American Philosophies Forum

The 2015 Conference:

Goods, Evils, and Pleasures

April 2-4, 2015; Savannah, Georgia
Sponsor: Emory University

Thursday, 2 April

---- Arrivals (The Savannah Marriott Riverfront, 100 General McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401 USA; http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/savrf-savannah-marriott-riverfront/; 912-233-7722) Note: All conference sessions will be held in the Forsyth Room, 2nd Floor

3--3:45pm: CONFERENCE OPENING: Introductions and background

4—5:45pm: SESSION I: ENGAGEMENT, SUBJECTIVITY, LOVE

Speakers:
Jennifer Hansen (Philosophy & Dean’s Office, St. Lawrence University): “The Virtue (and Pleasure) of Engagement”
Erinn Cunniff Gilson (Philosophy & Religious Studies, University of North Florida): “Ethical Subjectivity in Tension in Everyday Life”
Nancy Tuana (Philosophy & Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University): “An Infused Dialogue I: Borders, Fusions, Influence”

6:15—7:30: Opening reception, Academy Room, 1st floor

Friday, 3 April

----breakfast (on one’s own)

10:00—11:45am: SESSION II: DIGNITY, EMPATHY, SELF-AFFIRMATION, & MEMORY

Speakers:
Steven Breence (Philosophy, University of Oregon): “Toward a Pragmatist Reconstruction of Human Dignity”
Mark Fagiano (Philosophy, Emory University and Oglethorpe University): “Pluralistic Conceptualizations of Empathy”
Bradford Vivian (Communication and Rhetorical Studies, Syracuse University): “The Invention of Uncanny Witnessing in Contemporary Memorials: The National September 11 World Trade Center Memorial
---break (coffees, teas, water provided)

12:00-1:45pm:  SESSION III:  
PLEASURE AND ART

Speakers:
John T. Lysaker (Philosophy, Emory University):
“In the Interest of Art”
Megan Craig (Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook)
“Other Pleasures: Levinas, Alterity, and the Ethics of Autism (or How I Learned to Love Disney)”
Richard A. Lee, Jr. (Philosophy, DePaul University):
“At least they had an ethos: Comedy as the only possible critique”

---lunch (on one’s own)

3:45—5:30pm:  SESSION IV: 
PARTISANSHIP, VIOLENCE, AND SPORTS

Speakers:
Brendan Hogan (Liberal Studies, New York University):
“Pragmatism, power and the situation of democracy”
Scott R. Stroud (Communication Studies, University of Texas):
“The Seductive Pleasures of Partisan Habits of Thought and Argument”
Erin C. Tarver (Philosophy, Oxford College, Emory University)
“The Pleasures of Sports Fandom—or, The Moral Equivalent of Football”
Mary Magada-Ward (Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University):
“Can a Feminist Love the Superbowl?”

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

Saturday, 4 April

---breakfast (on one’s own)

10:00am—12noon:  OPTIONAL SAVANNAH ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY WALKING TOUR

details provided in advance under separate cover for this optional event in a different

---lunch (on one’s own)
1:30—3:00pm: **SESSION V:**
**FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP, PLEASURE, & SELF-INTERRUPTION**

Speakers:
- **Ladelle McWhorter** (*Philosophy & Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, U. Richmond*):
  “Pleasure in Atrocity”
- **Eduardo Mendieta** (*Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook*):
  “The Intimacy of Thought: Philosophy as the Labor of Friendship”
- **Emily Zakin** (*Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio*):
  “Dreaming of Rome: Freud and Ancestral Memory”
- **Vincent M. Colapietro** (*Philosophy and African American Studies, Penn State University*):
  “Experiments in Self-Interruption: A Defining Task of Psychoanalysis, Philosophy, and Other Erotic Practices”

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

3:15—5:00pm: **SESSION VI:**
**SELF-CULTIVATION, VIRAL CULTURES, AND EXAMINED AND UNEXAMINED LIVES**

Speakers:
- **Robert E. Innis** (*Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell*):
- **Jessica Wahman** (*Philosophy, Oxford College, Emory University*):
  “On the Pleasure of Choosing Not to Know What You Can Easily Find Out”
- **John Muckelbauer** (*English Language and Literature, University of South Carolina*):
  “Writing the Virus”
- **John J. Stuhr** (*Philosophy and American Studies, Emory University*):
  “The Unexamined Life and Surface Pleasures”

7pm: **Banquet Dinner:** *Vic’s On the River*
(26 E. Bay St., Savannah; 912-721-1100; [http://www.vicsontheriver.com](http://www.vicsontheriver.com); ask for the Emory/APF private party)

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**Sunday, 5 April**

-Departures