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**

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**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*

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**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