

**3rd Annual
Undergraduate
Philosophy
Conference**

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

October 24th and 25th, 2008

Keynote Address:

**Beyond 'Eating Disorders':
Why We Have to Rethink Everything We Thought We Knew**
Professor Susan Bordo

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

**1:00-1:30PM
1:30-3:00PM**

Welcoming Remarks (Oak Room)

SESSION 1a: (Oak Room)

RACIAL EPITHETS: WHAT WE SAY AND MEAN BY THEM
ADAM M. CROOM (UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA)

WHY RACE SHOULD NOT BE A DEFINING CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY
BEN TASKER (UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA)

CHAIR: MICHAEL BERTRAND (HOPE COLLEGE)
DISCUSSANT: ROBERT YOST (SIUE)

SESSION 1b: (Redbud Room)

*A DISCUSSION OF SCHELLING'S CONCEPT OF IDENTITY IN RELATION TO
SPINOZA'S SUBSTANCE MONISM*
ALEX LAMPROS (PENN STATE UNIVERSITY)

A FRESH TAKE ON THE NON-IDENTITY PROBLEM
CHRISTA JOHNSON (URSINUS COLLEGE)

CHAIR: KEVIN M. LEWIS (ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: CHRIS KUNZ (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE)

3:30-5:00PM

SESSION 2a: (Oak Room)

MAGIC REALISM AND SHARED EXPERIENCE
KELSEY BORROWMAN (SIUE)

THE "OMNISCIENT" NARRATOR AS A BEING-FOR-ITSELF
ASHLEY BOHRER (GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: CHRISTOPHER GRAVES (UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN)
DISCUSSANT: JOSH HACKETT (HAMLINE UNIVERSITY)

SESSION 2b: (Redbud Room)

A DEFENSE OF LEWISIAN CONTEXTUALISM
Yael BENJAMIN (UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT DARTMOUTH)

A SINGLE UNFORTUNATE CONCEPTION OF WHAT IT IS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE
VICTORIA JOHNSON (ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: RONALD BAUMILLER (DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: ADAM M. CROOM (UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA)

7:00 PM

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
PROFESSOR SUSAN BORDO
MERIDIAN BALLROOM**

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

9:00-10:30AM

SESSION 3a: (Oak Room)

PROMLEMATIC EXCEPTION RULES IN THE THEORY OF MORALITY
MICHAEL BERTRAND (HOPE COLLEGE)

ASSIGNING MORALITY A GENETIC BASIS
EMMA DEAN (UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE)

CHAIR: MILES TUCKER (NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: REBECCA OK (REED COLLEGE)

SESSION 3b: (Redbud Room)

IMITATION, THE NOBLE LIE, AND A BROADER ARGUMENT IN PLATO'S REPUBLIC
RONALD BAUMILLER (DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY)

PLATO'S SOCRATES AND THE GREEK LITERARY TRADITION
MATTHEW RAMIREZ (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN)

CHAIR: GAVIN ARNALL (CORNELL UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: Yael BENJAMIN (UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT DARTMOUTH)

10:45-12:15PM

SESSION 4a: (Oak Room)

BATTLE OF THE INTUITIONS: NAGEL'S "WAR MASSACRE" REVISITED
REBECCA OK (REED COLLEGE)

*BEYOND "BEYOND THE HARM PRINCIPLE": THE SHORTCOMINGS
OF ARTHUR RIPSTEIN'S SOVEREIGNTY PRINCIPLE*
KEVIN M. LEWIS (ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: MATTHEW FINCK (APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: ALEX LAMPROS (PENN STATE UNIVERSITY)

SESSION 4b: (Redbud Room)

*IN DEFENSE OF COLONIALISM:
WHY SMALL ISLAND NATIONS OUGHT NOT SEEK INDEPENDENCE*
DOUGLAS C. DREIER (CORNELL UNIVERSITY)

RETHINKING THE POSTCOLONIAL: THE DIALECTIC OF THE SELF AND THE OTHER
CASEY FORD (DEPAUL UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: DUSTON MASON (COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON)
DISCUSSANT: MINDY YOUNG-LAWSON (SIUE)

2:00-3:30PM

SESSION 5a: (Oak Room)

THE MEDICAL PHILOSOPHY OF WILLIAM JAMES
CHRIS KUNZ (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE)

UNCONSCIOUS EMOTIONS AND JESSE PRINZ: AN INTERPRETATION
DUSTON MASON (COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON)

CHAIR: MATTHEW RAMIREZ (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN)
DISCUSSANT: CHRISTA JOHNSON (URSINUS COLLEGE)

SESSION 5b: (Redbud Room)

THE BADASS AND THE AESTHETIC
JOSH HACKETT (HAMLINE UNIVERSITY)

NOTES ON THE QUALITY OF PLEASURES
MILES TUCKER (NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: DOUGLAS C. DREIER (CORNELL UNIVERSITY)
DISCUSSANT: VICTORIA JOHNSON (ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY)

4:00-6:15PM

SESSION 6: (Oak Room)

REDISCOVERING NATURE IN MARX: THE CONSTRUCTION OF ECOLOGICAL MATERIALISM
MATTHEW FINCK (APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY)

*A CHANGE IN LANGUAGE IS NOT ENOUGH:
THE MARXIST NEED TO ADDRESS OBJECTIVE, PATRIARCHAL CONDITIONS IN THE CRITIQUE OF MALE MONOTHEISM*
CHRISTOPHER PAUL GRAVES (THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN)

SARTRE: FREE TO AND RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING JARGON
GAVIN ARNALL (CORNELL UNIVERSITY)

CHAIR: BEN TASKER (UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA)
DISCUSSANT: CASEY FORD (DEPAUL UNIVERSITY)

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