American Philosophies Forum

The 2013 Conference:

The Ineffable:
Singularity, Life, and the Limits of Language

April 4-6, 2013
Sponsored by Emory University

(Except as noted, all sessions are in the Conference Room, Courtyard Atlanta Downtown Decatur/Emory)

Thursday, 4 April

----participant arrivals

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

4—5:45pm: SESSION I: SIGNIFICATION & THE INEFFABLE

Speakers:
John Lysaker (Philosophy, Emory University):
“Coming to Our Senses: A Philosophy of Language”
Eduardo Mendieta (Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook):
“The Philosopher’s Voice: The Prosody of Logos”
Robert Innis (Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell):
“Art of the Unsayable: The Explicit Animal and the Limits of Articulation”
Jessica Wahman (Philosophy, Dickinson College and Emory University):
“How to Make a Surd (Partially) Intelligible”

7pm: Reception, Stuhr/Wahman home, 201 W. Ponce de Leon, #609, Decatur

Friday, 5 April

----breakfast (on one’s own, at hotel or downtown Decatur)

10:00--11:45am: SESSION II: LOSS, RISK, AND VIOLENCE

Speakers:
Eddie S. Glaude (Religion and African American Studies, Princeton University):
“Religion in the Face of Irreparable Loss”
Cynthia Gayman (English and Philosophy, Murray State University):
“Speaking Towards Death”
Charles E. Scott (Philosophy, Vanderbilt University):
“Sensibility, Violence, and Imaginal Conversion”
Emily Zakin (Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio):
“The Voice of Conscience”
---break

12:00—1:45pm: **SESSION III: BODIES & THE INEFFABLE**

Speakers:

**Anne O’Byrne** *(Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook):*
"The Immemorial and the Ineffable: Gestating the Singular Body."

**Talia Welsh** *(Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga):*
“The Quantified Body: The Ineffability of Health in the Age of Medical Testing”

**Jeff Edmonds** *(Philosophy/Academic Advising Resources Cntr, Vanderbilt U.):*
“Running as a Practice of the Ineffable”

**Cindy Willett** *(Philosophy, Emory University):*
“Reflections: A Model and a Vision for an Interspecies Ethics”

---lunch (on one’s own, downtown Decatur)

3:45—5:30pm: **SESSION V: POLITICS AND THE INEFFABLE**

Speakers:

**Noelle McAfee** *(Philosophy, Emory University):*
“To Be Free With a Vengeance: Thinking, Judgment, and Politics without Banisters”

**Todd May** *(Philosophy, Clemson University):*
“The Effability of the Normative”

**Mark Fagiano** *(Philosophy, Oglethorpe University & Emory University):*
“Politics, Classification, and Racial Identities”

**John Russon** *(Philosophy, University of Guelph):*
“The Limits of Money”

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

---break

**Saturday, 6 April**

---breakfast (on one’s own, at hotel or downtown Decatur)

(9:30) 10:00am—12noon: **OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP TO THE INEFFABLE**
For interested participants *(with advance stated intent):* An APF-paid trip to the High Museum of Art to view “Frida and Diego: Passion Politics, and Painting,” a special exhibit of paintings and drawings by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. See: [http://www.high.org/Frida-Diego](http://www.high.org/Frida-Diego) Hotel departure at 9:30am; return by 12:30pm.

---lunch (on one’s own, downtown Decatur or midtown for field trip)

1:30—3:00pm: **SESSION IV: INEFFABILITY AND THE ARTS**

Speakers:

**Megan Craig** *(Philosophy, State University of New York, Stony Brook):*
“Shadows Everywhere: Color, Sense, and the Antagonism of Speech”

**Mary Magada-Ward** *(Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University):*
“The American Sublime”

**Robin James** *(Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Charlotte):*
“Eliza’s ‘ai’s: Musical Ineffability, Implicit Understanding, & Racialized Virgin/Whore Dichotomies”
---break

3:15—5:00pm: **SESSION VI: SINGULARITY AND IMMEDIACY**

Speakers:

**Richard A. Lee** *(Philosophy, DePaul University)*:
“Singularity, Generality, and Universality”

**Vincent M. Colapietro** *(Philosophy, Penn State University)*:
“Immediacy and Intelligibility: Groping for Names for the Ineffable”

**John J. Stuhr** *(Philosophy, Emory University, USA)*
“Resistances to Verbalization, Formulation, and Discursification”

**Jennifer Hansen** *(Philosophy and Gender & Sexuality Studies, St. Lawrence U.)*:
“Speculative Thinking and the Ineffable”

7pm: **Banquet Dinner**: Cafe Lilly, 308 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur; see: http://www.cafelily.com/

**Sunday, 7 April**
--participant departures