



**PA SSHE IAPRS**

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**April 11 & 12, 2008**

**Hadley Union Building [HUB]**

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania**



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**6:30-8:50 PM, HUB Susquehanna Room: Symposium On  
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY [chair: Dr. Chuck Ward, MUP]**

**6:30-7:10 PM, *Why We Should Not Torture Prisoners of War*,  
Dr. Corbin Fowler, EUP**

**7:20-8 PM, *Revising Rawls: Taking Employment Seriously*,  
Dr. Larry Udell, WCU**

**8:10-8:30 PM, *Dissent is Inevitable: two Presidents and Responses  
Their Actions Provoked*, James Smith, EUP alumnus**

**6:30-8:50 PM, HUB Conemaugh Room  
Undergraduate Student Symposium on PLATO  
[chair: Dr. Richard Findler, SRU]**

**6:30-7:10 PM, *Phaedrus' Ascent to the Awareness of the Soul*,  
Jacquelyn Audino, SRU**

**7:20-8 PM, *Access to Knowledge: The Incompatibility of Eros and  
Noble Lies*, Robert Hartley, SRU**

**8:10-8:50 PM, *The Soul's Self-Reflection*, Steve McNulty, CLUP**

**6:30-8:50 PM, HUB Monongahela Room: Symposium On  
PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE [chair: Dr. Brad Wilson SRU]**

**6:30-7:10 PM, *The Quantum Reality*, Louis Di Lello, WCU**

**7:20-8 PM, *Physical Explanations and Biological Explanations,  
Empirical Laws and A Priori Laws*, Dr. Joel Press, CAUP**

**8:10-8:50 PM, *The Deductive-nomological Model and The Spring  
of Air*, James Pearson, KUP**

**6:30-8:50 PM, HUB Allegheny Room: Symposium On  
AESTHETICS [chair: Dr. Sherrill Begres, IUP]**

**6:30-7:10 PM, *The Phenomenology of Expressive Variations in  
Musical Performance*, Dr. Tiger Roholt, IUP**

**7:20-8 PM, *Evaluation of Aesthetic Objects*, Cris Pollitt, EUP**

**8:10-8:50 PM, *Moving to Awareness: Zen and Contact  
Improvisation*, Sarah Joy Stallsmith, SRU**

**9 – 11 PM Breezedale: RECEPTION**

**Friday 11 April 2008, 5-8:00 PM, HUB Knowlton Room:  
Registration, Snacks, & Set Exhibit of publications by SSHE  
faculty and students**

**SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2008**

8 AM-12 noon, Knowlton: Registration & Continental Breakfast, Exhibit of books and journals

9-10:20 AM, Allegheny: IUP Religious Studies FACULTY PANEL: *Women and Religion*. Dr. Stuart Chandler, Dr. Jim Gibson, Dr. Tawny Holm, Dr. Terri Smith, and Dr. Kwasi Yirenkyi

9-10:20 AM, Conemaugh: WCU GRADUATE STUDENT PANEL: *Perspectives on Nietzsche* [chair: Dr. Helen Schroepfer, WCU]  
Gabrielle Aruta, "Nietzsche's Becoming: A Tale of Emersonian Reliance"  
Alex Charles, "Ennoblement through Degeneration in Human, all too Human"  
Donovan Martin, "Myth and Metaphor in Nietzsche Work"  
Ann Strom, "Nietzsche Becomes Post-Kantian"  
Hilary Nunes "Nietzsche and the Free Spirit"

8:50-10:20 AM, Susquehanna: Symposium On EMPIRICISM [chair: Joel Press, CAUP]

8:50-9:30 AM, *John Locke and Thomas Sydenham: Empiricist Epistemology and 'Empirick' Medicine*, Dr. Brad Wilson, SRU  
9:40-10:20 AM, *How (Not) to Defend the Existence of Recognitional Concepts*, Dr. Bradley Rives, IUP

8:50-10:20 AM, Monongahela: Symposium On CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY [chair: Dr. Katherine L. Cooklin, SRU]

8:50-9:30 AM, *Unsuccessful Discourse/Successful Non-discourse: On the Apparent Inability of Analytic and Non-analytic Philosophers to Communicate*, Dr. Chuck Ward, MUP, and Matthew Johnson

9:40-10:20 AM, *A Cave within a Cave: "The Truman Show" as Post-Modern Platonic Allegory*, Dr. Richard Findler, SRU

10:30AM-noon, Susquehanna: KEYNOTE: *Friendship:*

*An Illustration of The Power Of The Zoological Approach To Philosophy*, Dr. Gerald J. Massey, University of Pittsburgh

12:15 AM-1:45 PM, Oak Room: Lunch and Business Meeting

2:00-5:00 PM, Knowlton: Snacks & Exhibit of publications by SSHE faculty and students

2:00-5:10 PM CONCURRENT PAPER SESSIONS

2:00-5:10 PM, Susquehanna: Symposium on RELIGION and PHILOSOPHY [chair: Dr. Helen Schroepfer, WCU]  
2-2:40 PM, *The Goddess and Her Lover in an Ancient Aramaic Sacred Marriage Text*, Dr. Tawny Holm, IUP  
2:50-3:30 PM, *Understanding the Finite in Relation to the Infinite: God as the Horizon of Experience*, Donovan I. Martin, WCU  
3:40-4:20 PM, *The Mythological Jesus and Sociological Christ: Liberation Theology in a New Key*, Dr. Werner Lange, EUP  
4:30-5:10 PM, *To Infinity and Beyond! Assessing Anselm's Ontological Argument*, Katrina Dix, WCU

2:00-5:10 PM, Conemaugh: 2 Symposia in METAPHYSICS

I. 2-3:30 PM, UNIVERSALS [chair: Dr. Tiger Roholt, IUP]  
2-2:40 PM, *The Logics Of Predication*, Dr. Eric M. Rubenstein, IUP  
2:50-3:30 PM, *Painting: Identity Crisis*, Deanna Smith, KUP

II. 3:40-5:10 PM, NELSON GOODMAN [chair: Dr. Mary MacLeod, IUP]  
3:40-4:20 PM, *The World: Your Ultimate Construction Toy! On Nelson Goodman's Ways of Worldmaking*, Carole M. Walker, IUP  
4:30-5:10 PM, *The Many ways of Wordmaking*, Tommy Hanauer, IUP

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SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2008 (continued)

2:00-5:10 PM, Allegheny: Symposium on ETHICS

[chair: Dr. Corbin Fowler, EUP]

2-2:40 PM, *Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions of Persons*,  
Dr. John P. Lizza, KUP

2:50-3:30 PM, *Let He who is without Sin Cast the First Spell:  
Christian Ethics and Harry Potter*, Chris Bowsman, EUP

3:40-4:20 PM, *"She asked for it," Examining Victim Blaming in  
Acquaintance Rape*, Ashley Manta, WCU

4:30-5:10 PM, *The Criticality of Deliberation*, Taurean J. Webb,  
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia

2:00-5:10 PM, Monongahela

2-3:30 PM Symposium on MODERN Philosophy

[chair: Andrew Colvin, SRU]

2-2:40 PM, *Only Humean: Taking Seriously the Possibility of an  
Epistemological Existentialism*, Ann Strom, WCU

2:50-3:30 PM, *Innate Dualism*, Ruth Retassie, IUP

3:40-5:10 PM, Symposium on Philosophy and OTHER  
CULTURES [chair: Dr. Richard Findler, SRU]

3:40-4:20 PM, *The Metaphysics of Lexicography: On the Use of  
Paranomastic Definitions in Classical Chinese Thought*,  
Dr. Andrew Colvin, SRU

4:30-5:10 PM, *The Role of Women in Aristotle's Best Polity*,  
Sarah Workman, SRU

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