Northern New England Philosophical Association (NNEPA)
Annual Meeting 2019
College of the Holy Cross
Friday, Nov. 8th to Saturday, Nov. 9th
(All Friday sessions are in the Hogan Campus Center; Keynote on Friday & Plenary on Saturday are in Rehm Library, 3rd Floor Smith Hall)
For more information on this conference:
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Friday, Nov. 8th

Undergraduate Session 9-12 p.m.

“Modern Animal Sacrifice: Why We are so Willing to Sacrifice Animals and an Ecofeminist solution”
University of New Hampshire ’19
Jennifer Gallagher

“On the use of Drones in War”
Wheaton College
Evan Lichter

“Embracing Death with Zhuangzi and Epictetus”
College of the Holy Cross
Thomas J. Dzwonczyk

“Epictetus and Zhuangzi: On the Emotions”
College of the Holy Cross
Mitchell Baker

“An Evaluation of Punishment and the Utility Calculus”
University of New Hampshire
Piper Gibson

Session 1: 1-2:20 pm
1A Underdetermination and Modal Logic
“The Underdetermination of Moral Beliefs by Experience”
University of Montreal
Charle André Terrault

'Sider's "semantic" validity proofs in modal logic'
Rutgers University-Newark
Jeff Buechner

1B Phenomenology in Thought and Science
“Bachelard and Technoscience Studies”
University of New Hampshire
Robert C. Scharff

“Phenomenologically Rich Thought”
University of New Hampshire
Willem A. DeVries
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Session 2: 2:30-3:50
2A Causation and PSR
“Thing Causation and the Problem of Fineness of Grain” Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt
Cornell University

“Leibniz’s Argument for the Principle of Sufficient Reason from Necessary and Sufficient Conditions” Jonathan Westphal

2B Environmental Ethics
“Three Sartrean Motivations for Environmentalism” Kiki Berk & Joshua Teply
Southern New Hampshire University & St. Anselm College

“An Approach to Environmental Ethics Worth Mulling” C. Wesley DeMarco
Clark University

Session 3A: 4-5:20
3A Hope and Happiness
“The Passion of Hope in Modern Philosophy: A Reassessment” Joe Forte
Rivier University

“The Evaluative Nature of Happiness” Michael & Jennifer Mulnix
Salem State University & University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Session 3B: 4-4:40
3B Metaphysics
“Basing without Deviant Causal Chains” Chris Blake-Turner
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Reception 5:30-6 p.m. (Hogan Campus Center)
Banquet 6-7:30 p.m. (Hogan Campus Center)

Keynote: 7:40-9:30 p.m. Rehm Library, Smith Hall 3rd Floor
“Death, Deprivation, and Rational Regret”
Shelly Kagan, Clark Professor of Philosophy at Yale University
Saturday, Nov. 9th
Plenary on Shelly Kagan 9-10:30 Rehm Library, Smith Hall 3rd Floor

“Two Questions for Shelly Kagan” Timm Triplett
University of New Hampshire

“The Limits of Consequentializing.” David Cummiskey
Bates College

Response by Shelly Kagan, Clark Professor of Philosophy at Yale University

Session 4: 10:45-12:05

4A Virtue, Politics and Law: East-West Comparisons
“Human Nature, Virtue Ethics and Law in East and West Philosophy” Ambrose DeMarco
College of the Holy Cross ’18

“Confucian Meritocracy, Political Legitimacy, and Constitutional Democracy” Zhuoyao (Peter) Li
St. John’s University

4B Logic and Language
“Reinterpreting Two-Dimensional Semantics to Avoid Illogical Commitments” Jessica Anne Heine
MIT

“A New Theory of Propositions” David Kaspar
St. John’s University

Lunch 12:10-1:20
Business meeting 1:20-1:50

Session 5 2:00-4 p.m.

5A Science and Logic
“Anecdotal Experiments: evaluating evidence with small sample size” Mike Dacey
Bates College

“Two Concepts of Knowing and the Skeptic’s Scenarios” Peter Marton
Framingham State University

“Exceptions to Certain Rules of Logic in the Uncertainty Principle” G. E. Tetrault
Westfield State University
Saturday, Nov. 9th

5B Acknowledgement and Moral Responsibility
“Analyzing Acknowledgement”
Anna Maria College

“Seeking a Foundation for Morality in Second-Personal Address”
Bates College

“Being Responsible and Making Reparations”
Bates College

5C Mental States: Plants vs. Human Beings
“The Dual-Aspect Competence Theory of Self-Knowledge”
University of Connecticut

Castleton University

“Consciousness, Selfhood, and the Innate You”
Saint Joseph’s College of Maine

Session 6 4-6 p.m.

6A Moral Perception, Respect and Derogation
“Losing Your Scruples”
MIT

“Is There a Right to Respect?”
MIT

“The Varieties of Derogation”
Bates College

6B Autonomy, Sex and Gender
“Gendering, Misgendering & the Semantics of Natural Kinds”
Southern New Hampshire University

“Relational Autonomy and Ameliorative Inquiry”
Keene State College

“A New Defense of the Grandmother Hypothesis”
Boston University