

American Philosophies Forum

The 2022 Conference:

FREEDOM AND LIBERATION

7-9 April 2022, Atlanta/Decatur, USA; Sponsored by Emory University



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Thursday, 7 April

---*Arrivals* (Marriott Courtyard Atlanta/Downtown Decatur/Emory, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030; tel: [USA-] 404-371-0204. All sessions will be in the Mary Gay Room)

3--3:45pm: [CONFERENCE OPENING](#): Introductions and background

4—5:45pm: [SESSION I: EMBODIED PRACTICES OF CREATIVITY AND](#)

LIBERATION

Speakers:

Richard Shusterman (*Humanities, Florida Atlantic University*) “Eros and Liberation”

Robert E. Innis (*Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell*): “The Paradoxical Burden of Creativity and Originality”

Rachel Bernsen (*Choreographer, performer, dance educator, Alexander Technique teacher*)
“Movement Improvisation and Somatic Research: Entwined Practices of Freedom”

Megan Craig (*Philosophy and Art, Stony Brook University*): “Draw Freely”

6:30—7:30pm: [OPENING RECEPTION](#) (details and directions will be provided)

---dinner (on one’s own)

Friday, 8 April

---breakfast (on one’s own)

9:30--11:15am: [SESSION II: FREE WILL, CONSCIOUSNESS, AND COMPASSION](#)

Speakers:

Lauren Guilmette (*Philosophy, Elon University*) “Freedom From (or With?) the Affects: Teresa Brennan’s Dialogue with Spinoza”

Mark Fagiano (*Philosophy, Washington State University*): “A Genealogy of the Concept of Free Will”

Jessica Locke (*Philosophy, Loyola University, Maryland*) “Pacify/Magnetize/Enrich/Destroy: The Tibetan Buddhist Guide to Compassionate Action”

Jessica Wahman (*Philosophy, Emory University*): “The Self and Its Agency: Consciousness, Buddhist *Anatta*, and the Problem of Free Will”

---break (coffees, teas, water provided)

11:30am--1:15pm: **SESSION III: FREEDOM, AUTHORITY, AND INTELLIGENCE**

Speakers:

Alain Beauclair (*Humanities, MacEwan University*): “Freedom in the Age of Social Stupidity”

Jennifer Hansen (*Philosophy, St. Lawrence University*): “Freedumb in the USA”

Talia Welsh (*Philosophy and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*) “Freedom, Health, and Authority in the Pandemic”

Lori Gallegos (*Philosophy, Texas State University*) “Liberatory Parenting”

----lunch (on one’s own)

3:45—5:30pm: **SESSION IV: PRACTICES OF FREEDOM, FLOURISHING,**

AND POWER

Speakers:

Robert Leib (*Philosophy, Elon University*) “When is AI in Need of Liberation?”

John Z. Sadler (*Division of Ethics, Psychiatry, Program in Ethics in Science & Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*) “From Productivity to Aesthetics: Mitigating Professional Burnout by Cultivating Professional Practice”

Eric Racine (*Medicine, Neuroethics, and Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal, Université de Montréal*) “How Ethics Liberates Experience”

John Lysaker (*Philosophy, Emory University*): “Freedom From Autonomy, or Power, Not Control”

----dinner (on one’s own; information provided for dinner/entertainment)

Saturday, 9 April

---breakfast (on one's own)

9:15—11:30am: **SESSION V: COMMUNITIES, TRIBES, AND TRUTH(S)**

Speakers:

Scott R. Stroud (*Communication Studies, University of Texas*): “Religion, Democracy, and Liberalism in Ambedkar’s Navayana Pragmatism”

Sunny Williams (*Philosophy, University of Texas, Dallas*) “Teaching Sodalism as a Communitarian Worldview”

Jay Schulkin (*Neuroscience, Georgetown University*) Tribalism and Good Enough Truth”

Emily Zakin (*Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio*): “Free Speech and True Speech: Foucault and the Fact of Bad Parrhēsia”

Vincent Colapietro (*Philosophy, Penn State University & University of Rhode Island*): “Quotidian Tasks”

---break (coffees, teas, water provided)

11:45am—1:30pm: **SESSION VI: LIBERALISM, SOLIDARITIES, AND FREE**

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Speakers:

Larry Cahoon (*Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross*): “The End of Enlightenment Liberalism?”

Céline Leboeuf (*Philosophy, Florida International University*) “The Future of Black and Asian Solidarities”

Eduardo Mendieta (*Philosophy and School of International Affairs, Penn State University*): “Liberation Through Jurigenesis: On Constitutionalism”

John J. Stuhr (*Philosophy and American Studies, Emory University*): “Freedom, Solidarity, and Their Institutions”

---lunch (on one's own)

3--5pm: **OPTIONAL: Movement Research, an Experiential Workshop** with Rachel and Megan
This is an entirely optional opportunity for all APF participants, thanks to the good will, expertise, and extra effort of Rachel Bernsen and Megan Craig. If interested, please attend; if not, feel absolutely no reason to do so. More details will be provided by a month prior to the conference.

7pm: **BANQUET**: Café Lily (308, W. Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030; approximately 3 blocks from hotel; directions will be provided)

Sunday, 10 April

---breakfast (on one's own) and **Departures**

