. Voting has concluded for this cycle. The results of the election will be announced on the SPEP website as well as at the fall Business Meeting.

The Executive Committee nominates **Christian Lotz** for a three-year-term as Co-Director to replace Antonio Calcagno.

Dr. Christian Lotz is Professor of Philosophy, Associate Chair, and Director of the Graduate Program at Michigan State University. He earned an M.A. in philosophy, sociology, and art history from the University of Bamberg, and a PhD in philosophy from the University of Marburg (Germany), receiving a 2-year fellowship for academic excellence from the Hesian State and a 3-year national fellowship from the German Science Foundation (*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG*). He spent two years as a graduate research fellow at Emory University in Atlanta. He taught at the University of Marburg, Seattle University, University of Kansas, and the Brandenburg Technical University in Cottbus. His main research area is Post-Kantian European philosophy with foci in phenomenology and critical social philosophy. Monographs: *The Art of Gerhard Richter: Hermeneutics, Images, Meaning* (2015; pbk. 2017); *The Capitalist Schema: Time, Money, and the Culture of Abstraction* (2014; pbk. 2016); *From Affectivity to Subjectivity: Revisiting Edmund Husserl's Phenomenology* (2008); *Vom Leib zum Selbst. Kritische Analysen zu Husserl und Heidegger* (2005). Selected Editions: *Christian Lotz zu Marx, Das Maschinenfragment* (2014), with an extended commentary); *Ding und Verdinglichung. Technik- und Sozialphilosophie nach Heidegger und der kritischen Theorie* (2012, co-ed.). Lotz has published more than 80 papers and 50 reviews in journals and editions on a variety of topics, such as the phenomenology of subjectivity, lived body, memory, affectivity, painting, capital, Marxist method and aesthetics, and social categories, as well as on Continental figures, ranging from Marx and Husserl to Arendt and Foucault. Lotz has served as a member on SPEP's Executive Committee and on the book selection committee.

Dr. Kris Sealey will complete her term as Member-at-Large on the SPEP Executive Committee. **Dr. David Scott** resigned as Member-at-Large. An online election was held through the Philosophy Documentation Center (PDC) for the Member-at-Large positions. The bios of the candidates for these positions appear below. All current members of the Society were sent a link to vote. Voting has concluded for this cycle. The results of the election will be announced on the SPEP website as well as at the fall Business Meeting.

The Executive Committee nominates **Anne O'Byrne** (Stony Brook University) and **Stephanie Rivera Berruz** (Marquette University) for a three-year term as Member-at-Large to replace Kris Sealey.

Dr. Anne O'Byrne, Professor of Philosophy at Stony Brook University, graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1999. She works on radical democracy, feminist political philosophy, race and eugenics, genocide, natality, and theories of anti-imperialism, drawing on an expanding group of 20th century and contemporary European and other thinkers. *Natality and Finitude* (Indiana, 2010) interrogates the existential and political significance of birth in the long wake of Heidegger's thinking. The more recent *The Genocide Paradox: Democracy and Generational Being* (Fordham, 2023) is a study of kinship, taxonomy, and the failure of democracies to resist genocidal violence. She argues against our tendency to treat genocide as an exotic evil; doing so hampers our ability to acknowledge the genocidal violence at the heart of our own democratic states. *Logics of Genocide: Structures of Violence and the Contemporary World* (Routledge, 2020), co-edited with Martin Shuster, takes up the question of atrocious violence and genocide in terms of the institutions and social structures of nationhood, the state, and capitalism. An

earlier volume, *Subjects and Simulations* (Rowman, 2014) co-edited with Hugh Silverman, is a collection of essays on the work of Jean Baudrillard, Jean-Luc Nancy and Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe. Anne is also translator of several works by Jean-Luc Nancy: *Being Singular Plural* (Stanford, 1996), *Corpus II: Writings on Sexuality* (Fordham, 2013), and *Derrida: Supplements* (Fordham, 2023). Her articles and chapters contribute to feminist philosophy—"Heidegger after Brennan" in *Teresa Brennan's Energetics*, "From Care to Solidarity" in *Continental Philosophy Review* and "Communitas and the Problem of Women" in *Angelaki*—as well as to Arendt studies—"The Ugly Psyche: Arendt and the Right to Opacity" in *Research in Phenomenology*, "Améry, Arendt, and the Future of the World" in *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, and "Arendt and Portmann in Search of Meaning" in *Reading Arendt's* Denktagebuch—and to philosophy of embodiment—"*Umbilicus*: Toward a Hermeneutics of Generational Difference" in *Carnal Hermeneutics*. More recent research concerns a political phenomenology of land and sea, specifically nissological and archipelagic experience from the Caribbean to the fringes of Western Europe. Anne has served as Graduate Director and as Chair of the Philosophy Department at Stony Brook as well as on the executive committee of the Hannah Arendt Circle and the advisory board of SUNY Press. In 2019 she directed the *Collegium Phenomenologicum* on Critical Phenomenology. She would regard it as an honor to serve on the SPEP executive committee.

Dr. Stephanie Rivera Berruz is an Associate Professor at Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI) and a Regional Faculty Associate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) She is the recipient of the American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (2024-2025), The Way Klinger Young Scholar Award (2021), and the Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship (2017-18) for work on Latinx feminisms, Caribbean, and Latin American philosophy. Additionally, she holds a board member position for Latino Arts, a non-profit organization in Milwaukee, WI, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing Hispanic cultural arts programming. Rivera Berruz's research is interdisciplinary and explores historiography, social identity, and current political issues that link power, history, and the environment. Notably, her essays, "Latin American Feminisms" (2018); "Latin American and Latinx Feminisms" (2019); and "Feminisms of the Spanish Speaking Caribbean" (2021) charted new historiographical philosophical terrain by creating a genealogy of Latin American and Latinx feminist voices for English speaking audiences. The research therein set the stage for her upcoming manuscript *On the Border of Belonging: Luisa Capetillo, Ofelia Rodríguez Acosta, and Evangelina Rodríguez Perozo* (Rutgers University Press, in production, expected publication June 2027) which explores the lettered traditions of women from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic and their philosophical reflections on the role of women in political life at the turn of the 20th century. Her work traverses English and Spanish language use in both research and practice. She recently started teaching philosophy bilingually (English and Spanish). She has published a co-edited anthology *Comparative Studies in Asian and Latin American Philosophies* (2018), and her work has been featured in numerous journals like *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Genealogy, Hypatia, The Inter-American Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy Compass, and Essays in Philosophy*. Most recently, she co-guest edited a special issue (December 2025) for *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Transcontinental Philosophy* titled "Composting Man" which invites readers to consider the decay of empire and the unsettling of Man. As part of this collaboration, she published "*Morir-Vivir* Beyond the Human: On Partial Ecological Connections and Puerto Rican Futures."

The Executive Committee nominates **Don Beith** (University of Maine) and **Michael Eng** (Appalachian State University) for a three-year term as Member-at-Large to replace David Scott.

Dr. Don Beith is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maine and a Faculty Fellow at its Sustainability Center. He is the current President of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy/ Société canadienne de philosophie continentale, as well as a member of SPEP's Book Selection Advisory Committee. He published *The Birth of Sense: Generative Passivity in Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy* with Ohio University Press' Series in Continental Thought in 2018. In it, he develops a concept of generative passivity, the idea that our organic, habitual and social activities take time to creatively develop into sense. His more recent work in environmental justice encompasses essays and presentations on biomimicry, animality and literature, moral value in landscapes, ecological slow violence and regenerative ecologies, including: "Animal Phenomenology: Metonymy and Sardonic Humanism in Kafka and Merleau-Ponty" (2023),"From Biomimicry to Biosophia: Ecologies of Technology in Benyus, Oxman, Fisch and Merleau-Ponty" (2021), "Cultivating Ecological Virtues" (2021), and "The Kingdom of Dead Ends: Kant on the End of Nature and Ethics without a Future" (2018). Other new work includes articles about the ways digital technologies transform freedom into new forms of pseudo-agency, among them: "Cage of Empires:

Video Games, Thin Agency and Digital Enclosure" (2026), "Biomimicry in Digital Embodiment: Toward a Generative Concept of Virtual Bodies" (2026), "Thin Agency and the Meaning of Money" (2024), and "Moving into Being: Merleau-Ponty on the Motor Basis of Balance and Literacy" (2017). He hosted the International Merleau-Ponty Circle (2025), The Maine Seminar for Engaged Philosophy (2021), and meetings of the CSCP throughout Canada. He taught philosophy across Canada before coming to Maine, where he has been involved in high school outreach teaching, in starting the first ecological bike-packing club in the country, and in public philosophy.

Dr. Michael Eng is Associate Professor of Philosophy and affiliated faculty in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies at Appalachian State University. His research areas include post-Heideggerian aesthetic theory, psychoanalysis, critical race studies, feminist theory, critical disability theory, critical algorithm studies, and institutional critique. His writings attend to these areas' concerns via the themes of language, mimesis, difference, becoming, subjectivization, and narcissism. His book *The Scene of the Voice*: *Thinking Language after Affect* (State University of New York Press, 2023) takes up the figure of the voice in Martin Heidegger and the continental thinkers who follow him to argue that the dismissal of language by the affective and aesthetic turns in contemporary theory overlooks the common connection language and affect have to the problem of mimesis, which ultimately results in a failure to encounter the relation to difference affect is said to name. Other writings include "Diversity Work and the Narcissisms of Affective Exits" in *Feminist Formations* (2019), "Lights! Race! Gender! Adrian Piper and the Pseudorationality of Data" in *Feminist Media Histories* (2017), "Institutional Schizophasia and the Possibility of the Humanities' 'Other Scene': Guattari and the Exigency of Transversality" in *Deleuze Studies* (2012), "Genealogy" in Rethinking Women's and Gender Studies—Volume II (2024), and "Philosophy's Mother Envy: Theory, Affect, and the Possibility of Deconstructing the Mother Tongue" in *Untying the Mother Tongue* (2023). He is currently at work on two book manuscripts: "On the Digital Prehistories of Race" and "The University in the Time of Ecological Crisis" (with Jason Wirth). He is a Visiting Faculty Member in the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Studies Program (ISP) and a faculty affiliate with the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP) at UNC Chapel Hill. He has served on the SPEP Book Selection Advisory Committee (2019-22), was previously Associate Professor and Shula Chair of Philosophy at John Carroll University, and was a Visiting Associate Professor in Women's Studies at Duke University.

The SPEP Advocacy Committees intended to nominate two people for a two-year term as the Advocacy Committees Representative on the SPEP Executive Committee. This is the new Executive Committee position, the proposal for which was approved at the October 2023 business meeting. The Executive Committee was unable to find two candidates to run for this cycle.

Please note that the membership year runs from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. Conference registration is only for the 2026 conference in Chicago.

ONLINE AND PHONE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
***Registration after September 1 will increase for all categories of members by $20.**
***Registration after September 1 must be done on-site at the conference.**

Registration Fees for the 2026 Annual SPEP Conference
Please note that SPEP membership is required for all conference attendees.
Individual.....$90.00 ($110 onsite)
Student.....$40.00 ($60 onsite)
Emeritus.....$40.00 ($60 onsite)
Underemployed..... .$40.00 ($60 onsite)

Membership Dues for the 2026–2027 Year (June 1, 2026-May 31, 2027)
Please note that print and online access to the SPEP special issue of the* Journal of Speculative Philosophy *is included in individual membership fees for those in income brackets $50,000 and higher. Individuals in income brackets under $49,999 may add online and print access to the JSP issue for $10.

Income under $30,000.....$40 (no journal benefits)

.....$50 (online and print access)
Income $30,000-39,999.....$60 (no journal benefits)
.....$70 (print and online access)
Income $40,000-49,999.....$80 (no journal benefits)
.....$90 (print and online access)
Income $50,000-59,999.....$100 (print and online access)
Income $60,000-69,999.....$120 (print and online access)
Income $70,000-79,999.....$140 (print and online access)
Income $80,000 and over..... $160 (print and online access)

All conference participants must register for the 2026 conference and be members in good standing for the program year. Participants who neglect to register and pay annual dues for the program year will not be considered for future programs until they have paid their outstanding balance.

Annual SPEP Lecture at the APA Eastern Division Meeting
The twenty-fourth annual SPEP panel at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting will take place at the 2027 Eastern Division meeting in Boston, Massachusetts at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza. The 2027 SPEP panel is titled "Philosophy in an Age of Authoritarianism." It will feature talks by Linda Martín Alcoff (Hunter College, CUNY), Janine Jones (UNC Greensboro), and Shannon Sullivan (UNC Charlotte). The 2026 Eastern APA meeting will take place on January 13-16, 2027. All SPEP members and friends of continental philosophy are invited to attend.

Call for Papers
The sixty-fifth annual SPEP meeting will take place in Denton, TX and is being hosted by the University of North Texas. The dates for the conference are October 28–October 30, 2027. Papers and panels from diverse philosophical perspectives in all areas of continental philosophy are welcome. All paper and panel submissions must be submitted electronically following the instructions that appear below.

The paper submission deadline for SPEP 2027 is January 20, 2027. A Call for Papers will be circulated by December 1, 2026 with detailed submission instructions, and will also be posted on the website: www.spep.org.

The book submission deadline for SPEP 2027 is January 5, 2027. Instructions for authors who have published a monograph within the last three years can be found on the SPEP website and in the 2027 Call for Submissions.

Prizes
SPEP is pleased to offer six prizes for exemplary submissions. Each prizewinner will be awarded $500 and will be recognized on the SPEP program and at the SPEP Business Meeting. Winners of the Junior Scholar and Graduate Awards are eligible for the other prizes, but no individual can win more than one of the Young, Wynter, Toombs, and Lee prizes. All prize winners, including those receiving an Honorable Mention, are strongly encouraged to submit their papers to the SPEP special issue of the JSP.

> ***Best Submission by a Junior Scholar.*** To be eligible for the SPEP Junior Scholar Award, you must have earned a PhD in the last five years (no earlier than 2021). You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the online cover sheet that accompanies your submission. In addition to the $500 prize, the winner will be granted a travel and hotel allowance. The runner-up for the award will be featured on the program as the SPEP Junior Scholar Award Honorable Mention.
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The Kyoo "Q" Lee Prize for best paper on LGBTQ Issues in Philosophy by a junior scholar, graduate student, or independent scholar/researcher that 1) engages LGBTQ philosophy, addressing issues of gender, sexuality, queer theory, and/or trans philosophy (especially papers engaging LGBTQ issues in conversation with questions of race, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, culture, class, migration, religion, and/or age) and/or 2) is submitted by a self-identified LGBTQ author. Priority will be given to scholars who work across genres (broadly construed) in innovative ways. You must declare your desire to be considered for this prize on the online cover sheet that accompanies your submission. The winner will be chosen by the LGBTQ Advocacy Committee through anonymous review and will be notified by June 15, 2027. Awardees will be invited to be formally recognized at the annual LGBTQ Advocacy Committee Session on the main SPEP program.

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Lakeshore East
Moderator: Sean Kirkland, DePaul University
Speaker: Michael Shaw, Utah Valley University
Speaker: Levi Bryant, Collin College

Session 2: **Respondent: Andrew Cutrofello, Loyola University Chicago**
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Moderator: Alexander Montes, University of Rochester
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Speaker: Elisa Magrì, Boston College
Respondent: Dermot Moran, Boston College

Session 3: ***Regimes of Violence: Toward a Political Anthropology*** **(University of Minnesota Press)**
Grand Ballroom Salon A
Moderator: Daniel Selcer, Duquesne University
Speaker: Dimitris Vardoulakis, Western Sydney University
Speaker: Andrew Culp, California Insitute of the Arts
Speaker: Ryan J. Johnson, Elon University
Respondent: John Protevi, Louisiana State University

Session 4: **Philosophical Storytelling in Film, Literature, and Theater**
Grand Ballroom Salon B
Moderator: Magnus Ferguson, University of Chicago
Speaker: Sofia Rietti, Boston College: "Why Fairy Tales Still Captivate: Bettelheim, Beauvoir, and the Existential Appeal of Immanence"
Speaker: Amanda Dubrule, University of Oregon: "'The Future…Settles Into Her Body': Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* and Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette* (2006) on Girlhood as Anachronism"
Speaker: Jesse Germans, Radboud University: "Grasping Pulcinella's Secret through Hegel's Gaze"

Session 5: ***Race, Time, and Utopia: Critical Theory and the Process of Emancipation*** **(Oxford University Press)**
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Moderator: Ernesto Blanes Martinez, Emory University
Speaker: Barnor Hesse, Northwestern University
Speaker: Ainsley LeSure, Brown University
Respondent: William Paris, University of Toronto

Session 6: ***Motherless Daughters and Female Monsters: Androcentric Fantasy in Ancient Greek Myth and Freudian Theory*** **(Palgrave Macmillan)**
Erie
Moderator: Robert Metcalf, University of Colorado Denver
Speaker: Nathan Gorelick, Barnard College
Speaker: Emanuela Bianchi, New York University
Respondent: Jessica Elbert Decker, California State University San Marcos

Session 7: **Kant in an Unenlightened Age**
Illinois
Moderator: Avery Goldman, DePaul University
Speaker: Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University, "Kant on Communication and Community"
Speaker: Jameliah Inga Shorter-Bourhanou, The University of Memphis, "Black Feminist Universalism"
Speaker: Jordan Pascoe, Binghamton University, "Reimagining Public Goods: Kant, Angela Davis, and the Obsolescence of Housework"

SPEP Thursday 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. cont'd

Session 8: **Michigan**
The Allure and Threat of Artificial Intelligence
Moderator: Patrick Gamez, University of Notre Dame
Speaker: Ewa Ziarek, University at Buffalo, "Spectrality of Digital Capitalism: Ghost Labor, AI and Gendered/Racist Mechanisms Accumulation"
Speaker: Jacob Rump, Creighton University, "LLMs and the Seduction of Language: Husserl on the Crisis of Semantic Drift"
Speaker: L. Brooke Rudow, University of Central Florida, "Empty Promises: On the Liberatory Potential of AI Kitchens"

Session 9: **Ontario**
Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion Committee Panel: Institutions and Access: Family, Healthcare, Education, and the State
Moderator: Lillianne John, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Jennifer Scuro, Molloy University, "The Necropolitical Violence of Ableism"
Speaker: Stephanie Rivera Berruz, Marquette University, "Teaching with a Forked Tongue: Reflections on Complex Communication and Bilingual Philosophical Pedagogy"

Session 10: **Ohio**
Porous Borders
Moderator: Falguni Sheth, Emory University
Speaker: Matthew Coate, Kent State University, "The Ambiguity of the Liquid Subject: Zygmunt Bauman's Account of the Late-Modern Subject and its Ethical Ambivalence"
Speaker: Melody Allison, University of Oregon, "At the Limits of Feminized Style: Pregnancy as Boundary Situation"
Speaker: Theodore Cao, Boston College, "Who Am I and Who Are "They"? Resoluteness and Authenticity of Gender Non-Conformists Who Actually Don't Hate Their Body"

Session 11: **Streeterville**
Trials and Tribulations of Embodiment
Moderator: Michael Monahan, University of Memphis
Speaker: Emilia Russo, Stony Brook University, "What the Body Announces: A Phenomenology of Gender Dysphoria and Embodied Existence"
Speaker: Ismene Vedder, University of Chicago, "Pain, or the Unspeakable"
Speaker: Valencia White, University of Cincinnati, "Embodying Chronic Shame: A Feminist Enactivist Approach"

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. (T.II)

Session 1: **Lakeshore East**
Contributions to Continental Philosophy: Fred Moten
Moderator: Jay Riley, University of Illinois
Speaker: Michael Sawyer, University of Pittsburgh
Speaker: Axelle Karera, Emory University
Respondent: Fred Moten, New York University

Session 2: **Lakeshore West**
Memorial Session for Eduardo Mendieta
Moderator: Kevin Jobe, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Speaker: Amy Allen, The Pennsylvania State University, "Combining 'skepticism of the mind with an optimism of the heart': Mendieta's Dialogical Cosmopolitanism"
Speaker: John Lysaker, Emory University, "Accents, Genres, and the Voices of Philosophy"
Speaker: Linda Martín Alcoff, CUNY Graduate Center and Hunter College, "An Interrupted Life"

Session 3: ***Recognition and the Self in Hegel's*** **Phenomenology of Spirit (Cambridge**
Grand Ballroom University Press)
Salon A Moderator: Joshua Wretzel, The Pennylvania State University
Speaker: Shannon Hoff, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Speaker: Elaine Miller, Miami University
Respondent: Timothy Brownlee, Xavier University

Session 4: **Limits and Absences in Phenomenology**
Grand Ballroom Moderator: Richard Polt, Xavier University
Salon B Speaker: Christina Gschwandtner, Fordham University, "Demystifying the *Eigentlichkeit* of Dasein: The Shared Terminology for Being in Martin Heidegger and Hedwig Conrad-Martius"
Speaker: Huaiyuan Zhang, The Pennsylvania State University, "Love Under Erasure: Levinas, Marion, and the 'Last Word'"
Speaker: Joe Larios, Leiden University, "Necessary Possibility in Levinas's Quasi-Transcendental Method"

Session 5: ***The Dark Delight of Being Strange*** **(Columbia University Press)**
Grand Ballroom Moderator: Devonya Havis, University at Buffalo
Salon C Speaker: Erica Hughes, Emory University
Speaker: Namita Goswami, Indiana State University
Respondent: James B. Haile, University of Rhode Island

Session 7: **Merleau-Ponty, from Institution to Political Action**
Illinois Moderator: Mercer Gary, University of Mississippi
Speaker: Kym Maclaren, Toronto Metropolitan University, "*Stiftung*, Becoming, and the Psychoanalysis of Institutions"
Speaker: Don Beith, University of Maine, "Thin Agency: The Labors of Sense under Degenerative Passivity"
Speaker: Rajiv Kaushik, Brock University, "Our State of Non-Philosophy"

Session 8: ***Ecological Ethics and the Philosophy of Simone Weil*** **(Routledge)**
Michigan Moderator: Holly Moore, Luther College
Speaker: Scott Ritner, University of Colorado Boulder
Speaker: Inese Radzins, Califronia State University, Stanislaus
Respondent: Kathryn Lawson, University of Winnipeg

Session 9: **Critical Existentialisms**
Ontario Moderator: T. Storm Heter, East Stroudsburg University
Speaker: Penelope Haulotte, University of New Mexico, "Transition, Autobiography, and Existential Phenomenology"
Speaker: Ricardo Friaz, Central Connecticut State University, "Theorizing Latin American Existentialisms Beyond Mestizaje"
Speaker: Shawn Huberdeau, Villanova University, "Is Existentialism a Queer Theory?"

Session 10:
Ohio

(Re)Turning to Our Friends in a Time of Fascism: Resistance via Transgressive Connections
Moderator: Michael Andrews, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, University of North Dakota, "Simone Weil and Radical Friendship in a Time of Domination"
Speaker: Michael Butler, University of North Dakota, "Friends on the Internet: Imagining Alternatives to Social Media"
Speaker: Jay Morgan Worthy, University of Alberta, "In the Classroom, Friendship is Critical: Pedagogy as a Communal Praxis of Resistance"

Session 11:
Streeterville

Nietzschean Resonances
Moderator: Zoe Anthony, University of Tampa
Speaker: Edgar Mauricio Llamas, University of Oregon, "Ears to Hear: Listening to Beyng in Heidegger and Nietzsche"
Speaker: Ludovico Zizzo, DePaul University, "Nietzsche on Nihilism and Why We Need a New Principle of Cultural Justification"
Speaker: James Mollison, Purdue University, "'Earth as One Big Insane Asylum?' Nietzsche on Fanaticism's Ubiquity"

Thursday, 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION
Grand Ballroom

Introduced and Moderated by
Antonio Calcagno, King's University College at Western University

"Reading Comprehension, a Comedy"

Nan Z. Da, Johns Hopkins University

Thursday, 10:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY MORNING, 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (F.I)

Session 1:
Lakeshore East

Life Appearing in Contemporary French Phenomenology
Moderator: Neal DeRoo, The Institute for Christian Studies
Speaker: Hunter Luke Roy, Texas A&M University, "Language, Promise, Specter: A Response to Romano's Evential Hermeneutics"
Speaker: Frédéric Seyler, DePaul University, "Life in Motion: The Question of Identity Seen through the Lens of Michel Henry's Phenomenology"

Session 2:
Lakeshore West

Theorizing with Literature and Film
Moderator: Andrew Domzal, University of North Dakota
Speaker: Dianne Rothleder, Loyola University Chicago, "Passing Names: Creolization in Nella Larsen's Passing and Plato's 'Cratylus'"
Speaker: Yuqin Xiong, University of Oxford, "Between *Unheimlichkeit* and Dwelling: A Phenomenological Recasting of the Forbidden City in Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*"

Session 3:
Grand Ballroom Salon A

Race, Politics, Gender
Moderator: Michael Eng, Appalachian State University
Speaker: Rhiannon Lindgren, University of Memphis, "On Captivity, Care, and Kinship in Black Maternal Politics"
Speaker: Natalie Lobach, The Pennsylvania State University, "Rethinking Performative Agency: On Saidiya Hartman's Critique of Judith Butler"

Session 4:
Grand Ballroom Salon B

Differentiating the Social and the Self
Moderator: Kris McLain, Marquette University
Speaker: Charles Driker-Ohren, Stony Brook University, "Towards a Phenomenology of Social Difference" **Winner of the S. Kay Toombs Prize**
Speaker: Youjin Kong, Seoul National University, "A Phenomenology of Self-Care: Coping with the Embodied Harms of Oppression"

Session 5:
Grand Ballroom Salon C

Futural Gender
Moderator: Tamsin Kimoto, Washington University
Speaker: Nelson Graves, Independent Scholar, "Beyond Visibility: Desiring Production, New Gender/Sex Identities, and the Performative"
Speaker: Julian Rome, Independent Scholar, "Trans Utopian Temporality"

Session 6:
Erie

Solidarity and the Commons
Moderator: Peter Carravetta, Stony Brook University
Speaker: Valentina Moro, Stony Brook University, "The Body and the Collective: Silvia Federici's Politics of the Commons and the International Feminist Strike"
Speaker: Matthew Kelley, Michigan State University, "Universality and Anti-Colonial Critique: Tomba's Insurgent Solidarity"

Session 7:
Illinois

Violence and Anti-Blackness
Moderator: Jacqueline Scott, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Sofia Esner, The Pennsylvania State University, "The Violence of Touch: Spillers and the Flesh"
Speaker: Jason Stephens, Loyola University Chicago, "Antiblackness, Periodization, and the Uncanny"

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Session 8: **Michigan**

Psychoanalysis Rethinking its Roots
Moderator: Krzysztof Ziarek, University at Buffalo
Speaker: Maria Wołczyk, Radboud University Nijmegen, "Lifting Freud's Moses and Monotheism out of 'the Procrustean Bed of Tradition'"
Speaker: Benjamin Randolph, Vassar College, "Towards a New Mastery, or a New Master? Once More on the Analogy of Critique and Psychoanalysis" **Best Submission by a Junior Scholar Honorable Mention**

Session 9: **Ontario**

Political Excess and Stability
Moderator: Richard Lee, DePaul University
Speaker: Jason Stocker, Western University, "Stabilizing Boundaries with Nature"
Speaker: Shane Cooney, Western University, "Benjamin's Dialectics of Intoxication: Mass Narcosis or Revolutionary Innervation"

Session 10: **Ohio**

Temporality: Expansion and Emptiness
Moderator: Mary Jeanne Larrabee, DePaul University
Speaker: Jill Stauffer, Haverford College, "Why did you blame the clock?: Expanding Phenomenology's Imagination of Time-Telling"
Speaker: David Zoller, California Polytechnic State University, "Nishida's Philosophy and the "Non-Sortal" Individuality of Pure Experience"

Session 11: **Streeterville**

Derrida, Phenomena, Politics
Moderator: Ammon Allred, University of Toledo
Speaker: Zilai Wang, Duquesne University, "Two Modes of Phenomenalization: An Expansion of the Debate between Marion and Derrida"
Speaker: Ryan Bingham, University of Chicago, "Marx's Communism and Plato's *Wunderblock*: From Derrida's *Khōra* Seminar to *Specters of Marx*"

FRIDAY MORNING, 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (F.II)

Friday 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

THE ARON GURWITSCH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Lakeshore West

Awarding of the Ballard Prize in Phenomenology

Moderator: Dermot Moran, Boston College

"The Transcendental Dimension of Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology: From the Tacit *cogito* to the Flesh"

Liu Zhe
Peking University

Session 2: **Heideggerian Phenomenology and Metaphysics**
Lakeshore East Moderator: Peg Birmingham, DePaul University
Speaker: Heidi Knechtel, University of Toronto, "Anxiety, Indeterminacy, and the Limits of Normative Phenomenology in Heidegger"
Speaker: David McCullough, Boston College, "Heidegger's Metaphysical Racism: The Animal and The *Volk*"

Session 3: **Simultaneity and Irrationality in German Idealism**
Grand Ballroom Moderator: Andrew Israelsen, Utah Valley University
Salon A Speaker: Robert McKinley, University of New Mexico, "Schopenhauer and Schelling on the Irrationality of the Will"

Session 4: **Selective Indifference: An Existential Expression of Settler Subjectivity**
Grand Ballroom Moderator: Omar Rivera, Texas A&M University
Salon B Speaker: Mariana Gomez, Georgetown University
Commentator: Julian Rios Acuña, Grinnell College

Session 5: **Sound and Event in Deleuze and Hartman**
Grand Ballroom Moderator: Edward Kazarian, Rowan University
Salon C Speaker: Sid Hansen, California State University, Northridge, "Black Noise in a Minor Key: Kafka, Deleuze, and Hartman in the Age of Neurasthenia"
Speaker: Eyo Ewara, Loyola University Chicago, "Free States, Events, and Concepts of Freedom: Hartman and Deleuze Beyond Traumatic Repetition"

Session 6: **Temporality of the Colonial**
Erie Moderator: Humberto José González-Núñez, University of Texas, Dallas
Speaker: Jon Joey Telebrico, American University, "Against the Longue Durée of Colonialism: A Protracted National Liberation Struggle"
Speaker: Jose Alfredo Ortiz Angeles, Texas A&M University, "Frantz Fanon: The Future Lasts Forever"

Session 7: **Repression at the End of the World**
Illinois Moderator: Jennifer Gaffney, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Omar Khali, Loyola University Chicago, "From an 'Instrument of Repression' to a 'Public Service': The Need to Reconsider Althusser's Conception of the Repressive State Apparatus"
Speaker: Jami Weinstein, Independent Scholar, "TERMINAL LUCIDITY: Life and Thought at the End of the World"

Session 8: **History, Race, Capitalism**
Michigan Moderator: Benjamin Brewer, Emory University
Speaker: Natasha Hay, DePaul University, "Politicizing Fabulation: Saidiya Hartman's Concepts of History, Labor, and Care" **Best Submission by a Junior Scholar Award Co-Winner**
Speaker: Gwen Daugs, Dominican University New York, "Against Safety: Dispossession and Propriation in Racial Capitalism" **Best Submission by a Junior Scholar Award Co-Winner**

Session 9: **Democracies, Problems, and Competencies**
Ontario Moderator: Michael Peterson, Missouri University of Science and Technology
Speaker: Rylie Johnson, Boston College, "Populism and the 'Problem' of Excess: Laclau, Rancière, and Democracy"
Speaker: Larry Busk, Wabash College, "Is Democratic Theory Carbon Competent? The Case of Lafont's Democracy without Shortcuts"

Session 10: **Black Studies as Critical Theory**
Ohio Moderator: John Torrey, Buffalo State University
Speaker: Grant Farred, Cornell University, "Booker T. Washington: Weak Freedom"
Speaker: Zeyad el Nabolsy, York University, "Edward Wilmot Blyden's 'Communistic' African Societies: Socialism and the Civilizing Mission"

Session 11: **Repression, Authority, Justice**
Streeterville Moderator: Morinade J. Stevenson, Fairfield University,
Speaker: Ash Bohrer, University of Notre Dame, "Angela Davis's Philosophy of Political Repression"
Speaker: Onur Kokerer, Duquesne University, "The Narrative of Authority: Reflections on Legitimation and Justice"

Friday, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING
with Light Lunch Reception

Grand Ballroom
Agenda available at Registration

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (F.III)

Session 1: **The Most Influential 20th-Century French Philosopher You Probably Know Nothing About**
Lakeshore East
Moderator: Andrew Mitchell, Emory University
Speaker: Alan Schrift, Grinnell College
Commentator: Russell Ford, Elmhurst University

Session 2: **A Phenomenological Analysis of Two Kinds of Regret**
Lakeshore West Moderator: Benjamin Curtis, Rhodes College
Speaker: Danyang Guo, The New School, **Best Submission by a Graduate Student**
Commentator: Michael Kelly, University of San Diego

Session 3: **Nation Trouble: The Native, the Settler, and the Immigrant: Between Autochthony and Indigeneity**
Grand Ballroom Salon A
Moderator: John Macready, Collin College
Speaker: Adriel M. Trott, Wabash College
Commentator: Brian Burkhart, University of Oklahoma

Session 4: **The Universal Shadow at Play: Double-Consciousness, Double-Voicedness, and Double Vision in the Art of Kara Walker and William Kentridge**
Grand Ballroom Salon B
Moderator: Jasmine Wallace, The Pennsylvania State University
Speaker: Sandra Stephens, Pratt Munson/Pratt
Commentator: Anwar Uhuru, Wayne State University

Session 5: **Inside Quantum Measurement: Merleau-Ponty and QBism on Interacting with the Depths of a Universe in the Making**
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Moderator: Keith Whitmoyer, New York City College of Technology
Speaker: David Morris, Concordia University
Commentator: Robert Crease, Stony Brook University
Commentator: Jennifer Carter, Stony Brook University

SPEP Friday 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. cont'd

Session 6: **Erie**
Home, Exile, and World-Traveling: The Democratic Significance of (Jewish) Diaspora
Moderator: Talia Welsh, University of Alberta
Speaker: Laura McMahon, Eastern Michigan University
Commentator: Scott Marratto, Michigan Technological University

Session 7: **Illinois**
The Machine as Measure: Günther Anders on Technological Shame
Moderator: Omar Quiñonez, Villanova University
Speaker: Kieran Aarons, University of Detroit Mercy
Commentator: Christian Lotz, Michigan State University

Session 8: **Michigan**
The Subjunctive Philosophy of W. E. B. Du Bois
Moderator: Samir Haddad, Fordham University
Speaker: Lauren James, The European Graduate School, New York University
Commentator: Corey Reed, Butler University

Session 9: **Ontario**
Natal Fantasies, Necropolitical Realities
Moderator: Lydia Berry, Gannon University
Speaker: Sara Brill, Fairfield University, **Winner of the Iris Marion Young Prize**
Commentator: Jill Gordon, Colby College

Session 10: **Ohio**
Temporal Convalescence: A Beauvoirian Account of Authentic Eroticism
Moderator: Janine Jones, UNC Greensboro
Speaker: Sophia Spangler, University of Oregon
Commentator: Debra Bergoffen, George Mason University

Session 11: **Streeterville**
Identity Thinking without a Thinker: Adorno and Datafication
Moderator: William Ross, Université Laval
Speaker: Murray Skees, University of South Carolina Beaufort
Commentator: Eric Aldieri, Bridgewater State University

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 4:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. (F.IV)

Session 1: **Lakeshore East**
Badiou and Deleuze on the Transcendental and Objective Synthesis
Moderator: Brent Adkins, Roanoke College
Speaker: Sinan Turan, Villanova University, "The Genetic Sublime: Deleuze's Reading of Kant's Third Critique"
Speaker: Constanza Filloy, Villanova University, "Object and Representation in Badiou and Deleuze"

Session 2: **Lakeshore West**
The Uses of Laughter
Moderator: Andrew LaZella, The University of Scranton
Speaker: Bryan Boshoven, Radboud University Nijmegen, "The Janus Face of Laughter"
Speaker: Guul Peter Stienen, Radboud University Nijmegen, "Laughing in the Face of the End: Why the Apocalypse Leads to Comedy"

Session 3: **Grand Ballroom Salon A**
New Marxisms
Moderator: Owen Glyn-Williams, Suffolk University
Speaker: Judith Chavarria, The Pennsylvania State University, "What Are the Critical Stakes of Marxology?"
Speaker: Sanjula Rajat, University of Oregon, "Queer World-Making as Social Reproduction: A Trans Marxist Analysis of Expropriation and Disavowal"

Session 4: **Wandering Lifeworlds**
Grand Ballroom Salon B
Moderator: Kim Q. Hall, University of Alberta
Speaker: Rui Ge, Boston College, "Refugeehood as Alienation from the Lifeworld: A Phenomenological Account of Uprootedness" **Best Submission by a Graduate Student Honorable Mention**
Speaker: Shaila Wadhwani, University of Mississippi, "A Home in the Ellipsis : A Diasporic Intervention Denegating Nostalgia"

Session 5: **Extending Husserl's Mereology and Method**
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Moderator: Anthony Steinbock, Stony Brook University
Speaker: Jodie McNeilly, Australian Catholic University, "The Mereological Dimensions of Intuition for Ecological Thinking with Husserl"
Speaker: Theoren Tolsma, Fordham University, "Leading Forth: Conrad-Martius' Appraisal of Husserl's Phenomenological Method"

Session 6: **Stepping Back from the Noise**
Erie
Moderator: Melanie Coughlin, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Speaker: Patrick Fahey, Boston College, "Phenomenology, Mindfulness, and Theravāda Buddhism: A New Approach"
Speaker: Pierre Lamarche, Utah Valley University, "Resisting Attention Economy: Nietzsche, Pyrrho and Psychic Hygiene"

Session 7: **Affective Injury and Temporal Harm**
Illinois
Moderator: Shiloh Whitney, Fordham University
Speaker: Megan May Walsh, Fordham University, "Dead Worlds, A Haunted Self, and Otherworldly Possibilities: Fear Gaslighting and Affective Injustice"
Speaker: Thomas Byrne, University of Illinois, "When the Future Wounds the Present: A Phenomenology of Wishing"

Session 8: **Defining Fascist Aesthetics, Then and Now**
Michigan
Moderator: Avery Smith, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Kevin Siefert, Adams State University, "Fascist Aesthetics: Fear, Clarity, Power, and Disgust"

Session 9: **Love and Terror in Foucault**
Ontario
Moderator: Johanna Oksala, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Daniel J. Smith, University of Memphis, "Reading Foucault on İmralı Island"
Speaker: Chris Davidson, Mount St. Joseph University, "Grand Confidantes: Confessing to the Spouse in Foucault's *Confessions of the Flesh*"

Session 10: **Transcendental Law and the Double Bind of the State**
Ohio
Moderator: Stella Gaon, St. Mary's University
Speaker: William Conklin, University of Windsor, "Adolph Reinach and the Possibility of Law"
Speaker: Nicolas Schneider, Leuphana University Lüneburg, "Philosophy of Opposition: Jacques Derrida's and Gillian Rose's Critiques of the State"

Session 11: **Death and Transgression**
Streeterville Moderator: James Bahoh, University of Memphis
Speaker: Hayden Christopher Ridings, University of North Texas, "Curdling the Community: Transgressing the Logic of Purity in Bataille's Sacred"
Speaker: Daniel Calzadillas-Rodriguez, The Pennsylvania State University, "Born to Die: Mexican Phenomenology's Critique of Heidegger's Being-Towards-Death"

Friday, 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
STONY BROOK RECEPTION

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. (S.I)

Session 1: **Scholar Session: Mary Beth Mader**
Lakeshore East Moderator: Samuel Talcott, St. Joseph's University
Speaker: Laura Hengehold, Case Western Reserve University
Speaker: Jeffrey Bell, Southeastern Louisiana University
Respondent: Mary Beth Mader, University of Memphis

Session 2: **Pathways through Critical Theory**
Lakeshore West Moderator: Nathifa Greene, Gettysburg College
Speaker: Soren Floyd Whited, University of Massachusetts, Boston, "Odysseus, Instrumental Reason, and Enlightenment"
Speaker: Jeta Mulaj, Toronto Metropolitan University, "*Mors Immortalis*: Adorno's Analysis of Society's Static and Dynamic Elements"
Speaker: Gregory Convertito, UNC Charlotte, "Adorno on the Vanishing Possibility of Aesthetic Judgment"

Session 3: ***Carnalities: The Art of Living in Latinidad*** **(Duke University Press)**
Grand Ballroom Salon A Moderator: Emma Velez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Speaker: Erika Grimm, St. Mary's University
Speaker: Gail Weiss, George Washington University
Speaker: Monique Roelofs, University of Amsterdam
Respondent: Mariana Ortega, The Pennsylvania State University

Session 4: ***The Invention of Order: On the Coloniality of Space*** **(Duke University Press)**
Grand Ballroom Salon B Moderator: Elizabeth Millán Brusslan, DePaul University
Speaker: Rafael Vizcaino, DePaul University
Speaker: Paula Landerreche Cardillo, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Respondent: Don Thomas Deere, Texas A&M University

Session 5: ***Grammars of Listening: Rendering the Unheard-of Audible*** **(Herder) [*Gramáticas de la escucha: hacer audible lo inaudito*]**
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Moderator: Taylor Rogers, Governors State University
Speaker: Rebecca Comay, University of Toronto
Speaker: Miguel Gualdrón Ramirez, University of Oregon
Respondent: María del Rosario Acosta López, University of California, Riverside

Session 6: ***Hegel, Marx, and the Laughing Matter of Spirit***
Erie **(Northwestern University Press)**
Moderator: Peter Heft, Western University
Speaker: David Ciavatta, Toronto Metropolitan University
Speaker: Emilia Angelova, Concordia University
Respondent: Rae Aumiller, Radboud Universiteit

Session 7: ***Postcolonial Derrida*** **(Edinburgh University Press)**
Illinois
Moderator: Leigh Johnson, American University
Speaker: Peter Gratton, Southeastern Louisiana University
Speaker: Jungah Kim-Kiteishvili, Mahattan Community College
Respondent: Sean Meighoo, Emory University

Session 8: **Is Race Struggle Intelligible?**
Michigan
Moderator: Leonard Lawlor, The Pennsylvania State University
Speaker: Jerome Clarke, American University, "If Race is Media, What's the Message?"
Speaker: Tyrique Mack-Georges, The Pennsylvania State University, "The Dialectic of Word and Structure: Making Colonialism Intelligible"
Speaker: Daniel Oni, The Pennsylvania State University, "The Angola Question and the Problem of Organization in Fanon's *Wretched of the Earth*"

Session 9: **Is One Born a Woman? Adriana Cavarero and Olivia Guaraldo on Sex, (Anti-)**
Ontario **Gender, and Difference—Critical Perspectives**
Moderator: Getrude Postl, Suffolk County Community College
Speaker: Silvia Benso, Rochester Institute of Technology, "Metaphysical Longings, Violence, and the Power(lessness) of the Voice in Adriana Cavarero's Recent Work"
Speaker: Elvira Roncalli, Carroll College, "Sexual Difference and Its Ambiguities"
Speaker: Alessandra Montalbano, University of Alabama, "Sexual Difference vs Gender in Cavarero and Guaraldo's *One is Born a Woman*"

Session 11: ***A Citizen of the World: Al-Fārābī's Cosmopolitanism*** **(Edinburgh University Press)**
Streeterville
Moderator: Michael Paradiso-Michau, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Rosabel Ansari, Stony Brook University
Speaker: Katherine Loevy, Pacific University
Respondent: Josh Hayes, Alvernia University

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

ANDRÉ SCHUWER LECTURE
Lakeshore East

Sponsored by the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University
Moderator: Jeffrey McCurry, Duquesne University

"Burning Down the House: What Remains?"

Dennis J. Schmidt
Western Sydney University

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (S.II)

Session 1:
Lakeshore East

Memorial Session for John Sallis
Moderator: Walter Brogan, Villanova University
Speaker: Drew Hyland, Trinity College, "In the Open of the Question: Still Open"
Speaker: James Risser, Seattle University, "The Fascination of a Philosopher"
Speaker: Daniela Vallega Neu, University of Oregon, "The Ephemeral Tactility of the Elemental"

Session 2:
Lakeshore West

Genealogies of Colonial Power: Method, Movement, Time
Moderator: Cynthia Paccacerqua, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Speaker: Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, "Critical Genealogy and the Politics of Method"
Speaker: Alberto Bejarano Romo, The Pennsylvania State University, "Displace and Punish: Toward a Critical Genealogy of Forced Migration at the US-Mexico Border"
Speaker: Carlos Ramirez-Arenas, Syracuse University, "Genealogy and the Coloniality of Time: A Practice-Based Approach"

Session 3:
Grand Ballroom Salon A

Critical Phenomenology and Method
Moderator: Cara Greene, Loyola University Chicago
Speaker: Rasmus Dyring, Aarhus University, "Decentering Phenomenology: Critical Experience and Neurodiverse World-Constitution"
Speaker: Ann Murphy, University of New Mexico, "Phenomenology as Undergoing: Existential Aspects of the Reduction"
Speaker: Martina Ferrari, Villanova University, "Politics as De-Translation: On the Role of Afterwardsness in Political Phenomenology"

Session 4:
Grand Ballroom Salon B

Ecological Loss and Responsibility
Moderator: Jordan Daniels, Pomona College
Speaker: Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University, "Radical Democracy and the Earth"
Speaker: Marleen Van Haalen, Radboud University, "Mourning Fantasy—On the Importance of Mourning Old Ideas Before Imagining New Possibilities"
Speaker: Liam Maher, Loyola Marymount University, "Becoming *Homo Plasticus*: A Merleau-Pontian Analysis of Plastic Pollution"

Session 5:
Grand Ballroom Salon C

Unbecoming Persons: The Rise and Demise of the Modern Moral Self **(The University of Chicago Press)**
Moderator: Nancy Tuana, Pennsylvania State University
Speaker: Lynne Huffer, Emory University
Speaker: Catharine Clune-Taylor, Duke University
Respondent: Ladelle McWhorter, University of Richmond

Session 6:
Erie

Committee on the Status of Women Roundtable Panel: Practicing Feminist Philosophy Now
Moderator: Romy Opperman, New School for Social Research
Speaker: Ege Selin Islekel, Texas A&M University
Speaker: Desiree Valentine, Marquette University
Speaker: Anna Gotlib, Brooklyn College/CUNY

Session 7:
Illinois

Feminist Heidegger: Sex, Gender, and the Politics of Birth **(State University of New York Press)**
Moderator: Tarek Dika, University of Toronto
Speaker: Anne O'Byrne, Stony Brook University
Speaker: Ellen Armour, Vanderbilt University
Respondent: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women

Session 8:
Michigan

Feminist Philosophies of Sex and Gender
Moderator: Ellie Anderson, Pomona College
Speaker: Chris Jingchao Ma, Villanova University, "This Sexual Difference which is not Two: Counting with Irigaray for an Ethics of Gender Expansiveness" **Winner of the Kyoo "Q" Lee Prize**
Speaker: Sarah Cohen Shabot, University of Haifa, "Thinking with Beauvoir about Objectification in Childbirth"
Speaker: Vidya Yin, Emory University, "Irigaray's Dashes: The Forgetting of the Womb"

Session 9:
Ontario

Edward Said and the Idea of Palestine
Moderator: Reese Faust, Howard University
Speaker: Benjamin Davis, Texas A&M University, "Edward Said and the Idea of Palestine"
Speaker: Zahi Zalloua, Whitman College, "The Idea of Palestine: Unlearning Zionism as an Anti-Fascist Practice of the Self"
Speaker: John Harfouch, University of Alabama in Huntsville, "The Idea of Palestine in 1968"

Session 10:
Ohio

Merleau-Ponty in Dialogue
Moderator: Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Speaker: Bryan Smyth, University of Mississippi, "Merleau-Ponty and Stendhal"
Speaker: Emmanuel Cuisinier, Université de Montréal, "Merleau-Ponty's Critique of Moral Values"
Speaker: Anna Dorothea Boessenkool, Providence College, "Infancy, Desire, and Embodiment: Merleau-Ponty on Klein in the Sorbonne Lectures"

Session 11:
Streeterville

Vision, the Uncanny, and Hermeneutics
Moderator: Theodore George, Texas A&M University
Speaker: Robert Lehman, Boston College, "Feeling Seen"
Speaker: Mihnea Octavian Chiujdea, University of Potsdam, "The Uncanny: Between Existential Philosophy and the Metaphysics of Normativity"
Speaker: Jeronimo Ayesta, Boston College, "Gadamer and Ricoeur on the Absorption of Aesthetics into Hermeneutics"

Saturday, 4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION
Grand Ballroom

Introduced and Moderated by
Shannon Mussett, Utah Valley University

"On Kant Machine"

Yuk Hui
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Saturday, 6:45 p.m.
SPEP RECEPTION

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Affiliated Societies at a Glance

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Ancient Philosophy Society (APS)
Association for Adorno Studies (AAS)
Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP)
Deleuze Circle
Heidegger Circle
History of Philosophy Society (HOPS)
The International Simone de Beauvoir Society
Nicolai Hartmann Society (NHS)
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH)
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
Society for World Philosophies

Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy (ASCP)
International Association for Environmental Philosophy (IAEP)
*philo*SOPHIA
Society for Italian Philosophy (SIP)
Society for Nature, Philosophy, and Religion
Society for Phenomenology and Philosophy of Science (SPPS)

SOCIETIES MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPEP

ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY (APS)
Lakeshore East
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Shane Ewegen, Trinity College

"'Socrates Gone Mad': Socrates and the Early Cynics"
Sonja Tanner, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

"The *Akmê* Hypothesis: Reorienting Chronos and *Kairos* within the Socratic Timeline."
Mary Townsend, St. John's University

ASSOCIATION FOR ADORNO STUDIES (AAS)
Lakeshore West
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: William Ross, Université Laval

"Despair and Dwelling in *Untergang*"
Fumi Okiji, UC Berkeley

"Solidarity with the Subject at the Moment of its Fall: Adorno between Kant and Freud"
Joseph Bermas-Dawes, DePaul University

"Figurations of Nature in Adorno"
Jordan Daniels, Pomona College

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY (CSCP)
Grand Ballroom Salon A
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Michael Butler, University of North Dakota

"Dirt: Edging Life outward into Transcendental Geology"
David Morris, Concordia University

"Secrets of the Earth: Institution of a Ground, Encounters with the Undergrounds"
Benjamin Decarie-Daigneault, Texas A&M University

"The Past Calls from the Future: Land, Relationality and the Standing Rock Protests as Prefigurative Democracy"
Laura McMahon, Eastern Michigan University

DELEUZE CIRCLE
Grand Ballroom Salon B
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Deleuze and Race

Moderator: Brent Adkins, Roanoke College

"Introduction to Deleuze & Guattari & Blackness"
Ryan J. Johnson, Elon University and David Scott, Coppin State University

"Facializing as Racializing: Blackness and the Politics of Anti-Facial Education"
Awad Ibrahim, University of Ottawa

"An Arrow for Another Shore: Between Newton's Revolutionary Suicide and Deleuze's Ethics of the Event"
Lilly Markaki, Royal Holloway University of London

"Cruelty and Compassion"
Taija Mars McDougall, University of California at Irvine

HEIDEGGER CIRCLE
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Book Showcase: ***Heidegger and Politics: Nazism, Care and the Future of Democracy***

Moderator: Abigail Iturra, Northwestern University

Speaker: Roísín Lally, Gonzaga University

Speaker: Richard Polt, Xavier University

Speaker: Jill Drouillard, Mississippi University for Women

Respondent: Andrea Conque, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY (HOPS)
Erie
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Philosophical Landscapes

Moderators: Lydia W. Barry, Gannon University and Michael M. Shaw, Utah Valley University

"Coming Home: Socrates and the Landscape of Desire"
Freya Möbus, Loyola University Chicago

"Alexander von Humboldt's Landscapes of America in a Philosophical Light"
Elizabeth Millán Brusslan, DePaul University

"Landscape and Identity in Latin American Philosophy"
Omar Rivera, Texas A&M University

THE INTERNATIONAL SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR SOCIETY
Illinois
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Beauvoir and Phenomenology

Moderator: Dana Rognlie, Salisbury University

"Ambiguity *contra* Multiplicity: Beauvoir and Ortega on Selfhood"
Ellie Anderson, Pomona College

"From Universal Oppression to Oriental Despotism: Beauvoir and the Concept of Patriarchal Confinement"
Hourya Bentouhami, Université Toulouse Jean-Jaurès

"Simone de Beauvoir and Women's Work"
Anne van Leeuwen, James Madison University

"Resisting Manifestations of White Phenomenology"
Janine Jones, University of North Carolina Greensboro

"The Blood of the Other: Alterity and Maternity between Beauvoir and Levinas"
Timothy Stock, Salisbury University

NICOLAI HARTMANN SOCIETY (NHS)
Michigan
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Keith Peterson, Colby College

"An Ontology of Living Beings and Environments: An Approach Based on Nicolai Hartmann's Philosophy"
Ana Mateos Calvo, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia

"Hartmann on the Convergence of All Great Art"
Eugene Kelly, New York Institute of Technology

"Hartmann's 'Dissolution of the Fixed a priori' and the Social-historical Being of Values"
Keith Peterson, Colby College

"Transcendental Subject as Objective Spirit: Nicolai Hartmann's Dynamization of the A Priori"
Alicja Pietras, University of Silesia

Roundtable Discussion (11:00am-12:00pm): How to Make Values Grow from the Earth
Ana Mateos Calvo, Eugene Kelly, Keith Peterson, Alicja Pietras

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHICAL HERMENEUTICS (NASPH)
Ontario
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Greg Lynch, North Central College

"Anxiety, Death, and the Hermeneutics of Home: A Hegelian Perspective"
Joshua Wretzel, The Pennsylvania State University

"Socratic Indignation"
Magnus Ferguson, University of Chicago

"Common Validities: Authenticity and Alienation in Gadamer's Social Ontology"
Jared Highlen, Boston College

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY (SAAP)
Ohio
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Donald Morse, Webster University

"AI as Acosmic Subject: Merleau-Ponty, Inferentialism, and 'Sapience without Sentience'"
Brent Matheny, The Pennsylvania State University

"'Despised and Rejected of Men':Abstract Ideals and Concrete Racism in Du Boisian Metaethics"
Thomas McGlone, Jr., Villanova University

"Empirical History and Pragmatic Genealogy in Dewey and Foucault," Brooke Burns, Illinois Wesleyan University

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SOCIETY FOR WORLD PHILOSOPHIES
Streeterville
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agamben's Buddhism

Moderator: Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

"Agamben's Buddhism: Elements of Cross-Cultural Thought"
Steven DeCaroli, Goucher College

"A Patient, Tenacious Deactivation of Works: Agamben's Contemplation"
Adam Lobel, Independent Scholar

Respondant 1: Bret W. Davis, Loyola University Maryland

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY (ASCP)
Lakeshore West
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Moderator: Dimitris Vardoulakis, Western Sydney University

"*Scientia Intuitiva* as a Science of Singular Things"
Michael Polios, Duquesne University

"The Non-Identical Within Mediation: Adorno on False Consciousness"
Bahar Mirteymouri, Yale University

"Spinoza and Materialism"
Dimitris Vardoulakis, Western Sydney University

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY (IAEP)
Lakeshore East
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

"Ecological Nihilism and the Nietzschean Task of Revaluation"
Melody Allison, University of Oregon

"On the Anti-Oedipal Logic of Ecosophy"
Bryan Knittle, Villanova University

"Object-Oriented Hermeneutics as a Response to Anthropocentrism"
Lewis Rosenberg, Texas A&M University

"The *An-Archē* of Living in a Climate-Changing World: Radical Relationality as Lived Condition"
Kevin Siefert, Adams State University

SOCIETY FOR ITALIAN PHILOSOPHY (SIP)
Grand Ballroom A
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

On the Post-war Italian Political Context: Workerism, Fascism, Antifascism

Moderator: Pierre Lamarche, Utah Valley University

"The Italian Adventures of the *Grundrisse*: From 'Workerism' to Structuralism"
Richard Lee, DePaul University

"Fascist Transindividuation: Furio Jesi on Right Wing Terror as 'Useless Tasks'"
Kieran Aarons, University of Detroit Mercy

"Primo Levi, Antifascism, and the Invention of Race"
Cristina Lombardi-Diop, Loyola University Chicago

***philo*SOPHIA**
Grand Ballroom B
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Moderator: Chris Jingchao Ma, Villanova University

"Queer Solitude: A Queer Utopia for One"
Pixie Shen, Notre Dame University

"Gender, Temporality and Freedom"
Paria Gashtili, Missouri State University

"The Scarring Body: Phenomenologies of Pain and Healing in Latinx/Chicanx Performance Art"
Brenda Vega, The University of Texas at Dallas

"Refusing to Refuse: TARLs and the Politics of Exhaustion"
Gwen Daugs, Dominican University New York

"Toward a Materialist Genealogy of Race"
Lia Fior, Fordham University

"Creolizing Maturity: Responsibility without Arrival in Feminist and Decolonial Time"
Rachel McNealis, Marquette University

"No Time for Care: Temporal Demands on Care Receivers and their Impact on Moral Life"
Mercer Gary, University of Mississippi

SOCIETY FOR NATURE, PHILOSOPHY, AND RELIGION
Grand Ballroom C
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Session One
Moderator: Bruce Foltz

"'All that speech pouring down': Reading the Rain with Thomas Merton"
James Hatley, Salisbury University

"19th Century American and Russian Poetics of Nature: A Basis for Rethinking Liberalism in the 21st Century"
Fr. Paul Siewers, Bucknell University

Session Two
Moderator: Fr. Paul Siewers

"Symbolic Ontology as the Post-Modern Premise for Religious Understanding: Reflections on Hamann, Heidegger, and Florensky"
Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College

"Nature Journaling as a Philosophical Practice and a Pedagogical Tool"
David O'Hara, Augustana University

SOCIETY FOR PHENOMENOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (SPPS)
Eerie
Friday 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Moderator: Gino Elia, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

"Thinking Planetary Boundaries: Earth System Science and the Question of Nature"
Agnese Di Riccio, Stony Brook University

"Husserl's Crisis needs Quantum Reconstruction"
Harald Wiltsche, Linköping University/Stanford University

"Quantum Dynamics from Measurement Experience"
John DeBrota, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy

Minutes of the 2025 SPEP Business Meeting

Shannon Mussett called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

1. Shannon Mussett introduced Antonio Calcagno, Executive Co-Director, Adriel M. Trott, Member-at-Large, David Morris, Member-at-Large, Kris Sealey, Member-at-Large, and Bryan Lueck, Secretary-Treasurer.

2. Ammon Allred was appointed parliamentarian and timekeeper.

3. The minutes from the 2024 business meeting were submitted and approved without correction.

4. Antonio Calcagno read an expression of gratitude:

> The Executive Committee would like to thank Zack Schwartz, Kartik Papaiya, and Adil Hashim from Openwater, and our tech support volunteers for the all the work they have done to make this virtual conference possible. The Executive Committee would also like to thank Rawb Leon-Carlyle for serving as SPEP Web Administrator and Shawn Huberdeau for serving as our Public Outreach Graduate Assistant. We would further like to thank the Department of Philosophy at The Pennsylvania State University for providing the funding for graduate student assistant Jules Wong. We would also like to express our gratitude to Western University for providing the funding for graduate student assistant Avery Dawson. And we would like to thank Pam Swope from the Philosophy Documentation Center for ensuring that we are always in possession of up-to-the-minute registration lists.

5. Bryan Lueck presented the following statistical information for the 2025 meeting:

> The Executive Committee considered 187 papers. Of the 187 papers submitted, 118 were accepted, resulting in an overall acceptance rate of 63.1%. There are 437 active members. The number needed to reach a quorum at the business meeting is 44. The quorum is met.

6. Bryan Lueck submitted the Budget and Treasury report.

> For the fiscal year running from October 1 to October 1, SPEP's total income was $80,946, and its total expenses were $100,130, for a net income of-$19,184. It should be noted, though, that the total income does not include registration and membership dues from the third quarter, as we have not yet received that disbursement from the Philosophy Documentation Center. This is always the largest quarterly disbursement. Moreover, because we are meeting online this year, we will not have the large hotel and travel expenses that we typically pay in the weeks following the conference.
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> As of this meeting, SPEP has $93,200 in reserve. After we receive the third quarter payment, we are confident that we will have at least $100,000. This is very healthy compared to previous years. As a point of comparison, our reserves prior to 2020 tended to be between $25,000 and $75,000.

7. Dermot Moran delivered comments in memory of Thomas Nenon.

8. The term of Adriel M. Trott concluded with the meeting. Shannon Mussett expressed the Executive Committee's gratitude to Adriel for her many contributions to SPEP as Member-at-Large.

9. The term of David Morris concluded with the meeting. Antonio Calcagno expressed the Executive Committee's gratitude to David for his many contributions to SPEP as Member-at-Large.

10. The term of Jules Wong as Graduate Assistant concluded with the meeting. Shannon Mussett expressed the Executive Committee's gratitude to Jules for their many contributions to SPEP as Graduate Assistant.

11. The term of Avery Dawson as Graduate Assistant concluded with the meeting. Antonio Calcagno expressed the Executive Committee's gratitude to Avery for his many contributions to SPEP as Graduate Assistant.

12. The SPEP Executive Committee was pleased to announce the results of this year's online elections. John E. Drabinski was elected to a three-year position as Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. John replaced outgoing Member-at-Large David Morris at the conclusion of the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee thanked Scott Marratto for his willingness to stand for election. Gayle Salamon was elected to a three-year position as Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee. Gayle replaced outgoing Member-At-Large Adriel M. Trott at the conclusion of the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee thanked Jill Stauffer for her willingness to stand for election. The Executive Committee reminded the membership to submit nominations on the SPEP website for individuals to serve on the Executive Committee.

13. Andrew Cutrofello gave a brief report about hosting SPEP at Loyola University Chicago in 2026. Shannon Mussett invited members to host or co-host an annual SPEP meeting. Those interested in hosting a meeting may contact any member of the Executive Committee.

14. Summer Renault-Steele presented the report for the Committee on the Status of Women. The winner of the Iris Marion Young Prize is Cressida Heyes. The term of Summer Renault-Steele concluded with this meeting. The Committee on the Status of Women nominated Rachel Silverbloom for the vacant position. Rachel Silverbloom was elected by acclamation.

15. Ellie Anderson presented the report of the Public Outreach Committee. Ellie Anderson's term concluded with this meeting. The Public Outreach Committee nominated Gil Morejón for the vacant position. Gil Morejón was elected by acclamation.

16. Ally Peabody-Smith presented the report for the Committee on Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion. The winner of the S. Kay Toombs Prize is Gage Krause. The term of Ally Peabody-Smith concluded with this meeting. The Committee on Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion nominated Kris McLain for the vacant position. Kris McLain was elected by acclamation.

17. Al Frankowski presented the report for the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. The term of Al Frankowski concluded with this meeting. The Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity nominated Miguel Gualdrón Ramirez for the vacant position. Miguel Gualdrón Ramirez was elected by acclamation.

18. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Adriel M. Trott announced the winner of the Junior Scholar Prize: Melanie Coughlin. Honorable Mention went to Xiaochen Zhao. Adriel M. Trott announced the winner of the Graduate Student Prize: Isabelle Ensass. Honorable Mention went to Mara González González.

19. David Morris encouraged members to submit their papers to the SPEP Supplement of the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy.*

20. David Morris informed the membership that the twenty-third annual SPEP panel at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting will take place at the 2026 Eastern Division meeting in Baltimore, Maryland at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. The 2026 SPEP panel is titled "Philosophy in an Age of Authoritarianism." It will feature talks by Linda Martín Alcoff (Hunter College, CUNY), Janine Jones (UNC Greensboro), and Shannon Sullivan (UNC Charlotte). David Scott (Coppin State University) will moderate. The 2026 SPEP session at the Eastern APA meeting will take place on Friday January 9, 2026, from 7-10 pm. All SPEP members and friends of continental philosophy are invited to attend.

21. David Morris informed the membership that collection of demographic data would be suspended until further notice.

22. Shannon Mussett opened the floor for discussion of how to foster space to do work around diversity, justice, and inclusion without putting our members at risk. The following issues were raised:

- Difficulty for people who travel to conferences in the United States because immigration officials look at the titles of papers.
- Suggestion that content could be made accessible only to members with passwords.
- Advocacy for A/V cost negotiations for international participants who cannot attend in person.

23. New Business:

Kristi Sweet informed the membership of a job opening at Texas A&M.

24. Antonio Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Peg Birmingham, Editor

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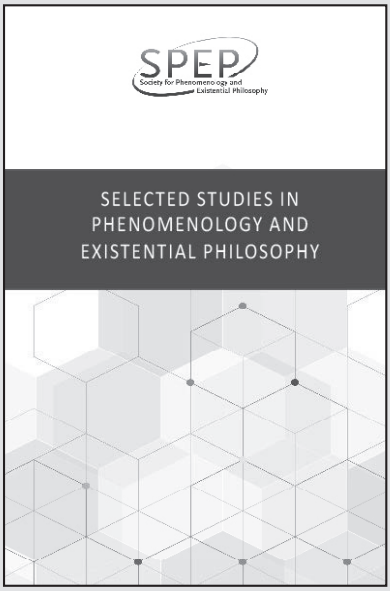
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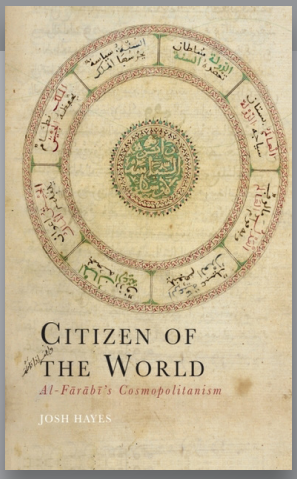
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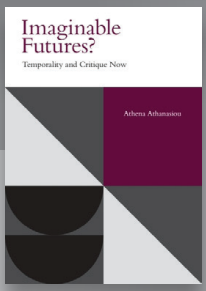
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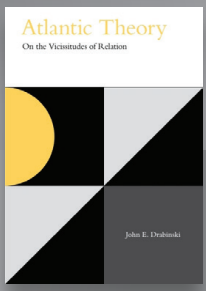
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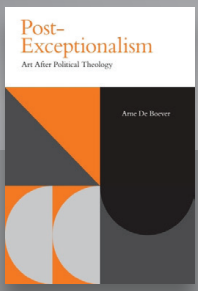
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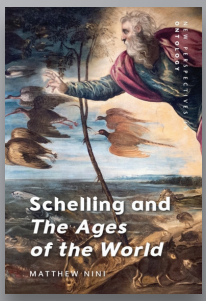
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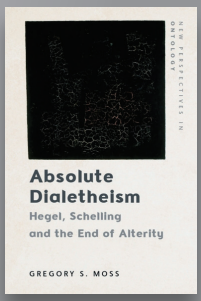


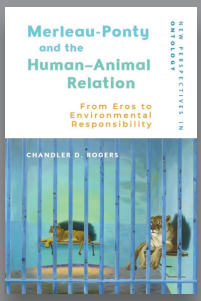




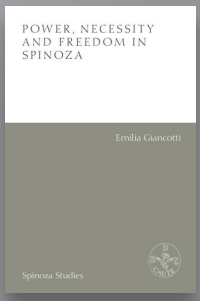
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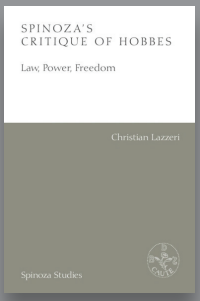


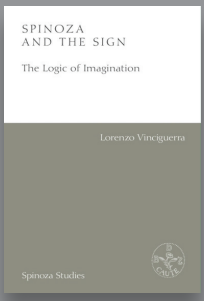




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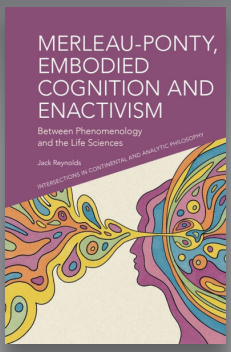


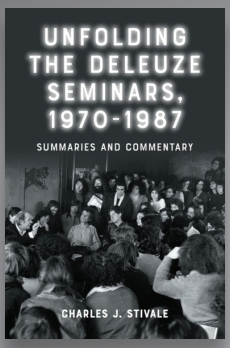


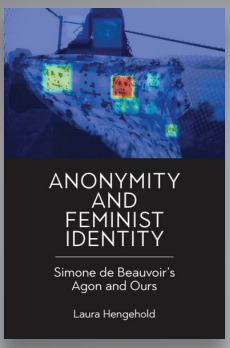
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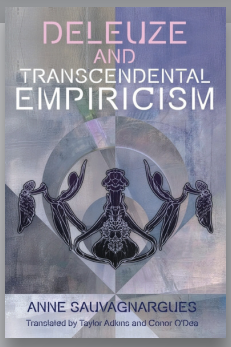
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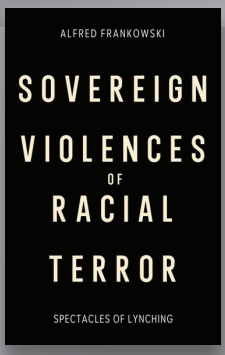
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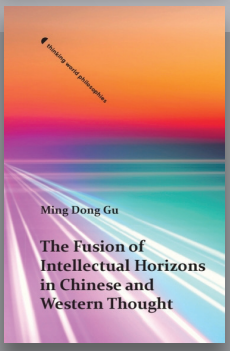


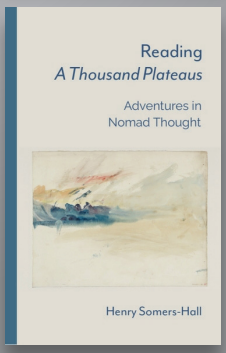


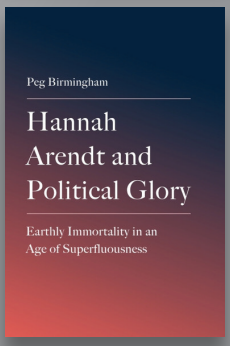


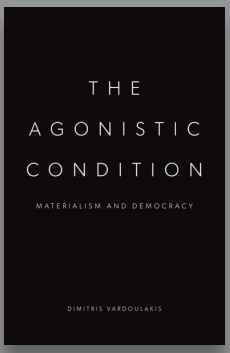












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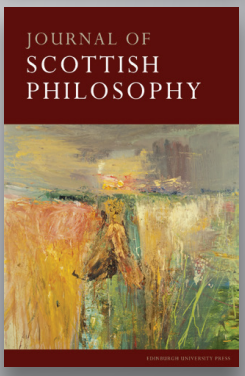
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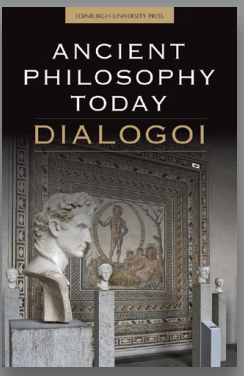


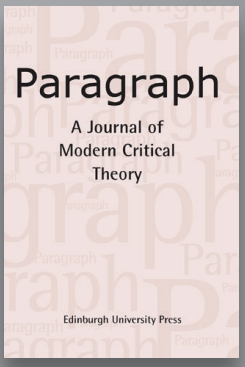
















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