



Fort Hays State University Map

Program

The sixty-second annual meeting of the

Mountain – Plains Philosophy Conference

October 23–25, 2008

Hosted by the Department of Philosophy
Fort Hays State University
Hays, Kansas

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Thursday, October 23 (Hays Holiday Inn, Custer Room)
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Registration

Session One: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Metaphysics
Chair: Moderator: Richard Hughes (Fort Hays State University)

7:00 p.m. **"Sin and Performance"**

Speaker: Laura Bernhardt (Buena Vista University)
Commentator: James Mock (University of Central Oklahoma)

8:00 p.m. **"Martha Nussbaum on Ethics and Literature"**

Speaker: Eva M. Dadlez (University of Central Oklahoma)
Commentator: Doug Drabkin (Fort Hays State University)

9:00 p.m. **"Can Brains Be Certain?"**

Speaker: Tomas Bogardus (University of Texas at Austin)
Commentator: Patrick Arens (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Friday, October 24 (FHSU-Pioneer Lounge of Memorial Union)

8:30 a.m. Trolley departs from Holiday Inn to FHSU campus
8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast at FHSU

Session Two: Ethics
Chair: Carl Miller (Fort Hays State University)

9:00 a.m. **"Justifying Punishment: The Educative Approach as Presumptive Favorite"**

Speaker: Daniel Demetrou (University of Colorado at Boulder)
Commentator: Carl Ficarrotta (US Air Force Academy)

10:00 a.m. **"Could Morality Have a Source?"**

Speaker: Chris Heathwood (University of Colorado at Boulder)
Commentator: Charles Wallis (California State University at Long Beach)

11:00 a.m. **"Moral Skepticism and the Other Agent"**

Speaker: David Kaspar (University of Nevada, Reno)
Commentator: Ruth Tallman (University of Oklahoma)

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

Session Three: Philosophy of Language
Chair: Franz-Peter Grisesmater (University of Wyoming)

1:00 p.m. **"The Semantic Features of Bound Pronouns"**

Speaker: ~~Katrina Przyjenski, Oxford~~ ANYU
Commentator: Mare-Moffett (University of Wyoming)

2:00 p.m. **"Vague Entailment"**

Speaker: David Barnett (University of Colorado at Boulder)
Commentator: Tim Murphy (Fort Hays State University)

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Keynote Address (Albertson Hall, Room 169)

Welcome by President Ed Hammond
Introduction by Dean Paul Faber

Keynote speaker: Professor Ted Sider
(New York University)

"Meta-metaphysics: Writing the Book of the World?"

5:00 p.m. Trolley departs from FHSU Memorial Union to Holiday Inn

Reception and Banquet (Hays Holiday Inn, Custer Room)

6:30 p.m. Reception and cash bar

6:45 p.m. Chamber music by Doug's String Quartet

7:30 p.m. Banquet - MC: Carl Miller

8:00 p.m. Storyteller, Wild Bill Hickok

8:30 p.m. or so, Annual Meeting of MPPC

Saturday, October 25 (Hays Holiday Inn, Custer Room)

7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

Session Four: Logic, Semantics, and Metaphysics
Chair: Gene Rice (Fort Hays State University)

8:00 a.m. **"Some Textbook Discrepancies"**

Speaker: Casey Swank (St. Cloud State University)
Commentator: Harold Rood (Washburn University)

9:00 a.m. **"Relativistic Semantics for Temporal (and Spatial) Duration"**

Speaker: Angel Pinillos (Arizona State University)

Commentator: David Beisecker (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

10:00 a.m. **"A Defense of the Compatibility of Indeterminism with Presentism and Eternalism"**

Speaker: Adam R. Thompson (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Commentator: Joseph Ulatowski (University of Wyoming)

11:00 a.m. **"Taking Brains Seriously: A Response to Eric Olson's Sparse Ontology"**

Speaker: Joungbin Lim, University of Virginia

Commentator: Robert Colter (University of Wyoming)

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