

South Carolina Society for Philosophy

2025 Meeting

University of South Carolina - Columbia
Columbia, SC
March 28-29, 2025

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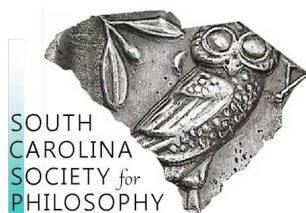
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All events will take place in the University Conference Center on the **8th floor of the Close-Hipp Building** on the USC Columbia campus.

1705 College St., Columbia SC 29208

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Main Schedule

Friday, March 28

1:00 - 4:00 pm	Check-in and registration	UCC lobby
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Welcome Address	Lumpkin Auditorium
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions 1A-D	
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Coffee break	UCC Lobby
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions 2A-E	
5:30 - 8:00 pm	Reception and Keynote Address	All Good Books (734 Harden St)

Keynote Speaker: **Barry Lam** (UC Riverside)
in dialogue with Justin Weinberg (USC Columbia)

Saturday, March 29

10:00 - 10:30 am	Check-in and registration	UCC lobby
10:30 - 11:30 am	Concurrent Sessions 3A-E	
11:40 - 12:00 pm	Poster Presentations	Lumpkin Auditorium
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions 4A-C	
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Coffee Break	UCC lobby
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions 5A-E	
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Closing Reception and Award Presentation	Proof at Claussen's (2001 Greene St., Suite C)

Concurrent Sessions

Friday, March 28

- 1A Clinical Duties and Rights** Eastview
Chair: Gabriella Hulseley (UNC Chapel Hill)
- 2:30 pm Andrew Garland (Bob Jones University)
“Three Kinds of Clinicians’ Duties”
- 3:00 pm Kristen Hine (Towson University)
“Gestational Surrogacy and Rights”
- 1B AI Ethics** Westview
Chair: Murray Skees (USC Beaufort)
- 2:30 pm Britt Currie (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
“Why We Cannot Empathize with Chat-GPT: Nor Any Agents Lacking Epistemic States, Interests, & Values.”
- 3:00 pm Shaun Respass (NC State University)
“Intersubjective Social Robotics: Emergent Normativity in Artificial Agents”
- 1C Minds, Machines, and Skepticism** Summit East
Chair: George Khushf (University of South Carolina)
- 2:30 pm Tarik Tijanovic (Independent Scholar)
“P-Zombies and Two Potential Misconceptions”
- 3:00 pm Parker DuVall (Colorado State University)
“A Partial Defense of AI Skepticism”

1D Love and Friendship Summit West
Chair: Rachel Keith (University of Southern California)

2:30 pm Gabriel Vasquez-Peterson (University of Pittsburgh)
“Loving and Being Loved”

3:00 pm Sarah Pressman (USC Columbia)
“Contemplating Friendship”

1E Relativity and Truth Executive II
Chair: Kimberly Beasley (University of South Carolina)

2:30 pm Hong Deng (Guangzhou University)
“The Complete Relativity of Space and Time”

3:00 pm Chris Weigel (Utah Valley University)
“Lying as Respect in Dementia Care”

COFFEE BREAK

2A Aesthetic Truth and Linguistic Injustice Eastview
Chair: Britt Currie (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign)

4:00 pm Ethan Higginbotham (UC Davis)
“Artistic Assertion and Aesthetic Value”

4:30 pm Bowen Zheng (Northern Illinois University)
“Slurs as Gesturing”

- 2B AI, Sports, and Technology** Westview
 Chair: Kevin DeLapp (Converse University)
- 4:00 pm Murray Skees (USC Beaufort)
 “A Return to the Cave”
- 4:30 pm Gabriella Hulsey (UNC Chapel Hill)
 “Rules of the Game”
- 2C Early Modern Philosophy** Summit East
 Chair: Andrew Garland (Bob Jones University)
- 4:00 pm Nathan Sasser (Greenville Technical College)
 “Hume’s Copy Principle and the Concept of God”
- 4:30 pm Patrick Brissey (USC Columbia)
 “Descartes’s Provisional Philosophy”
- 2D CANCELLED** Summit West
 Chair: Kristen Hine (Towson University)
- 4:00 pm [CANCELLED] Sophia Koukia (SUNY Binghamton)
 “She Was Asking For It: Blame-Shifting and Guilt-Tripping”
- 4:30 pm [CANCELLED]
 Michael Dickson (USC Columbia)
 “Appropriative Musical Covers”

2E Virtues and Norms Executive II

Chair: Gabriel Vasquez-Peterson (University of Pittsburgh)

4:00 pm Alok Tiwari (University of Missouri)
“Can One Be Virtuous to a Fault?”

4:30 pm Tori Hui (USC Columbia)
“What Is an Epistemic Norm?”

RECEPTION AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

5:30 pm Dialogue on *Fewer Rules, Better People: The Case for Discretion* (Norton, 2025)
by Barry Lam (University of California Riverside)

Discussant: Justin Weinberg (University of South Carolina)

Location: All Good Books, 734 Harden St.

Saturday, March 29

3A Moral Normativity Eastview

Chair: Justin Weinberg (University of South Carolina)

10:30 am Dario Cecchini (NC State University)
“Moral Progress Through Better Intuitions:
A Dyadic Framework”

11:00 am Allen Coates (East Tennessee State University)
“Moral Worth and Moral Normativity”

- 3B Bias, Thought, and Discourse** Westview
 Chair: Alok Tiwari (University of Missouri)
- 10:30 am Jennifer Baker (College of Charleston)
 “What Good Critical Thinking Can Do Us”
- 11:00 am Joseph Erickson (USC Columbia)
 “On Prejudice: Fricker and Gadamer”
- 3C Pluralism and Perspective** Summit East
 Chair: Austin Gray (University of South Carolina)
- 10:30 am Mangesh Patwardhan (National Insurance
 Academy)
 “Mathematical Pluralism: Full-blooded Pla-
 tonism, Multiverse View in Set Theory”
- 11:00 am Raja Rosenhagen (Fresno State University)
 “Non-one-sided Many-sidedness”
- 3D Emotion** Summit West
 Chair: Kristen Hine (Towson University)
- 10:30 am Charles Starkey (Clemson University)
 “Emotion and Phenomenal Binding”
- 11:00 am Anderson Harris (USC Columbia)
 “The Role of Expressions in Caring Activity”

3E Explanation and Knowledge Executive II
Chair: Eric Scarffe (Florida International University)

10:30 am Katherine Valde (Loyola University Chicago)
“Temporal Discordance: An Alternative Ex-
planation for Dating Discrepancies”

11:00 am Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest University)
“Closure on Underdetermination”

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

11:40 am - 12:00 pm Lumpkin Auditorium

LUNCH BREAK

4A Laws, Rules, and Ethics Eastview
Chair: Katherine Valde (Loyola University Chicago)

1:30 pm Eric Scarffe (Florida International Univer-
sity)
“What’s In a Name? Philosophy of Law and
Collective Bargaining”

2:00 pm Alonso Villarán (Universidad del Pacífico)
“The New York Times Rule of Ethics”

2:30 pm Christopher Tollefsen (USC Columbia)
“Artistic Liberty”

4B Philosophy at the Extremes: Reflections on Metal Westview
Chair: Murray Skees (USC Beaufort)

1:30 pm Aaron Simmons (Furman University)
“Rise, Resist, Revolt: Finding Metallic Resonance in Chantal Mouffe’s Left Populism”

2:00 pm Kirk Mishrell (USC Columbia)
“Mimesis of the Mad: How Death Metal Corrupts the Soul”

2:30 pm Benjamin McCraw (USC Upstate)
“Talk Shit, Get Kissed: Death Metal, Misogyny, and Epistemic Resistance”

4C Ancient and Modern Philosophy Summit East
Chair: Ryan Kulesa (Oxford University)

1:30 pm Peter Seipel (USC Lancaster)
“Socrates on the Advantages of Death”

2:00 pm Tyke Nunez (USC Columbia)
“The Aristotelean Lineage of Kant’s use of “Actus” and “Function,” and his rejection of Leibniz’s “Entelechia” ”

2:30 pm Kyle Barnes (Colorado State University)
“Akrasia and Scientia Intuitiva in Spinoza’s Ethics”

COFFEE BREAK

- 5A Foundations of Morality** Eastview
 Chair: Anderson Harris (USC Columbia)
- 3:30 pm Ryan Kulesa (Oxford University)
 “Misfortune and Moral Status”
- 4:00 pm Patrick Tully (USC Columbia)
 “Incommensurability, Comparability, and
 Arrangeability of the Basic Human Goods”
- 5B Self-Directed Duties** Westview
 Chair: Nathan Sasser (Greenville Technical College)
- 3:30 pm Rachel Keith (University of Southern California)
 “Could You Justifiably Kill Me to Prevent
 Me From Killing Myself?: On Self-Directed
 Duties and Liability to Defensive Force”
- 4:00 pm Joseph Porter (University of Colorado Boulder)
 “The Duty to Avoid Preventable Bad
 Health”
- 5C Metaphysics** Summit East
 Chair: Peter Seipel (USC Lancaster)
- 3:30 pm Christabel Cane (University College London)
 “Statues, Lumps and the Properties That
 Distinguish Them”
- 4:00 pm Nick Danne (Independent Scholar)
 “Powers, Blueprints, and the Glue of the
 Universe”

5D Metaethics Summit West

Chair: Murray Skees (USC Beaufort)

3:30 pm Kobi Korankye (University of Georgia)
“Manipulating Gorin’s Theory for a Reason”

4:00 pm Kevin DeLapp (Converse University)
“Smells Good! Olfactory Experience and
Response-Dependent Metaethics”

5E Imagination and Seemings Executive II

Chair: Alonso Villarán (Universidad del Pacífico)

3:30 pm Marc Biemiller (Florida State University)
“Acquaintance and Knowledge Through the
Imagination”

4:00 pm Derek Green (University of Central Florida)
“Unsettled Beliefs as Doxastic Seemings”

CLOSING RECEPTION AND AWARD PRESENTATION

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Proof at Claussen’s
2001 Greene St., Suite C
(a couple of doors past the entrance to Mr. Friendly’s)

Undergraduate Posters

- Caramia Axland (Wofford College)
“How Daoism Could Help Alleviate the Gender Binary”
- Mclain Connors (Utah Valley University)
“Untruth in the Marketplace of Ideas”
- Madalina Gilca (College of Charleston)
“Case Study: Blame and Moral Standing in Political Contexts”
- Samuel Hart (Furman University)
“From Description to Prescription: A Gitaic Response to Hegel’s Philosophy”
- Orpheus Isom (Utah Valley University)
“The Half Life of Consciousness”
- Darcy Phillips (Wofford College)
“Nietzsche & Arendt on Purpose”
- Seana Ruane (Bob Jones University)
“Reviving Courtesy Titles to Respect Others”