

Association for
**Feminist Ethics
and
Social Theory
Conference**

***Envisioning Plurality: Feminist Perspectives on Pluralism in Ethics,
Politics, and Social Theory***

Oct. 17-20, 2013

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel PhoenixTempe

The Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory is a professional organization dedicated to promoting feminist ethical perspectives on philosophy, moral and political life, and public policy.

Through meetings, publications, and projects, we hope to increase the visibility and influence of feminist ethics, as well as feminist social and political theory, and to provide support to emerging scholars from diverse and underrepresented populations.

Our aim is to further the development and refinement of new understandings of ethical and political concepts and topics, especially as these arise out of feminist concerns.

Thursday Oct. 17

5:00-7:00 Registration(*Hotel Lobby*)

7:00-9:00 View Documentary: “Precious Knowledge” and post film discussion with Pricila Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, and Maya Arce student activists

Location: *Encantada I & II*

Chair: Asha Bhandary (University of Iowa)

**9:30- Graduate Student Meet-and-Greet
Location: *Encantada III***

Friday Oct. 18

8:00-2:00 Registration and Book Display (*Galleria Foyer*)

*** NOTE: those who plan to attend the lunchtime “difficult conversation” on Friday should pre-order their lunch beforehand, and pick it up just before lunchtime. Order forms are available at the hostess stand in the restaurant (and should be filled out before 10:30 a.m. Friday).**

8:00-10:30 Continental Breakfast/Coffee (*Galleria Patio*)

8:45-10:05 Concurrent Sessions

Session A: Thinking Through Beauvoir

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: Michael Monahan (Marquette University)

8:45-9:25 Richard Lynch (DePauw University), “Freedom’s Justification: Ethical Bootstrapping in Beauvoir and Foucault”

9:25-10:05 Megan Burke (University of Oregon), “Becoming a Woman: Simone de Beauvoir’s Phenomenological Gender Pluralism”

Session B: The Roles of Intuition in Our Moral Thinking

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

Chair: Louise Collins (Indiana University South Bend)

8:45-9:25 Emma Ryman (Western University), “Going With Your Gut: Trust and the Implications of Implicit Racial Bias”

9:25-10:05 Lisa Tessman (Binghamton University), “Intuitions and Reflective Equilibrium in Feminist Ethics”

10:05-10:20 Break

Session C: Panel: Pluralism and Feminist Theories of Freedom

Location: Galleria A & B

Chair: Alison Jaggar (University of Colorado Boulder)

- 10:20-11:00 **Nancy J. Hirschmann** (University of Pennsylvania), "Disability Rights: A Question of Justice? Or a Question of Freedom?"
- 11:00-11:40 **Shay Welch** (Spelman College), "Radical-cum-Relational: A Feminist Understanding of Native Individual Autonomy"
- 11:40-12:20 **Allison Weir** (University of Western Sydney), "Feminism and Freedom: Some Non-Western Perspectives"

Session D: Failures of Pluralism in Philosophy and Feminist Thought: Diagnoses and Recommendations

Location: Encantada Ballroom

Chair: Asha Bhandary (University of Iowa)

- 10:20-11:00 **Stephanie Rivera Berruz** (SUNY Buffalo), "The Gaze Returned: Boomerang Perception Thrown Through Racial Realism"
- 11:00-11:40 **Deniz Durmus** (Penn State University), "Toward a Pluralistic Understanding of Feminist Consciousness: Islamic and Secular Feminisms in the Middle East"
- 11:40-12:20 **Kim Q. Hall** (Appalachian State University), "Religion, Race, and Queerness: A Question of Accommodation or Access"

12:30-2:00 Lunch and Difficult Conversation: "Would Feminist Philosophy's Acceptance Necessarily Improve the Climate of the Philosophical Profession?"

Location: Galleria C

Please bring your pre-ordered lunch to this meeting.

Chair: Margaret McLaren (Rollins College)

Speakers: **Margaret Crouch** (Eastern Michigan University), **Peggy DesAutels** (University of Dayton), **Erin Tarver** (Oxford College of Emory University)

2:10-3:25 Keynote Address: "Global Echoes of Rape and Resistance"

Location: Encantada Ballroom

Speaker: **Linda Alcoff** (Hunter College/CUNY Grad Center)

Chair: Bonnie Mann (University of Oregon)

3:25-3:40 Break (Galleria Patio)

3:40-6:20 Concurrent Sessions:

Session E: Pluralistic Conceptions of Epistemology

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: Lorraine Code (York University)

- 3:40-4:20 **Naomi Scheman** (University of Minnesota), "Empowering Canaries: Sustainability, Vulnerability, and the Ethics of Epistemology"
- 4:20-5:00 **Ezgi Sertler** (Michigan State University), "Lying as a Systematic Practice for Women Telling it Slant"
- 5:00-5:40 **Shari Stone-Mediatore** (Ohio Wesleyan University), "Attending to Others: Simone Weil and the Challenge to Epistemic Hierarchies"
- 5:40-6:20 **Anna Malavisi** (Michigan State University), "Pluralism of Knowledges for Global Justice"

Session F: Exercising Agency and Selfhood in the Face of Violence and Oppression

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

Chair: Elise Springer (Wesleyan University)

- 3:40-4:20 **Sarah Clark Miller** (Penn State University), "On the Possibility of Moral Repair for Genocidal Rape"
- 4:20-5:00 **Alisa Bierria** (Stanford University), "Missing in Action: Violence, Power, & Discerning Agency"
- 5:00-5:40 **Cynthia M. Paccacerqua** (The University of Texas), "Anzaldúa's Affective Logic of Volverse Una"
- 5:40-6:20 **Cressida Heyes** (University of Alberta), "Norms of Agency, Plural: The Case of Work"

Dinner (on one's own)

9-11 Reception(*Flagstone Patio*)

Saturday Oct. 19

8:00-10:30 Continental Breakfast/Coffee (*Galleria Patio*)

*** NOTE:** those who plan to attend the lunchtime workshop on Saturday should pre-order their lunch beforehand, and pick it up just before lunchtime. Order forms are available at the hostess stand in the restaurant (and should be filled out before 10:30 a.m. Saturday).

8:45-10:45 Concurrent Sessions

Session G: The Role of Judgment, Tolerance, and Theories of the Public Sphere in Achieving Pluralism

Location: Galleria A & B

Chair: Devora Shapiro (Southern Oregon University)

- 8:45-9:25 **Bonnie Mann** (University of Oregon), "Three White Men Walk into a Bar: Philosophy's Pluralism"
- 9:25-10:05 **Susan Dieleman** (Dalhousie University), "Diversity and Pluralism in Philosophy: Lessons from Feminist Political Philosophy"
- 10:05-10:45 **Alison Reiheld** (SIU Edwardsville), "Civility vs. Pluralism: A Conflict and Its Resolution"

Session H: Workshop: Crossing Over: How Should Feminist Ethics Engage the World?

Location: Encantada Ballroom

Chair: Meryl Altman (DePauw University)

Participants:

Alison Bailey (Illinois State University), "Using Intersectionality to Bring Pluralism to Feminist Ethics: The Case of Indian Surrogacy"

Meryl Altman (DePauw University), "Feminist Ethics and Feminist Economics: the Case of Migrant Domestic Labor"

Donna Riley (Smith College), "How Feminist Ethics Brings Pluralism to Engineering: The Prison-Industrial Complex And/Or Drone Warfare"

Gaile Pohlhaus, Jr. (Miami University), "Feminism and What Philosophy Does (Not) Know"

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Keynote Address "What Would true Philosophical Pluralism Look Like? Intersectionality, Embodied Epistemology, and Death in the University"

Location: Encantada Ballroom

Speaker: **Jennifer Lisa Vest** (Retired Associate Professor of Philosophy/Poet)

Chair: Shay Welch (Spelman College)

12:30-2:00 Lunch and PIKSI (Philosophy in an Inclusive Key) Panel on Pluralism

Location: Galleria C

Please purchase your lunch ahead of time to bring to this meeting.

Chair: Ellen Feder (American University)

Panelists:

Nabina Liebow(Georgetown University), "Pluralism: Adding to the Conversation"

Jennifer O. Gammage(University of New Mexico), "Phenomenologies of Ignorance and Hortatory Ethics: Using William James to Promote Institutional Pluralism"

Christine Wieseler(University of South Florida), “Feminist Phenomenology and the Impairment/Disability Distinction: Incorporating the Lived Body into Disability Theory”

Katharine Schweitzer(University of Nevada, Reno), “The Second Sexism: A Case Study in Negotiating the Tension between Feminism and Pluralism”

2:15-4:45 Concurrent Sessions:

Session I: Invited Panel on Pluralism

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: Shelley Park (University of Central Florida)

2:15-3:05 **Teresa Blankmeyer Burke** (Gallaudet University), “Signs of Deaf Philosophy”

3:05-3:55 **Scott Pratt**(University of Oregon), "Indigenous Agencies and the Pluralism of Empire"

3:55-4:45 **Margaret Denike** (Dalhousie University), “Affect, Difference, Politics”

Session J: Neoliberalism, Libertarianism, and Feminist Political Theories

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

Chair: Sonia Kruks (Oberlin College)

2:15-2:55 **Margaret Crouch** (Eastern Michigan University), “Equality and Neoliberalism in Higher Education in a Global Context [We are All Economists Now]”

2:55-3:35 **Dan Hicks** (Rotman Institute of Philosophy, Western University), “On Okin’s Critique of Libertarianism”

3:35-4:15 **Amy Billingsley** (University of Oregon), “Hope in a Vice: Carole Pateman, Amy Allen, and Suspicious Hope”

4:45-5:00 Break(*Galleria Patio*)

5:00-7:00 Concurrent Sessions

Session K: Workshop: Pushing the Boundaries of Philosophy: Feminism as Publicly Engaged Philosophy

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: **Noelle McAfee** (Emory University),

Speakers: **Linda Martin Alcoff** (Hunter College/CUNY Grad Center); **Kristie Dotson** (Michigan State University); **Sharon M. Meagher** (University of Scranton); **Anita Silvers** (San Francisco State University), **Yolonda Wilson** (Duke University)

Session L: Bodies and their Implications for Political Judgment and Ethical Judgments

Chair: Dana Rognlie (University of Oregon)

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

5:00-5:40 **Rachel Tillman** (Stony Brook University), "Bodies, Persuasion, and Epistemology: A Feminist Materialist Engagement with Linda Zerilli's Politics of Freedom"

5:40-6:20 **Ellen Feder** (American University), "A Question of Ethics As/Or a Question of Culture: The Problem of What Is and What Ought to Be"

Dinner(on one's own)

8:30-9:30 Business Meeting (open to all)
Location: *Galleria A & B*

9:30-11:00 Reception
Graduate Student Paper Award
Location: *Flagstone Patio*

Sunday Oct. 20

8:00-10:30 Continental Breakfast/Coffee (*Galleria Patio*)

8:45-10:45 Concurrent Sessions

Session O: Care Ethics in Global, Communal, and Bodily Contexts

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: Julie McDonald (St. Joseph University)

8:45-9:25 **Eva Kittay** (Stony Brook University), "The Body as the Place of Care"

9:25-10:05 **Fulden Ibrahimhakkioğlu** (University of Oregon), "Institutional or Communal Care? Some Difficulties in Articulating a Politics of Care"

10:05-10:45 **Ornaith O'Dowd** (University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College), "'Caring About' and the Problem of Overwhelming Obligations"

Session P: Ethics and Oppression

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

Chair: Christine Wieseler (University of South Florida)

8:45-9:25 **Theresa W. Tobin** (Marquette University), "The Moral Significance of Spiritual Violence"

9:25-10:05 **Catlyn Origiano** (Marquette University), "Pluralistic Perspectives and Moral Imagination: A Cautionary Tale"

10:05-10:45 **Jessica Payson** (Bryn Mawr College), "Responsibility for Moral Luck"

10:45-10:55 **Break**

10:55-11:50 **Concurrent Sessions**

Session Q: Interrogating Binaries and Intersectionalities

Location: *Galleria A & B*

Chair: Margaret Urban Walker (Marquette University)

10:55-11:35 **Kate Parsons** (Webster University), "Wild, Child"

11:35-12:15 **Peter Higgins** (Eastern Michigan University), "The Intersectionality Thesis"

Session R: Psychiatry, Epistemic Pluralism, and Structural Injustice

Location: *Encantada Ballroom*

Chair: Nancy Potter (University of Louisville)

10:55-11:35 **Suzie Berkhout, Lucy Costa, and the Resident and Consumer/Survivor Initiative** (RACI) (The University of Toronto and the Empowerment Council, Canada), "Pluralism, Protest, and Rhetorical Space: Exploring Epistemic Practices in a Psychiatry Resident and Consumer/Survivor Initiative"

11:35-12:15 **Abigail Gosselin** (Regis University), "Hermeneutical Injustice and the 'Language' of Mental Disorders"

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