

Program

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

Session One

Terrazza Room, First Floor of the Siena Hotel

Chair: Christopher Williams (University of Nevada, Reno)

7:00 PM

Alex Baia (University of Texas, Austin), "Presentism and Singular Predication"
comments by Jose Martin (University of Nevada, Reno)

8:00 PM

Frank Grabowski (Rogers State University), "Russell on Instinctive Belief and the Reasonableness of
Theism"
comments by Carl Miller (Fort Hays State University)

9:00 PM

Franz-Peter Griesmaier (University of Wyoming), "Evidence, Evidentialism, and Epistemic
Sophistication"
comments by Ken Lucey (University of Nevada, Reno)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

Session Two

UNR campus, Crowley Student Union, Room 320

Chair: Dave Beisecker (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

9:00 AM

Alex Grzankowski (University of Texas at Austin), "That Isn't What's Puzzling"
comments by Michael Wolf (Washington & Jefferson College)

10:00 AM

Mark McCullagh (University of Guelph), "How to Use a Concept You Reject"
comments by Henry Jackman (York University)

11:00 AM

Michael Thune (Joliet Junior College), "Does Disagreement Lead to Skepticism? A Response to Feldman"
comments by Iskra Fileva (University of Nevada, Reno)

Session Three

UNR campus, Crowley Student Union, Room 402

Chair: Jamie Mock (University of Central Oklahoma)

1:00 PM

David Kaspar (University of Nevada, Reno), "If I Don't Do It, Somebody Else Will"
comments by Candace Upton (University of Denver)

2:00 PM

Svetlana Beggs (University of California, Riverside), "Tolstoy and Nussbaum on Innocence"
comments by Eva Dadlez (University of Central Oklahoma)

Session Four

Keynote Address

3:30 PM

Avrum Stroll (University of California, San Diego), "A New Defense of Same-Sex Marriage"

6:00 PM

Evening Banquet
Terrazza Room, First Floor of the Siena Hotel

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Session Five

Terrazza Room, First Floor of the Siena Hotel

Chair: Matthew Hallgarth (Tarleton State University)

9:00 AM

Theodore Guleserian (Arizona State University), "A Failure of Frankfurt's Counterexample to the Principle of Alternative Possibilities"

comments by Mark Silcox (University of Central Oklahoma)

10:00 AM

Xiaofei Liu (University of Missouri, Columbia), "A Hybrid View of the Ontology of Consent"

comments by Joseph Ulatowski (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

11:00 AM

Donald Bruckner (Pennsylvania State University, New Kensington), "Flukes, Quirks, and the Desire Theory of Well-Being"

comments by Douglas Drabkin (Fort Hays State University)

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