

Special Conference on Values



Values, Rational Choice, and the Will

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Thursday, April 1

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Plenary Session, Alumni Room

Welcoming Remarks: Nancy Bayne, Interim Provost & Vice Chancellor

Chair: David K. Chan

Speaker: J. David Velleman
The Centered Self

Thursday, 2:15 pm - 3:35 pm

Session 1, Room 205

Topic: **Knowledge and Interpretation**

Chair: Crystal Thorpe

Speaker: Michael Cholbi
Our Acquaintance with Practical Reasons

Speaker: Elise Springer
Reason, Interpretation, and Attributions of Value: Thoughts on the Miraculous, the Irrational, and the Evil

Session 2, Room 235

Topic: **Intentions**

Chair: Erik Schmidt

Speaker: Luca Ferrero
An Ontological View of Intentions

Speaker: Jing Zhu (this paper will be read by Andrei A. Buckareff)
On the Principle of Intention Agglomeration

Session 3, Room 207

Topic: **Virtue and Agency**

Chair: Glen Pettigrove

Speaker: Ronald Sandler
Is There a Limit or Threshold to Virtue?

Speaker: Ian Stoner
Should We Do What Virtuous Agents Do?

Session 4, Room 235-A

Topic: **The Self in Deliberation**

Chair: Vaughn Huckfeldt

Speaker: Carla Bagnoli
Of Two Minds: Conflicts of the Will and the Bounds of the Self

Speaker: Colin Heydt
Self-Centeredness: A Study in the Problems of Ethical Perception

Session 5, Room 241

Topic: **Liberalism and Communitarianism**

Chair: David Gilboa

Speaker: Christopher Callaway

Autonomy, Religious Freedom, and Civic Education

Speaker: H. Peter Steeves

"I Didn't Hurt Nobody": Values, the Will, and The Sopranos

Thursday, 3:45 pm - 5:05 pm

Session 6, Room 205

Topic: **Motivation and Action**

Chair: Daniel Haggerty

Speaker: Jason M. Dickenson

Functionalism and Motivational Strength

Speaker: Stephen Finlay

Motivation to the Means

Session 7, Room 235

Topic: **Moral Realism**

Chair: Philip Clark

Speaker: Drew Khlentzos

Moral Realism, Naturalism and Meta-Ethical Pyrrhonism

Speaker: Andrew Payne

Virtue Ethics and Moral Realism

Session 8, Room 207

Topic: **Blame and Gratitude**

Chair: Corinne Dempsey

Speaker: Matthew A. Ferkany

The Disvalue of Blame for Self-Esteem, Virtue, and Liberty

Speaker: Sean McAleer

Gratitude and Humility

Session 9, Room 235-A

Topic: **Choice and Choices**

Chair: John K. Alexander

Speaker: Joseph S. Biehl

The Insignificance of Choice

Speaker: Daniel Palmer

Given What Others May Do: Act-Consequentialism, Moral Rightness, and the Choices of Others

Session 10, Room 241

Topic: **Political Values**

Chair: Barbara LaBossiere

Speaker: Iskra Fileva

Might Truth Be Subversive of What We Really Care About?

Speaker: Chad Ray

Opportunity

Thursday, 5:15 pm - 6:35 pm

Plenary Session, Alumni Room

Chair: Jack Russell Weinstein

Speaker: Michael Stocker

On the Intelligibility of Bad Acts

Thursday, 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Banquet, Alumni Room

Friday, April 2

9:00 am - 10:20 am

Session 11, Room 235

Topic: **Moral Discourse**

Chair: Iskra Fileva

Speaker: Benjamin Sachs

Is There Any Real Difference Between Error Theory and Relativism?

Speaker: Heath White

Normative Language as Meta-Level Discourse About Practical Reasoning

Session 12, Room 205

Topic: **Practical Reason**

Chair: Ronald Sandler

Speaker: Patrick Fleming

The Indeterminacy of Desire and Practical Reason

Speaker: Crystal Thorpe

Four Conceptions of Practical Rationality

Session 13, Room 241

Topic: **Kant**

Chair: Craig Matarrese

Speaker: Jill Graper Hernandez

Impermissibility, Moral Worth, and the Normative Sources of Action

Speaker: Heath Massey
Bergson's Interpretation of Kant's Categorical Imperative: "I Must Because I Must"

Session 14, Room 207

Topic: **Humans and Nature**
Chair: Andrew Payne
Speaker: Francisco Benzoni
Ontological Goodness and Moral Worth: Aquinas on Non-Rational Creatures

Friday, 10:40am - 12:00 noon

Session 15, Room 205

Topic: **Shared Reasons and Agency**
Chair: Andrei A. Buckareff
Speaker: Edward S. Hinchman
Trust and Regret in Collective Agency
Speaker: Andrea C. Westlund
Joint Deliberation and the Sharing of Reasons

Session 16, Room 235

Topic: **Conceptions of the Self**
Chair: Patricia Sayre
Speaker: Vaughn Huckfeldt
Autonomy and the Substantive Self
Speaker: Young-Ran Roh
Rational Self and Moral Self

Session 17, Room 207

Topic: **Value Fragmentation**
Chair: Joseph Kupfer
Speaker: Cynthia Townley
Epistemic, Ethical and Aesthetic Values
Speaker: Jennifer Cole Wright
On Ethics, Divided: Ethical Principles and Ethical Experience

Session 18, Room 235-A

Topic: **Freedom and Necessity**
Chair: Daniel Farnham
Speaker: Troy L. Booher
Taking Liberty with Humean Necessity
Speaker: Jonathan Evans
Aristotelianism and the Representation Problem: Or How an Old Logical Problem Threatens Libertarianism

Session 19, Room 241

Topic: **Social Issues**

Chair: Barbara Butler

Speaker: Sara Gavrell-Ortiz

Resisting the Fear of Rape: Women's Agency and Self-Respect

Speaker: Dean Geuras

Lying as Performative Utterance: Legal and Ethical Implications

Friday, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch Break

Friday, 1:00 pm – 2:20 pm

Session 20, Room 205

Topic: **Weakness of the Will**

Chair: Stephen Finlay

Speaker: Michelle Maiese

Second-Order Volitions and the Exercise of Self-Control

Speaker: Joseph W. Ulatowski

Distinguishing Judgments and Weakness of Will

Session 21, Room 235

Topic: **Values and Valuing (I)**

Chair: Stephen Ellis

Speaker: Michael Brady

The Value of Valuing

Speaker: Daniel Svensson

Value, Response-Dependence and Circularity

Session 22, Room 241

Topic: **Caring and Benevolence**

Chair: Elise Springer

Speaker: Kelly A. Burns

An Unprincipled Ethic of Care

Speaker: Julinna C. Oxley

Avoiding Paternalism: Respect and Autonomy in a Kantian View of Benevolence

Session 23, Room 207

Topic: **Collective Responsibility**

Chair: Andrea C. Westlund

Speaker: Kenneth Eric Shockley

Environmental Ethics and the Discursive Dilemma

Speaker: Steve Vanderheiden

Climate Change and the Challenge to Moral Responsibility

Session 24, Room 235-A

Topic: **Moral and Legal Issues**

Chair: Heath White

Speaker: Donald Bruckner
Irrevocable Authorization

Speaker: Alec Walen
Stability in the Face of the Manipulable Boundary Between Intention and Foresight

Friday, 2:30 pm - 3:50 pm

Plenary Session, Alumni Room

Chair: David K. Chan

Speaker: Joseph Boyle
Volition, Comparative Value Judgments, and Choice

Friday, 4:10 pm - 5:30 pm

Session 25, Room 207

Topic: **Autonomy**

Chair: Edward S. Hinchman

Speaker: Ryan Spellecy & Thomas May
Autonomy and Self-Knowledge: Is Genetic Ignorance a Moral Failure?

Speaker: James Stacey Taylor
Manipulation and Hybrid Autonomy

Session 26, Room 235-A

Topic: **Virtues and Vices**

Chair: Kathleen P. Dougherty

Speaker: Joseph Kupfer
Overcoming Envy and the Practical Value of Philosophy

Speaker: Michael Winter
Using Virtue Theory to Justify Altruistic Actions

Session 27, Room 235

Topic: **Metaphysical Issues in Ethics**

Chair: Joseph Biehl

Speaker: Andrew Fiala
Time, Tragedy, and Ethics: A Temporal Analysis of Tragic Conflicts in Ethics

Speaker: Eric Kraemer
Intellectual Freedom and Rational Choice

Session 28, Room 241

Topic: **Vegetarianism**

Chair: Michael Nelson

Speaker: David Gilboa

Why Be Vegetarian? Some Problems of the Argument from Unnecessary Pain

Speaker: Tait Szabo

Caught in a Vice: Moral Uncertainty, Virtue, and Vegetarianism

Friday, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Banquet, Salons C & D, Holiday Inn Convention and Expo Center

Cocktails, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner

Saturday, April 3

9:00 am - 10:20 am

Session 29, Room 205

Topic: **Values and Valuing (II)**

Chair: Cynthia Townley

Speaker: Macalester Bell

Making Room for "Disvaluing": A Critique of Scheffler's Reason-Giving Account of Valuing

Speaker: Toni Rønnow-Rasmussen

Buck-Passing Personal Values

Session 30, Room 207

Topic: **Character**

Chair: Sean McAleer

Speaker: Lorraine Besser-Jones

In Defense of Character

Speaker: Kathleen P. Dougherty

Habituation and Character Change

Session 31, Room 235

Topic: **Realism and Anti-Realism**

Chair: Drew Khlentzos

Speaker: Timothy C. Lord

Anti-Realism in R.G. Collingwood's Theory of Art as Imagination

Speaker: Donald V. Poochigian

The Metaphysics of Objective Ethics

Session 32, Room 241

Topic: **Evolutionary Concepts**

Chair: Francisco Benzoni

Speaker: Joseph Millum
A Functional Foot?

Speaker: Malcolm Murray
Rational Choice and Evolutionary Fit in Prisoners' Dilemmas

Saturday, 10:30 am - 11:50 am

Session 33, Room 207

Topic: **Mental Actions and Agent-Causation**

Chair: Michael Cholbi

Speaker: Andrei A. Buckareff
How (Not) To Think About Mental Action

Speaker: Daniel Farnham
Agent-Causation is No Joke

Session 34, Room 235

Topic: **Facts and Values**

Chair: Michael Brady

Speaker: Zed Adams
Moore's Mistake?

Speaker: Katie Padgett
Moral Disagreement and Blackburn's Projectivism

Session 35, Room 235-A

Topic: **Forgiveness**

Chair: Matthew A. Ferkany

Speaker: Paul Gaffney
Deciding to Forgive

Speaker: Glen Pettigrove
Forgiveness and Love

Session 36, Room 241

Topic: **Continental Philosophy**

Chair: Julinna C. Oxley

Speaker: Karin Fry
Hannah Arendt and Philosophy

Speaker: Craig Matarrese
Hegel on Freedom, Reflective Identification, and the Ambiguities of the Will

Session 37, Room 205

Topic: **Sustainability and Justice**

Chair: Justus Paul

Speaker: John K. Alexander

Environmental Sustainability Versus Profit Maximization: Overcoming the Systemic Constraint on Implementing Normatively Preferable Alternatives

Speaker: Michael Buckley

Constructing Principles of Environmental Justice

Saturday, 12:00 noon - 1:50 pm

Lunch & Closing Plenary, The Wooden Spoon, First Floor, University Center

Plenary Session, 12:30 pm - 1:50 pm

Chair: James Stacey Taylor

Speaker: David K. Chan

After Anscombe

Saturday, 2:10 pm - 3:30 pm

Session 38, Room 205

Topic: **Moral Reasons**

Chair: Dona Warren

Speaker: Danielle Bromwich

More Reason to Be Sceptical About Practical Reason

Speaker: Daniel Haggerty

Moral Magnetism and Reasons for Action

Session 39, Room 235

Topic: **Expressivism**

Chair: Katie Padgett

Speaker: Philip Clark

Two Tenets of Non-Cognitivism

Speaker: Kyle Swan

Expressivist Moral Cognitivism

Session 40, Room 207

Topic: **Incommensurability of Values**

Chair: Jennifer Cole Wright

Speaker: Stephen Ellis

The Main Argument for Value Incommensurability (and Why It Fails)

Speaker: Erik Schmidt

Thresholds, Vagueness and the Argument from Small Improvements

Session 41, Room 235-A

Topic: **Moral Sentiments**

Chair: Troy L. Booher

Speaker: Barbara LaBossiere

Hume's Sentiment of Justice: Its Natural Origin and Empirical Justification in the Family

Speaker: Jack Russell Weinstein

Adam Smith's Puzzles: The Philosophical Investigations Leading to the Wealth of Nations

Session 42, Room 241

Topic: **Wittgenstein**

Chair: Donald V. Poochigian

Speaker: Stephen Satris

Wittgenstein and the Amoralist

Speaker: Patricia Sayre

The Price We Pay in Paying Attention