October 17-18, 2014
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Woodland Commons Conference Center
Sponsored by the UMass Dartmouth College of Arts and Sciences

Friday, October 17, 2014

Registration begins 12:00 pm Woodland Commons Conference Center Lobby

UNDERGRAD 10:00-12:00 Meeting Room 101
Chair:

FIRST SESSION 1:00-2:10
MEETING A Conference Room 1
Chair:
• David Livingstone Smith, University of New England, Dehumanized People as Metaphysical Misfits: Responding to Appiah's Challenge
• Lauren Swayne Barthold, Gordon College, Is Gender a Social Position?

MEETING B Conference Room 3
Chair:
• Charlie Donahue, UMass Dartmouth, Beware of Recondite Constraints
• Erik Thomsen, Decision Support Systems, Tractatus Logico Computatis

SECOND SESSION 2:20 - 3:30
MEETING A Conference Room 1
Chair:
• Megan Mitchell, Stonehill College, Two Conceptions of Racism
• Bassam Romaya, UMass Lowell, What’s Race Got to Do with It? A Defense of Racialized Sexual Desire

MEETING B Conference Room 3
Chair:
• Wes DeMarco, Clark University, The Limits of Priest’s Mathematical Model of Buddhist Emptiness
• Thomas Kivatinos, CUNY, The Unity of Metaphysical Structure

THIRD SESSION 3:40 - 5:25
MEETING A Conference Room 1
Chair:
• Jeff Buechner, Rutgers University-Newark and the Saul Kripke Center, The Rotating Disk Argument: What it is and What it is Not
• Drew Christie, University of New Hampshire, The Reemergence of Emergence
• Alexander Kaiserman, University of Oxford & Princeton, Causes and Counterparts

MEETING B  Conference Room 3
Chair:
• Montgomery Link, Suffolk University, A Background Condition for Aristotle’s Philosophy
• May Sim, Holy Cross, Desiring Wisdom with Aristotle and Zhu Xi by Questioning the One and the Many
• Stephen Mendelsohn, Boston College, Playing Hide and Seek: The Veiled Origin of the Platonic Dialogues

RECEPTION  5:30 - 6:15 pm  Lobby
DINNER  6:15 - 7:30 pm  Conference Room 2
KEYNOTE ADDRESS  7:30 pm  Conference Room 1

Professor Stephen Yablo, MIT

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  TABLE (and free breakfast @ hotels)  8:15-9:00am  Conference Room 2

PLENARY SESSION  9:00-11:00  Conference Room 1

Chair: Tim Nulty
• David Banach, Saint Anselm College, An Unexpected Examination of Yablo’s Paradox will Occur Friday
• Samia Hesni, Tufts University, Quine on Metaphor
• Keota Fields, UMass Dartmouth, Are Zombies Contingently Non-Concrete?
• Stephen Yablo, MIT, Replies to Panelists

FOURTH SESSION  11:10 -12:20
MEETING A  Conference Room 1
Chair:
• Jen Mulnix & Mike Mulnix, UMass Dartmouth & Salem State, Justice and National Well-Being
• David Kaspar, St. John’s University, Stout Nonnaturalist Intuitionism

MEETING B  Conference Room 3
Chair:
• Robert C. Scharff, University of New Hampshire, Heidegger's Early Reading of Dilthey and Nietzsche
• Joshua Tepley, Saint Anselm College, The Meaning of Being in Heidegger's Being and Time

LUNCH/ BUSINESS MEETING  12:30 -1:45  Conference Room 2
FIFTH SESSION  1:55-3:40
MEETING A  Conference Room 1
Chair:
- John Waterman, Colby College, Salience Effects, Skepticism, & Plausibility
- Peter Marton, Clark University, Knowing Possibilities and the Possibility of Knowing (A Further Challenge for the Anti-Realist)
- Michael Hannon, Fordham University, The Purpose and Semantics of Knowledge Ascriptions

MEETING B  Conference Room 3
Chair:
- Brian Donohue, University at Buffalo (SUNY), Macro Powers
- Patrick Grafton-Cardwell, UMass Amherst, Rethinking the Relational/Constituent Division
- Bill Altenburg, Smarts Hill Laboratories, The Ontology of Living Organisms and Their Surroundings Expressed in the Principle of Ontological Equality

SIX SESSION  3:50 - 5:00
MEETING A  Conference Room 1
Chair:
- Kiki Berk, Southern New Hampshire University, How Should Death Inform Our Lives? Lessons from Reflecting on Death
- Chrissy Rojcewicz, Clark University, Being-toward-death: Dasein's Optimal Ontological Priority

MEETING B  Conference Room 3
Chair:
- Nancy Kendrick, Wheaton College, Mary Astell’s Theory of Friendship
- Brendan O'Sullivan, Stonehill College, Tensions in Our Concept of Pain