American Philosophies Forum

The 2014 Conference:

Crossings, Hybrids, Genres

April 3-5, 2014; Stony Brook Manhattan (27th & S. Park, New York City)
Co-Sponsors: Emory University & SUNY Stony Brook

Thursday, 3 April

---- participants arrive (local directions: http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/nyc/directions.shtml)

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

4—5:45pm: SESSION I:

GENRES: AUTOBIOGRAPHY, FILM, STORY, DRAMA

Speakers:
Eduardo Mendieta (Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook):
“Philosophy’s Paralipomena: Diaries, Notebooks, and Letters”
Steven Brence (Philosophy, University of Oregon):
“The Unbearable Lightness of Casablanca: In Defense of a Committed Cosmopolitanism”
Megan Craig (Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook):
“Narrative Threads: Ethical Imagination and Philosophy as Story Telling”
Jessica Wahman (Philosophy, Emory University, Oxford):
“Drama as Philosophical Genre”

6--8pm: Opening reception

Friday, 4 April

----breakfast (on one’s own or light breakfast provided at the conference site)

10:00--11:45am: SESSION II:

ANTHROPOCENE TRAVELERS, COSMOPOLITANS, AND NON-CYBORGS

Speakers:
Robert Innis (Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell):
“Travelling toward Distance”
Emily Zakin (Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio):
“Criss-Crossing Cosmopolitanism: State-Phobia World-Alienation & the Global Soul”
Nancy Tuana (Philosophy, Penn State University):
“Being Affected by Climate Change: The Anthropocene and the Body of Ethics”
Mary Magada-Ward (Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University):
“Why Pragmatists Should Not Be Cyborgs”
12:00—1:45pm: **SESSION III:**

**BODIES, LANGUAGE, AND PRAXIS**

Speakers:
- **Talia Welsh** *(Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga):* "Philosophy as Transformative Self-Help"
- **Marcia Morgan** *(Philosophy, Women’s & Gender Studies, Neuroscience, Muhlenberg Coll.)* “Transgression, Plurality, and the Romance of Philosophy”
- **Karmen MacKendrick** *(Philosophy, Le Moyne College):* “A Wound and a Prayer”
- **John Lysaker** *(Philosophy, Emory University):* “Writing as Praxis”

----lunch (on one’s own)

3:45—5:30pm: **SESSION IV:**

**POWER AND POLITICS**

Speakers:
- **Cynthia Gayman** *(English and Philosophy, Murray State University):* “Transactions and the Uninvited Guest: Parasitical Relations and the Call of Conscience”
- **Jennifer Hansen** *(Philosophy and Gender & Sexuality Studies, St. Lawrence University):* “A Moral Equivalent of Jail”
- **Brendan Hogan** *(Liberal Studies, New York University):* “Hegemony, Social Science, and Democratic Practice”
- **José J. Mendoza** *(Philosophy, Worcester State University):* “Why the Presumptive Right is Actually on the Side of the Immigrants”

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

**Saturday, 5 April**

----breakfast (on one’s own)

10:00am—12noon: **OPTIONAL “CROSSINGS, HYBRIDS, GENRES” MUSEUM TRIP**

details provided in advance under separate cover for this optional group event in a different setting with different media.

----lunch (on one’s own)
1:30—3:00pm: **SESSION V:**

**DEMOCRACY, THE PUBLIC, AND THE EVERYDAY**

Speakers:
- **Scott Stroud** *(Communication Studies, University of Texas)*: 
  “The Challenge of Speaking with Others: A Pragmatist Account of Democratic Rhetoric”
- **Eric Weber** *(Public Policy Leadership, University of Mississippi)*: 
  “Philosophy’s Bite: On the Boundary between Scholarship and Public Engagement”
- **Vincent Colapietro** *(Philosophy & African American Studies, Penn State University)*:  
  “The Weather World of Human Experience”

----- breaker

3:15—5:00pm: **SESSION VI:**

**MUTATIONS, HYBRIDS, FUSIONS**

Speakers:
- **Robin James** *(Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Charlotte)*  
  and
- **Sina Kramer** *(Philosophy, Fordham University)*: 
  “Philosophical Mutations”
- **John J. Stuhr** *(Philosophy and American Studies, Emory University)*:  
  “Genres, Hybrids, Crossings”
- **Charles E. Scott** *(Philosophy, Vanderbilt University)*: 
  “Differences, Borders, Fusions”

7pm: **Banquet Dinner: Copper Chimney**  
(126 E. 28th St., NYC 10013; 212-213-5742; [http://www.copperchimneynyc.com](http://www.copperchimneynyc.com))

**Sunday, 6 April**

--participants depart