

# 2024 Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy

March 15-16, 2024

Davidson College

Davidson, North Carolina

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**Undergraduate Prize:** Isaac Raymond (Harding University)

**Graduate Student Prize:** Howard Liu (University of Miami)

**Untenured Faculty Prize:** Sara Copic (Davidson College)

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## Conference Overview

All locations are on Davidson Campus

### Friday, March 15

- 12:30-4:30 Registration Chambers 1045**
- 2:30-4:50 Concurrent Sessions 1A-1G (see below for locations)**
- 3:35-3:45 Light Refreshments Baxter-Davidson room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**
- 4:50-7:30 Dinner Break**
- 7:00-7:30 NCPS Business Meeting Foyer Alvarez College Union**
- 7:30-9:00 Keynote Address Alvarez College Union 900 Room**
- 9:00-10:00 Reception Union Sprinkle Room**

### Saturday, March 16

- 7:30-9:00 Breakfast, Wall Atrium**
- 9:30-12:00 Registration Chambers 1045**
- 9:30-11:50 Concurrent Sessions 2A-2F (see below for location)**
- 11:50-1:30 Lunch**
- 1:30-4:40 Concurrent Sessions 3A-3G (see below for locations)**

### Friday March 15<sup>rd</sup> Schedule

**12:30-4:30 Registration Chambers 1045**

#### **Concurrent Sessions 1A – 1G**

**1A Social & Political Philosophy (Chambers 1003)**

Chair: Beth Hupfer (High Point University)

3:05-3:35 Alana Jolly (GS McMaster University)

“The Role of Agency in Undermining Injustice: Reclaiming Our Identities in Pursuit of Fulfilling Our Collective Responsibility”

**1B Social Issues (Chambers 1006)**

Chair: Rajeev Dutta (University of California Irvine)

2:30-3:00 Jingsi Teng (GS University of Tennessee at Knoxville)

“Long-Term Climate Change: How Can We Harm People in the Distant Future”

3:05-3:35 Ben Sarbey (GS Duke University)

“The Vulnerable Populations Objection to Medical Aid in Dying”

*10 Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 Nevin Johnson (North Carolina State University)

“In Defense of Legislative Intent”

**1C Metaphysics (Chambers 1027)**

Chair: Christian Sandoval (Georgia State University)

2:30-3:00 Stephen Puryear (North Carolina State University)

“Causal Infnitism without Paradox”

3:05-3:35 Jonah Goldwater (William & Mary)

“The Priority Monist Response to the Fine Tuning Argument”

*10: Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 William A. Bauer (North Carolina State University)

“Causal Powers and the Black Box Problem”

**1D Truth, Communication, & Rationality (Chambers 1062)**

Chair: Eleanor Williamson (Queen’s University of Charlotte)

2:30-3:00 Kirk Ludwig (Indiana University)

Marija Jankovic (Davidson College)

“Truth, Meaning, Communication and Convention”

3:05-3:35 Sara Copic (Davidson College)

“The Problem of Speaker Success”

*10 Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 Isaac Raymond (UG Harding University)

“Undesired Desired Encounters: A Speech Act Analysis of Verbal  
Microaggressions and Examples of Verbal Microaggressions  
in Claudia Rankine’s Citizen”

4:20-4:50 Greg Ray (University of Florida)

“Dutch Book for Slow Bayesians”

**1E Ancient Philosophy (Chambers 2068)**

Chair: Kevin DeLapp (converse College)

*10 Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 Keren Wilson Shatalov (Clemson University)

“Aristotle’s Response to Parmenides: Why was *this* Parmenides’ big mistake?”

4:20-4:50 Peter Seipel (University of South Carolina Lancaster)

“Socrates the Rationalizer”

**1F SCSP Undergraduate Panel (Chambers 2084)**

Chair: Katherine Valde (Wofford College)

3:05-3:35 Aaron Leonard (University of South Carolina)

“Bullshit in Politics”

*10 Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 Caramia Axland (Wofford College)

“The Niche Meme: Commodity Fetishism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

4:20-4:50 Trevor Hansard (King University)

“The Physical Assumption”

**1G In Times Like These: The Human, Ideology, and Sad Passions (Chambers 2164)**

Chair: Eric Scarffe (Florida International University)

2:30-3:00 Rick Elmore (Appalachian State University)

“Animal, Vegetable, Mineral, Alien: Returning to the Question of the Human in Delueze’s Ecosophy

3:05-3:35 Andy Manos (Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute)

“Ideological Disintegration in the Interregnum: Georg Lukács and Immanuel Kant on Time, Alienation, and Commodity Fetishism”

*10 Minute Break*

3:45-4:15 Joe Weiss (Appalachian State University)

“Baroque Virtuality”

4:20-4:50 Murray Skees (University of South Carolina Beaufort)

“Consumption and Cognitive Capitalism

**4:50-7:30 Dinner Break:** Dinner on your own; dining suggestions included with registration

## **Keynote Address**

7:30-9:00, Alvarez College Union Room 900

### **Welcome: Dr. Beth Hupfer**

Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Patrick Rardin, Appalachian State University  
Chair, Beth Hupfer, High Point University

### **Address: Dr. Michael Pendlebury**

Professor of Philosophy *Emeritus*  
North Carolina State University

"Kant's Insights on Our Cognition of Space"

### **ABSTRACT**

In this talk I offer what I take to be a broadly accessible explanation of a novel interpretation of Kant's account of our cognition of space in the *Critique of Pure Reason* and the ways in which both sensibility and understanding contribute to this account. I pay special attention to Kant's philosophical insights and do not engage with the details of recent scholarly work. (For those who are well acquainted with the *Critique*: The talk focuses on Kant's position on our representations of space rather than his views about space itself. I begin by explaining how Kant's reasoning about our intuitive representation of space in the Aesthetic can reasonably be taken to support some claims about our cognition of space that he wants to establish, but I also identify others that it does not support. Next, turning to the Analytic, I sketch an explanation of Kant's account of our cognition in general, the role of synthesis, and his account of our cognition of the unity of Nature, showing how this makes good on a limitation of the Aesthetic. I then draw on this material to sketch and advance a new interpretation of Kant's use of the term "formal intuition" and how it is related to the terms "form of intuition" and "*a priori* intuition" as these terms apply to space. I conclude with some comments on Kant's insights.)

## **Reception**

**9:00-10:00 Union Sprinkle Room**

## Saturday March 16 Schedule

**Breakfast Wall Atrium 7:30-8:30**

**Registration 9:00-12:00 (Chambers 1045)**

**Concurrent Sessions 2A – 2F**

**2A Ways Art and Social Media Affect Social Life (Chambers 1003)**

Chair: Isaac Ramond (Harding University)

9:30-10:00 Sparrow LoCurto (GS University of Colorado Bolder)

“Hume and the Aesthetics of Hip-Hop”

10:05-10:35 Trey Best (UG Appalachian State University)

“The Spectacle and Disorientation of Art”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Eleanor Williamson (UG Queens University of Charlotte)

“Transforming the Look of the Other: Jean-Paul Sartre’s Look of the Other and Social Media”

11:20-11:50 Dylan Brown (GS Duke University)

“Datafication and Ontic Descent: A Pragmatic Approach to Sex and Gender Categories”

**2B Philosophy of Medicine and Sport (Chambers 1006)**

Chair: Lucia Schwarz (Tulane University)

9:30-10:00 Raman Sachdev (Minot State University)

“Enlightened Atheism: Hume on Suicide and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness”

10:05-10:35 Rajeev Dutta (GS University of California Irvine)

“Epistemically Transformative Medical Procedures and Informed Consent”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Adrien D’Aprile (GS University of Arkansas)

“Agency and Abilities in Games”

**2C Ethics & Moral Psychology (Chambers 1027)**

Chair: Youssef Aguisoul (University of Lisbon)

9:30-10:00 Dustin Sigsbee (University of South Carolina)

“What is an Animal Companion? The Barnbaum-Varner Definition”

10:05-10:35 Bangrui Chen (University of Chicago)

“The Unity of Morality and Nature in Kant and Hegel”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Sean Brantley (North Carolina State University)

“Ludus Moralis: Utilizing the ‘Fruit Fly’ of Cognitive Science to Improve Moral Psychology Experiments”

11:20-11:50 Charles Starkey (Clemson University)

“Emotion and Phenomenal Binding: A Post-cognitive Theory of Emotion”

**2D Part I: The Philosophy of Art/Part II: Asian Philosophy (Chambers 2068)**

Chair: Murray Skees (University of South Carolina Beaufort)

9:30-10:00 Michael Dickson (University of South Carolina)

“Musical Pieces as Instructions”

10:05-10:35 Katherine Valde (Wofford College)

“Sew What? A Philosophical Exploration of Neutrality in Fashion”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Kevin DeLapp (Converse University)

“Rekindling the Old: A New Look at the Kongzi Jiayu”

11:20-11:50 Chase Pikarsky (Duke University)

“The Concept of Irony with Continual Reference to Master Zhuang”

**2E Logic, Computation, and The Philosophy of Science (Chambers 2084)**

Chair: Brett Sherman (University of South Carolina)

9:30-10:00 Amir Motesharei (University of South Carolina) & Tara Hassanzadeh  
(University of South Carolina)“The Barbaric Physics: Unraveling the Leibniz-Newton Debate on the Concept  
of Force and Gravity”

10:05-10:35 Logan Carter (Florida State University)

“A Constraints-Based Approach to Thought Experiments in Physics”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Tom Burke (University of South Carolina)

“Euclid’s Proposition 1.4”

11:20-11:50 Jag Williams (Indiana University)

“Analog Deduction and the Objectivity of State Dependent Facts”

**2F Belief, Bias, and Epistemology (Chambers 2164)**

Chair: Peter Seipel (University of South Carolina Lancaster)

9:30-10:00 Henrique Cassol (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

“Against Reasons Factualism”

10:05-10:35 Ben McGraw (University of South Carolina Upstate)

“Pathologies of Trust: Epidemiological Social Epistemology”

*10 Minute Break*

10:45-11:15 Anderson Harris (University of South Carolina)

“On the Possibility of Emotional Bias”

11:20-11:50 Sean Hermanson (Florida International University) and Murray Clarke  
(Concordia University)

“On the idea of healthy epistemic environments”

**11:50-1:30 Lunch Break:** Lunch on your own; dining suggestions included with registration

### Concurrent Sessions 3A – 3G

#### 3A Ethics I (Chambers 1003)

Chair: Greg Ray (University of Florida)

1:30-2:00 Robert Fudge (Weber State University)

“Dignity and Degradation”

2:05-2:35 Paul E. Wilson (Shaw University)

“Moral Responsibility for Choiceless Choices in the Holocaust”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Kristen A. Hine (Towson University)

“Abortion and Rights”

3:20-3:50 Sanem Soyarslan (North Carolina State University)

“Loneliness, Solitude, and the Good Life”

3:55-4:25 John Sweeney (GS Duke University)

“Prioritizing Wills: Finding Agency in Negligence”

#### 3B Epistemology (Chambers 1006)

Chair: Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest University)

1:30-2:00 Aaron R. Champene (St. Louis Community College)

“The Uncertainty Norm of Inquiry”

2:05-2:35 Lilly Liu (UG Wake Forest University)

“The Translatability Problem of Animal Modeling System: The Prioritization of Internal Consistency over Predictive Competency as Epistemic Criteria”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Nicholas A. Tebben (Towson University)

“Standards for Peer Review”

3:20-3:50 Howard Liu (GS University of Miami)

“Super-Explanatory Essentialism, Abduction, and Modal Epistemology”

3:55-4:25 Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest University)

Howard Liu (GS University of Miami)

“Synopsis of ‘Defeating Unpossessed Defeaters’”

#### 3C History of Philosophy (Chambers 1027)

Chair: William Bauer (North Carolina State University)

1:30-2:00 Aaron Thieme (GS University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

“Why Fearing Nothing is Fitting”

2:05-2:35 Bob Maydole (Davidson College)

“Modal and Set-Theoretic Degree Arguments for The Existence of a Supreme Being”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Luke Metzger (UG North Carolina State University)

“The Stoic Double-Level Theory”



3:20-3:50 Astrid Bridgwood (UG Queens University of Charlotte)  
 “East to West: A Comparative Analysis of ‘The Laozi and Anarchism,’  
 by Matthieu B. Agustoni”

3:55-4:25 Jones G. Graf (UG Appalachian State University)  
 “Meticulously Comprehensive Persistence: The Logic and Necessity of  
 Hegel’s Master-Slave Dialectic”

### **3D Ethics II (Chambers 1062)**

Chair: Kirk Ludwig (Indiana University)

1:30-2:00 Ryan Lynch (GS Florida State University)  
 “The Moral Permissibility of Prompted Fictive Imaginings”

2:05-2:35 Joseph Bernardoni (GS University of California Riverside)  
 “It’s the Thought That Counts: The Roles of Thoughtfulness and Usefulness  
 in Presents”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Christian Sandoval (GS Georgia State University)  
 “Our Passional Natures and the Rationality of Suicide”

3:20-3:50 Lucia Schwarz (Tulane University)  
 “A Bimodal Model of Vegan Consumer Choice”

3:55-4:25 Jabran Amanat-Lee (GS University of Nebraska Lincoln)  
 “A Nonfactualist Approach to Nothing”

### **3E Political Philosophy & Social Philosophy (Chambers 2068)**

Chair: James Manos (Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute)

1:30-2:00 Eric Scarffe (Florida International University)  
 “Objectivity, Judicial Neutrality, and Originalism”

2:05-2:35 Thomas Carnes (Duke University)  
 “Political Rioting as Negative Reciprocity”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Aaron Simmons (Furman University)  
 “Pedagogy and the Public Good: Kierkegaard, the Singular Will, and the Social  
 Value of Philosophy”

3:20-3:50 Maia Wellborn (University of Oregon)  
 “Going Beyond Ontological Blackness: James Cone’s Critical Phenomenology”

3:55-4:25 Dario Cecchini (North Carolina State University) and Sean Brantley (North  
 Carolina State University)  
 “Moral Complexity in Traffic”

### **3F Metaphysics and Epistemology (Chambers 2084)**

Chair: Dustin Sigsbee (University of South Carolina)

1:30-2:00 Youssef Aguisoul (University of Lisbon)  
 “Weak Discernability and The Mereology of Indiscernibles”

2:05-3:35 Gabe Turner (Independent Scholar)  
 “‘To Be, or Not to Be?’ An Aristotelian-Thomist Response”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Brett Sherman (University of South Carolina)

“If and When”

3:20-3:50 Kay Malte (University of Notre Dame)

“Is Our Idea of God a Mere Figment of the Firmament?”

3:55-4:25 Nathan Sasser (Greenville Technical College)

“Hume's Conception of Enthusiasm in *A Treatise of Human*”

**3G Comparative Studies: The Indian, the Greek, and the Chinese (Chambers 2164)**

Chair: Kevin DeLapp (Converse University)

1:30-2:00 Justin Amick (Clemson University)

“Imaginary Revolution: The Myth of the Anti-Caste Buddha”

2:05-2:35 Nathaniel Oates (Clemson University)

“Harmony and Social Structure: A Comparative Analysis of Confucian Music/Ritual and Platonic Music”

*10 Minute Break*

2:45-3:15 Gianna Quatromoni (Clemson University)

“Tolerance and Sincerity: A Comparative Study”

3:20-3:50 Max Koon (Clemson University)

“Contradictions in Religious Thought”

3:55-4:25 Yanming An (Clemson University)

“Correlative Thought in the Indian and in the Chinese”