

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”

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”

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"

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?"

November 3: **James Lennox** (Pittsburgh). "Self-preservation and Form-preservation: Puzzles about Aristotle's Nutritive Soul"

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

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"

February 24: **Richard Lee** (Arkansas), "Hume's Constructivist Standard of Taste"

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

March 31: **John Casey** (Northeastern Illinois), "Argument Pacifism"

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”

September 30: **Nahum Chandler** (UC Irvine), “Ongoing Thoughts on Paragraph Four of 'The Conservation of Races' (Or, On the Question of the Illimitable in the Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois)”

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)

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)

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”

September 18: **Robert Shapiro** (St. Xavier), “Philosophy vs. Poetry: The Mystery Surrounding Book X of Plato’s Republic”

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

Tennessee Philosophical Association Plenary Address

October 24: **Bryan Frances** (Fordham), “How Should One React to Religious Disagreement?”

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”

March 21: **Gordon Finlayson** (Sussex), “On Criticizing Immanently and Criticizing Well: An Heretical Account of Immanent Criticism”

March 28: **William Stephens** (Creighton University), “Epictetus on Responsibility, Self-Respect, and Happiness” [Host: Scott Aikin]

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 8: **Warren Montag** (Occidental College), “Mente, quae imperium in Corpus habet: the notion of commanding the body in Ethics III, P2, sch.” [Host: Idit Dobbs-Weinstein]

November 14: **Matt Congdon** (New School), “Resentment and Remorse: On the Emotional Structure of Moral Address”

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