

American Philosophies Forum

The 2021 Conference:

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(All times listed on this program are *USA Eastern Daylight Savings times*)

Thursday, 8 April

1:00--1:45pm: [CONFERENCE OPENING](#): Introductions and background

2:00—3:45pm: [SESSION I: FEAR, LIBERATION, AND ASPIRATION](#)

Speakers:

Céline Leboeuf (*Philosophy, Florida International University*):
“Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?”

Charles Scott (*Philosophy, Penn State University and Vanderbilt University*) and
Nancy Tuana (*Philosophy & Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State University*):
“The Paradox of Liberatory Activism: The Promise of Decisive Hyper-Activism”

Melvin Rogers (*Political Science, Brown University*): “The Soul as the Seat of Aspiration”

4:—5:45pm: [SESSION II: FALLIBLE STORIES AND REAL FEARS](#)

Speakers:

Vincent Colapietro (*Philosophy, Penn State University and Humanities, University of Rhode Island*):
“Fear as Paradigm: James and Dewey on Fallible Cognitivism”

Mark Fagiano (*Escalate Training*): “Desiring the Political Virtue of Fear”

Brendan Hogan (*Liberal Studies, New York University*) and
Lawrence Marcelle (*Liberal Studies, New York University*): “Real Interests and Incoherent Desires”

Scott Stroud (*Communication Studies, University of Texas, Austin*):
“Skepticism, Desire, and Truth in Narrative Experience”



Friday, 9 April

11am--12:45pm:

SESSION III: FROM UTOPIA TO APOCALYPSE

Speakers:

William S. Lewis (*Philosophy, Skidmore College*):

“Godin and the Fourieristes: What to do when an American Utopia Fails”

Alain Beauclair (*Humanities, MacEwan University*):

“Shamelessness and Despair in America and American Politics”

Steven Brence (*Philosophy, University of Oregon*): “A Pessimistic Critique of Consumerism”

Paula Ioanide (*Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity & Women’s and Gender Studies, Ithaca College*):

“Apocalyptic Fears and the Contagion of Resistance in a Time of Dying Whiteness”

1:45—3:30pm: **SESSION IV: SHAME, DESPAIR, DISGUST, DISTRUST**

Speakers:

Emily Zakin (*Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio*):

“Truth, Illusion, and their (Dis)Contents”

Mary Magada-Ward (*Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University*):

“We Are Leontius: On the Allure of the Disgusting”

Alisa Carse (*Philosophy, Georgetown University*): “Fear and Demoralization”

John Lysaker (*Philosophy, Emory University*): “The Art of Distrust”



Saturday, 10 April

11:00—12:45am: [SESSION V: FEAR: MORALS, LAW, VIOLENCE, AND DEATH](#)

Speakers:

Carlos Pereda (*Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*):
“The Morals of Fear”

Michael Sullivan (*Philosophy, Emory University*): “Fear and Litigation”

Jennifer Hansen (*Philosophy, St. Lawrence University*):
“The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: Criminalizing Sexual Trauma Among Girls of Color”

Bonnie Mann (*Philosophy, University of Oregon*): “Rape and Social Death”

1:45—3:30pm: [SESSION VI: FEARS AND DESIRES: BEING HUMAN](#)

Speakers:

Megan Craig (*Philosophy and Art, Stony Brook University*): “Fearing Animals”

Lauren Guilmette (*Philosophy, Elon University*):
“Fear and Desire in the Age of Paranoia: Teresa Brennan’s Socio-Historical Theory of Affect”

Jessica Locke (*Loyola University, Maryland*): “Collective Karma and Transformative Justice: Buddhist
Moral Psychology as a Tool for Analyzing Social Systems Change”

John Stuhr (*Philosophy & American Studies, Emory University*): “Desiring Ethics”

