

Maryland Philosophy Conference

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Conference Organizers

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9:00-9:30: Registration and Breakfast (LA 4400)

9:30-11:25: Concurrent Sessions 1A-1C

11:30-12:30: Lunch

12:30-2:25: Concurrent Sessions 2A-2C

2:25-2:45: Break

2:45-5:20: Concurrent Sessions 3A-3C

5:20: Reception (LA 4400)

1A Social Philosophy– LA 4302

Chair: Patrick Roney, Towson University

09:30-10:05 Mary Peterson, University of Hamburg, “Mary Astell on Distrusting Men”

10:10-10:45 David Atenasio, Frostburg State University, “The Deep Structure of Mass Incarceration”

10:50-11:25 Daniel Cunningham, Miami University (Ohio), “Modern Political Culture and its Assumptions”

1B Metaphysics, Language and Logic--LA 4303

Chair: Ziren Yang, University of Miami

09:30-10:05 Jacob Lettie, Johns Hopkins University, “No Unique Best System: Not a Skeptical Hypothesis”

10:10-10:45 Fei Zhou, University of Toronto, “Sobel Sequences, Contexts, and Indicative Conditionals”

10:50-11:25 Bangrui Chen, Johns Hopkins University “Logic, Rule-Following, and Justice”

1C Theoretical Philosophy--LA 4315

Chair: Nick Tebben, Towson University

- 10:10-10:45 Colin Caret, Utrecht University, "Two Myths About Obvious Implications"
10:50-11:25 Alex Mendez, The City College of New York, CUNY, "The Aesthetic Self-Expression Argument for Narrow Meaning-Incompatibilism"

PHIL/RLST Chair Welcome and Lunch: 11:30-12:30, CLA Cafe

2A Metaphysics and Epistemology —LA 4302

Chair: Gilad Sharvit, Towson University

- 12:30-1:05 Olle Lövgrén, Johns Hopkins University, "Material Plenitude and the Objects of Experience"
1:10-1:45 Cooper Sarafin, American University, "Hesitation and the Epistemic Structure of Perception: A Phenomenological Account of Coherence and Alterity in Merleau-Ponty, Ngo, and Al-Saji"
1:50-2:25 Justin Harmon, Notre Dame of Maryland University, "From Unamendability to Inexhaustibility: Speculative Hermeneutics as Metaphysical Realism"

2B Ethics --LA 4303

Chair: Kristen Hine, Towson University

- 12:30-1:05 Sonya Ringer, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, "Pregnancy, Praiseworthiness, and the Politics of Abortion"
1:10-1:45 Jake Bartholomew, Towson University, "América as Utopia, Utopia in America"
1:50-2:25 Laretta Halstead, Towson University, "Ethics of Education, Instruction and Intellectual Freedom"

2C AI—LA 4315

Chair: Colin Caret, Utrecht University

- 12:30-1:05 Ricky Mouser, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, "When (if ever) is AI Non-Consequentialist?"
1:10-1:45 Walker Chavatel, Towson University, "AI Ethics in Mental Health: Insights from Existential Philosophy"

20 Minute Break

3A Reflections in Honor of Dr. Christos Evangeliou—LA 4310

Moderator: Madeline Georgevich, University of Maryland, College Park, Independent Scholar

2:45-3:20 Phillip Mitsis, New York University
3:25-4:00 John Murungi, Towson University
4:05-4:40 Rose Cherubin, George Mason University
4:45-5:20 Linda Ardito, Independent Scholar

3B Non-Western Panel—LA 4317

Chair—Suk Choi, Towson University

2:45-3:20 Joonho Lee, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, “Separable Virtue: A Mencian Challenge to the Unity Thesis”
3:25-4:00 Bongrae Seok, Alvernia University, “Ecology, Embodiment, and Aesthetics of Confucian Moral Psychology for Moral Development and Artificial Intelligence”
4:05-4:40 Suk Gabriel Choi, Towson University, “A *Silhak* (實學 *Practical Learning*)’s Challenge to the Confucian Idea of Cultivation”

3C Science and Epistemology—LA 4302

Chair: Jill Stinchcomb, Towson University

2:45-3:20 Saathvik Devarakonda, Claremont School of Theology, “What Grounds Grounding: A Regress Argument Revisited”
3:25-4:00 Ryan Ross, Morgan State University, “Conspiracy Theories in the Ordinary Sense”
4:05-4:40 Ziren Yang, University of Miami, “Rethinking Target Systems: A Deflationary View”