

2015 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society



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2015 Essay Prize Winners

Undergraduate Student Prize: Jake Rohde (UNC Chapel Hill), "Plato and the Tripartite Analysis of Knowledge"
Graduate Student Prize: Mark Satta (Purdue University), "A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of 'Knows'"
Untenured Faculty Prize: Jeremy Morris (Ohio University), "Justified but Impossible to Believe: Disappearing Epistemic Defeaters"

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<http://www.northcarolinaphilosophicalsociety.org/>

President: John Whitmire, Western Carolina University
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12:30

Registration and coffee, continuing through Friday afternoon. Withers Hall lobby.

Session 1: Friday February 27, 1:30 – 4:30

Please see the room guide in your registration folder for the location of all sessions.

	A. Philosophy of Religion <i>Caldwell G106</i> <i>Chair: Mark Satta</i>	B. Logic <i>Caldwell G109</i> <i>Chair: Haidar al-Dhalimy</i>	C. Applied Ethics <i>Caldwell G110</i> <i>Chair: Timothy Kwiatek</i>	D. History <i>Withers 105</i> <i>Chair: M. Pendlebury</i>	E. Philosophy of Mind <i>Withers 115</i> <i>Chair: Trip Glazer</i>	F. Undergraduate <i>Withers 120</i> <i>Chair: George Stamets</i>
1:30-2:10	An A Priori Refutation of Arguments From Evil & Divine Hiddenness Michael Willenborg Southern Evangelical Seminary	Universalized Prisoner's Dilemma With Risk Paul Studtmann Davidson College	Finding Moral Casualties in Wartime Fatalities Eddy Wilson Shaw Univ.	The Form of Descartes' Method of Doubt Patrick Brissey Independent Scholar	What Are Phenomenal States? Nicholas Georgalis East Carolina Univ.	A Comparison of Cases for Interconnectivity's Role in the <i>Theatetus</i> Joshua Trosch Washington Univ. of St. Louis
2:15-2:55	A Parallel Argument against Skeptical Theism Timothy Kirschenheiter Wayne State	Diodorus' Master Argument and the Logic of Time Pascal Massie Miami Univ. (Ohio)	Ego Depletion and Organ Donation Sara Kolmes Florida State	Hume's Rhetorical Rationale for Sometimes Talking Like an Inductive Skeptic Nathan Sasser Univ. of South Carolina	How Wishful Seeing is Not Like Wishful Thinking: Against Siegel's "Control" Argument Robert Long Brandeis Univ.	Selfless Assertions as Cases of Knowledge without Belief Jonathan Vise College of Charleston
2:55-3:05	B R E A K					
3:05-3:45	Faith, Belief, and Borderline Cases Matthew Lee Berry College	Is Probability Necessarily Objective? Peter Gildenhuys Lafayette College	Moral Grandstanding Brandon Warmke Wake Forest Univ. and Justin Tosi Univ. of Arizona	Kant Before the Critiques: Sublime Ethics and Beautiful Affect Michael Deckard Lenoir-Rhyne Univ.	Does Computationalism Collapse Into Behaviorism? Henry Schiller Univ. of Edinburgh	Plato and the Tripartite Analysis of Knowledge Jake Rohde UNC Chapel Hill <i>Undergraduate Prize Paper</i>
3:50-4:30	A Better Solution to the General Problem of Creation Jeremy Skrzypek Saint Louis Univ.	A Truth-Conditional Indeterminacy Solution to the Liar Paradox Jay Newhard East Carolina Univ.	Business Ethics from the Inside, Out: Incorporating Shareholder Values Matthew Brophy High Point Univ.	Purposiveness in Hegel's <i>The Science of Logic</i> Gerad Gentry Univ. of South Carolina	Cognitive Neuroscience and the Mechanist Thesis Gordon Steenbergen Duke Univ.	Neutrality's Much-Needed Place in John Dewey's Two-Part Criterion for Democratic Education Taylor Wisneski Kansas State

- 4:30 – 7:30 Dinner break. On your own. *Dining suggestions are included with your registration materials.*
- 6:45 – 7:30 NCPS Business meeting. Caldwell G107. *Everyone is welcome to attend, but only faculty affiliated with a school in North Carolina will be allowed to vote. We particularly encourage the participation of women philosophers in this year's business meeting, as gender inclusiveness issues are on the agenda.*

Keynote Address

7:30 - 9:00pm
Caldwell G107

Peter van Inwagen
John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
Research Professor, Duke University

The Problem of Fr W**ll**

Chair: Heath White, UNC Wilmington

Reception

9:00 – 11:00
Caldwell Lounge

8:00

Registration and coffee, continuing through Saturday morning. Withers 331.

Session 2: Saturday February 28, 9:00 – 12:00

	A. Action Theory <i>Withers 105</i> <i>Chair: Henry Schiller</i>	B. Political Philosophy <i>Withers 110</i> <i>Chair: M. Waldschlagel</i>	C. Metaphysics <i>Withers 115</i> <i>Chair: Pascal Massie</i>	F. Epistemology <i>Withers 120</i> <i>Chair: Peter Gildenhuys</i>	G. Ethics <i>Withers 140</i> <i>Chair: Robert Mabrito</i>	H. Undergraduate <i>Withers 150</i> <i>Chair: Jeremy Skrzypek</i>
9:00-9:40	Changing a Mere Event into an Action: Clarke, Ginet, and Noncausalism Devon Bryson Univ. of Tennessee - Knoxville	Insular Communities and Multiculturalism in Robert Nozick's Framework for Utopias Jordan Dopkins Archimedean Middle Conservatory	There's Nothing Brutal About Composition: Against Markosian's Brutal Composition Brian Carlson Univ. of Kentucky	Eleven Ways to Refute Skepticism (Brought to You by a Brain in a Vat) Mike Veber East Carolina Univ.	The Utility of Utility Troy Catterson Salve Regina Univ.	Language's Impact on Ethics: The Question of Ultimate Foundation Caley Howland Furman Univ.
9:45-10:25	Evaluating Agent-Causal Compatibilism Peter Furlong UNC Asheville	Involuntary and Implicit Racism Timothy Kwiatek Independent Scholar	Dispositional Essentialism and the Problem of Structural Properties Jordan Baker Univ. of Tennessee – Knoxville	Taking Care with Quine's 'Don't-cares' James Pearson Bridgewater State	Promissory Obligation and "Ought" Implies "Can" Andrew Parisi Univ. of Connecticut	Reestablishing the Gap: Preserving a Mark of the Moralists Cameron Davis Johns Hopkins Univ.
10:25-10:35	B R E A K					
10:35-11:15	Explaining Irrational Actions Jesse Summers Duke Univ.	Is Gender Needed for Justice? A Reply to Haslanger Mathew Andler Georgia State	Why Can't Substances Be Parts of Other Substances? Adam Omelianchuk Univ. of South Carolina	Justified but Impossible to Believe: Disappearing Epistemic Defeaters Jeremy Morris Ohio University <i>Untenured Faculty Prize Paper</i>	Korsgaard's Moral Theory In the Light of Kant's Architectonics Vitaly Kiryushchenko York Univ. (Toronto)	Abraham Is Accepted Samantha Menapace Furman Univ.
11:20-12:00	On Zimmerman's "Taking Luck Seriously" George Stamets Florida State	Rawls and Hegel Tim Hinton NC State	Partial Relations Are Not Transitive Matt Duncan Univ. of Virginia	A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of 'Knows' Mark Satta Purdue University <i>Graduate Student Prize Paper</i>	Weak and Strong Action-Guiding in Ideal Theories Orlin Vakarelov and Aaron Ancell Duke Univ.	Phenomenology of Existenz and Political Tyranny Micah Rufsvold Lenoir-Rhyne Univ.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch break. On your own.

Session 3: Saturday February 28, 1:30 – 3:40

	A. Metaethics <i>Withers 105</i> <i>Chair: Matt Brophy</i>	B. Mind and Language <i>Withers 110</i> <i>Chair: James Pearson</i>	C. Ethics <i>Withers 115</i> <i>Chair: Tim Hinton</i>	D. Metaphysics <i>Withers 120</i> <i>Chair: Matt Duncan</i>	E. Various <i>Withers 140</i> <i>Chair: Vitaly Kiryushchenko</i>	F. Phil. of Religion <i>Withers 150</i> <i>Chair: Troy Catterson</i>
1:30-2:10	Can Expressivists Make Mistakes? Robert Mabrito NC State	Practical Reasoning and the Contextual Content of the First-Person Perspective Jaehong Kim Ryerson Univ. (Canada)	Self-Acceptance and the Ethical Quest Santiago Mejia Univ. of Chicago	A Defense of Nelson Goodman's Constructional Philosophy Patrick Rardin Appalachian State	Carruthers on Metacognition, and the Unity of Beliefs and Desires in Animals Wm Bauer and Gary Comstock NC State	Modal Evil and Divine Necessity Robert Bass UNC Pembroke
2:15-2:55	Reasons, Ought, Must, and May Michael Pendlebury NC State	On the Social Basis of Normativity in the Later Wittgenstein's Philosophy Jo-Jo Koo Skidmore College	How Not to Think about Forgiveness Matthew Waldschlagel UNC Wilmington	Truth-Making, Temporal Passage, and the 'Dead Past' David Taylor Independent Scholar	The Failure of Plato to Educate Aristotle Concerning the Good Andrew Nolan Hatley Univ. of Tennessee - Knoxville	Can an Impossible God Have a Loving Relationship with Us? Garry Soronio UCLA
3:00-3:40	The Right and Wrong Kinds of Reasons Haidar Al-Dhalimy Univ. of Minnesota	Language and Expression Trip Glazer Georgetown Univ.	The Ontology of Friendship Alexis Elder Southern Connecticut State	Animals, Brains, and Thinkers: A Defense of Animalism Joungbin Lim Elizabeth City State		
3:40-4:00	B R E A K					

Presidential Address

4:00-5:00pm

Withers 232A

Dr. John Whitmire, Western Carolina University

Remembering to Forget Ourselves: Un-self-consciousness and Inspiration in Nietzsche's *Ecce Homo*

Abstract: Nietzsche's account of selfhood in *Ecce Homo* de-emphasizes aspects of subjectivity that are phenomenologically given as the unitary agency of the conscious self, in favor of a constructed selfhood emerging from our agonistic instinctual depths. This is couched in religious terms (vocation, revelation, inspiration) designed to displace an otherworldly, "idealist" Christian vision with a fatalistic, this-worldly one drawn from Greek tragic religion. The role of self-conscious action is then circumscribed as legitimate locus of experimentation of the effects of nutrition, place, climate, and recreation on the body, and medium for expression of absolute affirmation of life.

Chair: Heath White, UNC Wilmington

End of conference. Thank you for attending!