Past Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Colloquium Events

Spring 2020

February 21: **Diana Heney** (Vanderbilt University)

March 20: **Joel Reynolds** (University of Massachusetts Lowell), "The Hard Problem of Disability: On Pain" *(Cancelled due to COVID-19)*

April 3: **Katharina Stephens** (University of Lethbridge), *(Cancelled due to COVID-19)*

*The Berry Lecture in Public Philosophy*
April 17: **Eddie Glaude, Jr.**, “James Baldwin and Black Democratic Perfectionism”, *(Cancelled due to COVID-19)*

Fall 2019

September 6: **Ronald Sundstrom** (University of San Francisco), "The Concept and Harms of Gentrification"

September 13: **Paul Taylor** (Vanderbilt University), "On the Very Idea of a Philosophical Practice: Preface to a Prophetic Aesthetic"

September 27: **Matthew Congdon** (Vanderbilt University), "Moral Address: A Wittgensteinian Account"

October 4: **Shaun Gallagher** (University of Memphis), "Why a Zero-Point in First-person Perspective Doesn't Add Up"

November 15: **Christiana Olfert** (Tufts University), "Does Knowledge Rule Out False Belief? A Platonic Answer"
Spring 2019

February 1: **Ian Dove** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “On Inferring Cannibalism: Evidence and Argument in Anthropology and Paleo-Biology”

March 1: **Andreja Novakovic** (UC Riverside), “Hegel’s Critique of Opinion”

*The Berry Lecture in Public Philosophy*
April 12: **Kimberley Brownlee** (Warwick), “Social Isolation”

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Fall 2018

September 7: **Leif Wenar** (Kings College, London), “The Value of Unity”

September 21: **Carrie Figdor** (University of Iowa), “The Proper Domain of Psychological Predicates”

September 28: **Hanna Gunn** (Vanderbilt), “The Agency Based Approach to Epistemic Injustice”

October 12: **Lissa Skitolsky** (Susquehanna University), “‘Can I Get a Witness?’: Hip-Hop as Philosophical Text and Testimony”

*Tennessee Philosophical Association Keynote*
October 26: **Quayshawn Spencer** (Penn), “A Radical Solution to the Race Problem”

November 9: **Lisa Tessman** (SUNY Binghamton), “Solace for Unwitting and Unwilling Wrongdoers”

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Spring 2018

January 19: **John Corvino** (Wayne State), "Conscience and Religious Exemptions"

January 26: **Sarah Wright** (Georgia), "Why We Need Intellectual Humility to Help Us Avoid Epistemic Injustice"
March 16: **Heather Battaly** (Connecticut), "Closed-mindedness as an Intellectual Vice and an Intellectual Virtue"

March 23: **Elizabeth Barnes** (Virginia), "Disability and the Concept of Health"

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**Fall 2017**

September 1: **Paul C. Taylor** (Penn State), "Facing Ferguson: On the Innocent, the Vulnerable, and the Ordinary"

September 15: **David Shoemaker** (Tulane), "Cruel Jokes and Normative Competence"

- **Clem Dore Memorial Lecture**
  October 6: **Miranda Fricker** (CUNY), "Ambivalence about Forgiveness"

- **John Compton Lecture**
  October 27: **Samuel Scheffler** (NYU). "Why Worry about Future Generations?"


December 1 - **Nicole Hassoun** (Binghamton), "The Human Right to Health"

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**Spring 2017**

February 10: **Wout Cornelissen** (Vanderbilt, Department of German, Russian, and Eastern European Studies), “The Spell of Karl Popper: The Open Society and Its Closures”

February 17: **Dilek Huseyinzadegan** (Emory), "How to Be a Kantian Feminist"


March 24: **Jason Stanley** (Yale), "Hustle: Hidden Agendas in Language"


April 7: **Janine Jones** (UNC Greensboro)
Fall 2016

September 23: Emma Davies (Australian National University), “Towards an Environmental Literacy: Thinking the Derridean Logic of the Limit”


John Compton Lecture
October 26: Catherine Wilson (York and CUNY), “Moral Objectivity from an Empirical Standpoint”

Tennessee Philosophical Association Keynote
November 4: Daniel Selcer (Duquesne), "Hobbes, Spinoza, and Political Ontology"

November 11: David Owen (Southampton), “Refugees and the Problem of States”

November 18: Cathy Legg (Waikato)

December 2: Lydia Goehr (Columbia), “Black, White, and Gray: On Monochromatic Formalism in Music and Painting (From Hegel to Adorno)”

Spring 2016

January 15: Amy McKiernan (Vanderbilt), "How to Blame Ourselves and Others"

January 29: Karen Ng (Vanderbilt), "Hegel and Adorno on Negative Universal History: The Dialectics of Species-Life"

February 19: Thomas Dabay (Vanderbilt), "On the Inconsistency of Naturalism and Global Expressivism"

February 26: Idit Dobbs-Weinstein (Vanderbilt), Discussion of her recent book, Spinoza’s Critique of Religion and Its Heirs

April 8: Susan Brison (Dartmouth), “Words and Selves: Hate Speech and Narrative Self-Constitution”
**John Compton Lecture**
April 19: **James Sterba** (Notre Dame), “Skeptical Theism to the Rescue?”

April 22: **Janine Jones** (UNC Greensboro)

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**Fall 2015**

September 18: **Robert Talisse** (Vanderbilt), "A Pragmatist Defense of Ideal Theory"

October 2: **Scott Aikin** (Vanderbilt), "Is Fallibilism Coherent?"

October 23: **Christian Miller** (Wake Forest), "Honesty"

**Tennessee Philosophical Association Keynote**
October 30: **Susan Wolf** (Chapel Hill), "Aesthetic Responsibility"

November 13: **Luke Semrau** (Vanderbilt), "Altruism and the Ethical Acquisition of Organs"

December 4: **Jennifer Lackey** (Northwestern)

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**Spring 2015**

January 16: **Peg Birmingham** (DePaul University), “On Political Glory: Bearing the Unbearable”

**Book Panel**
January 30: **Lisa Guenther** (Vanderbilt), **Geoff Adelsberg** (Vanderbilt), **Scott Zeman** (University of Colorado, Boulder), **Sarah Tyson** (University of Colorado, Denver), and **Joshua Hall** (Vanderbilt), “Book Panel on Philosophy, Mass Incarceration, and Capital Punishment: Philosophy Imprisoned and Death and Other Penalties”

February 13: **Micah Hester** (The University of Arkansas), “Functional Death: Why You Are Dead When We Say You Are Dead”

March 13: **Lori Gruen** (Wesleyan University), “Dignity, Captivity, and Respectful Perception”
March 27: Tobias Rosefeldt (Humboldt University, Berlin), “Kant on Existence and Non-Existents”

April 10: Caspar Hare (MIT)

May 1: Nancy Tuana (Penn State)

Fall 2014

August 29: Kathryn Gines (Penn State University), “Hannah Arendt and the Negro Question”

September 12: Volker Gerhardt (Humboldt University, Berlin), “The Humanity in the Person of every Human: On the Theory of Humanity”


October 24: Guy Axtell (Radford University), “Of Two Minds: Philosophical Implications of Dual Process Theory”

Tennessee Philosophical Association Plenary Address

October 31: Jim Crimmins (Western Ontario), “Utilitarianism in Early 19th Century America”

November 7: Derrick Darby (University of Michigan), “Responsibility for Inequality”

November 21: Claudia Baracchi (University of Milan), “The Boundless Antiquity of Plato’s Timaeus”

Spring 2014

February 14: Alistair Norcross (University of Colorado), “The Road to Hell”

Inaugural Lecture
February 28: Scott Aikin (Vanderbilt), “Modest Transcendental Arguments”
March 19: **Ann Cacoullos** (University of Athens, Greece), “The Other Cities: Towards a Theory of Political Culture in Plato's Politeia”


April 4: **REACH Coalition**, “Philosophy and Praxis on Tennessee's Death Row” [Host: Lisa Guenther]

April 11: **Cheryl Misak** (University of Toronto), “Pragmatism and the Naturalist Project in Ethics and Politics” [Host: Rob Talisse]

April 28: **Huw Price** (Cambridge), TBA

Fall 2013

September 6: **Andrew Mitchell** (Emory), “The Art of Exposure: Thinking Sculpture with Heidegger” [Host David Wood]

September 20: **Bernard Boxill** (UNC, Chapel Hill), “Notes on Domination, Servility and Self-Respect” [Host: Lou Outlaw]

September 27: **Jody Azzouni** (Tufts), “What is said: Gricean approaches vs. Semantic Perception” [Host: Rob Talisse]

October 4: **Kristie Dotson** (Michigan State), “The Personal is Epistemological? Considering the Impact of Epistemological Resilience on Theories of Testimonial Knowledge” [Hosts: Jose Medina and Lou Outlaw]

October 18, 19: **Conference on the Regress Problem** (Scott Aikin)

*Tennessee Philosophical Association Keynote*
October 25: **Mylan Engel** (Northern Illinois University)

November 1-2: **Conference on Pacifism** (Larry May and Andrew Forcehimes)


November 15-16 - *Conference on Latina Feminism* (Jose Medina and Andrea Pitts)