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Thursday, 4 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: MEANINGS OF TRUTH](#)

Speakers:

Vincent Colapietro (*Philosophy, Penn State University & University of Rhode Island*): “*Adequatio Adequately Re-Imagined*”

Robert E. Innis (*Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell*): “On the Lived Truths of Atmospheres: The Qualities of Existential Contexts”

Mary Magada-Ward (*Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University*): “Neither Yours nor Mine but Ours: On the Communal Nature of Truth and Rational Belief”

Larry Cahoon (*Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross*): “Truth, Realism, and the Myth of the Given”

6:30--7:30pm: [OPENING RECEPTION](#) (@ Jessica Wahman and John Stuhr, 201 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030; approximately ½ block from hotel—directions will be provided)

----dinner (on one’s own)

Friday, 5 April

----breakfast (on one’s own)

9:30--11:15am: [SESSION II: TRUTHS, TESTIMONIALS, AND NARRATIVES](#)

Speakers:

Megan Craig (*Philosophy and Art, Stony Brook University*): “Her Truth”

Jennifer Hansen (*Philosophy, St. Lawrence University*): “Truth and Discursive Activism”

Scott R. Stroud (*Communication Studies, University of Texas*): “Exploring the Complex Relationship among Truth, Argument, and Narrative”

Ava Thomas Wright (*Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, University of Georgia*): “Assurance and Lies”

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

11:30am--1:15pm: **SESSION III: VALUES AND PRACTICES OF TRUTH**

Speakers:

John Lysaker (*Philosophy, Emory University*): ““But is it true?””

Mark Fagiano (*Philosophy, University of Central Florida*): “Why Relativism is Not a Philosophical Problem”

Alain Beauclair (*Humanities, MacEwan University*): “Praxis and Pedagogy: Against Moral Management”

Robin James (*Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Charlotte*): “Beauty, Truth, and Justice: On Enjoying Artworks by Artists Who Have Done Terrible Things”

----lunch (on one’s own)

3:45—5:30pm: **SESSION IV: COMMUNITIES, SHARED AND PLURAL TRUTHS**

Speakers:

April Flakne (*Philosophy, Gender Studies, Humanities, & Interdisciplinary Programs, New College of Florida*): “How Common Sense Destroyed Our Sense of the Common.”

Olivia Bailey (*Philosophy, Tulane University*): “Knowing our own hearts: the epistemic significance of empathetic dialogue”

Hanna Gunn (*Philosophy, Vanderbilt University*): “How should we build an epistemic community?”

John J. Stuhr (*Philosophy and American Studies, Emory University*): “Truth, Truths, and Pluralism”

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

Saturday, 6 April

---breakfast (on one's own)

9:30—11:15am: [SESSION V: CONSTRUCTIONS, POST-TRUTHS, AND JUSTICE](#)

Speakers:

John Muckelbauer (*Rhetoric, University of South Carolina*): “On the Uses and Disadvantages of Truth for Thinking Today”

Eduardo Mendieta (*Philosophy and School of International Affairs, Penn State University*): “Digital Truth: Münchhausen Algorithmics”

Nikita Pokrovsky (*Sociology, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow*): “Truthiness vs. Post-Truth: The Ethics of Resistance and Cohesion from Thoreau to Kropotkin”

Jessica Wahman (*Philosophy, Emory University*): “Does Truth Really Matter? Notes on a Crisis of Faith”

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

11:30am—1:15pm: [SESSION VI: DECEPTION, PSEUDO-TRUTH, EVASION, LIES](#)

Speakers:

Emily Zakin (*Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio*): “Collective Self-Deception and *The Lies that Bind*”

Steven Brence (*Philosophy, University of Oregon*): “On Pseudo-Truth (or Fascist Bullshit)”

Carlos Pereda (*Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*): “Sometimes ‘fake news’ doesn’t matter much”

Cory Wimberly (*Philosophy, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*): “Corporations and the Truth: How the Corporation Has Altered the Public Discourse”

---lunch (on one's own)

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

Sunday, 7 April

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

