

Brief history. The Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference has convened annually since 1947. Keynote speakers have included prominent figures such as Robert Brandom, Roderick Chisholm, Leonard Linsky, Richard Rorty, and John Searle. Although only a handful of talented philosophers from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming met in the early years, the conference has grown to include folks from other parts of the United States and from around the world.

Registration. Registration is \$20 and the dinner banquet Friday night costs an additional \$30. We accept cash or personal checks. A registration table will be set up outside Yost Auditorium on Friday and Saturday morning. The registration table will open 30 minutes before the first talk.

Shuttle. There is a shuttle available from the hotel to the college and from the college to the hotel. Participants should meet in the hotel lobby 5–10 minutes prior to the shuttle's scheduled departure time. An airport shuttle is also available. Please contact Michael Wolf (mwolf@washjeff.edu) for more information.

Location. All sessions, including the keynote address, will take place in the Burnett Center's Yost Auditorium.

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Conference website:

<http://www.mt-plains.org>

64th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference

Washington & Jefferson College
Washington, PA
15 October - 16 October 2010



Friday, 15 October 2010

Program schedule

Saturday, 16 October 2010

8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m. Refreshments and conference registration

9:00a.m. – 9:50a.m.

Chair: Joe Ulatowski (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Presenter: Donald Bruckner (Pennsylvania State University, New Kensington)

Against the tedium of immortality

Commentator: James Mock (University of Central Oklahoma)

10:00a.m. – 10:50a.m.

Chair: Michael Wolf (Washington & Jefferson College)

Presenter: Eric Vogelstein (Jefferson College of Health Sciences)

Moral normativity

Commentator: Travis Rieder (Georgetown University)

11:00a.m. – 11:50a.m.

Chair: Richard Montgomery (West Virginia University)

Presenter: Adam Podlaskowski (Fairmont State University)

All paths lead to original intentionality

Commentator: Joseph Baltimore (West Virginia University)

12:00p.m. – 12:55p.m. Lunch (on your own)

Executive Committee Meeting

1:00p.m. – 2:50p.m. Symposium on the philosophy of art

Chair: Carl Ficarotta (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill)

Presenter: Justin Horn (University of Idaho)

Drawing analogies between language and music

Commentator: Hanna Kim (Washington & Jefferson College)

Presenter: Eva Dadlez (University of Central Oklahoma)

Film, emotion, and imagination

Commentator: Craig Fox (California University of Pennsylvania)

3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. Keynote address

Chair: Michael Wolf (Washington & Jefferson College)

6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Annual banquet

The Union Grill, 13 1/2 East Wheeling St. Washington, PA

Restaurant website: <http://www.theuniongrill.com>

Keynote address

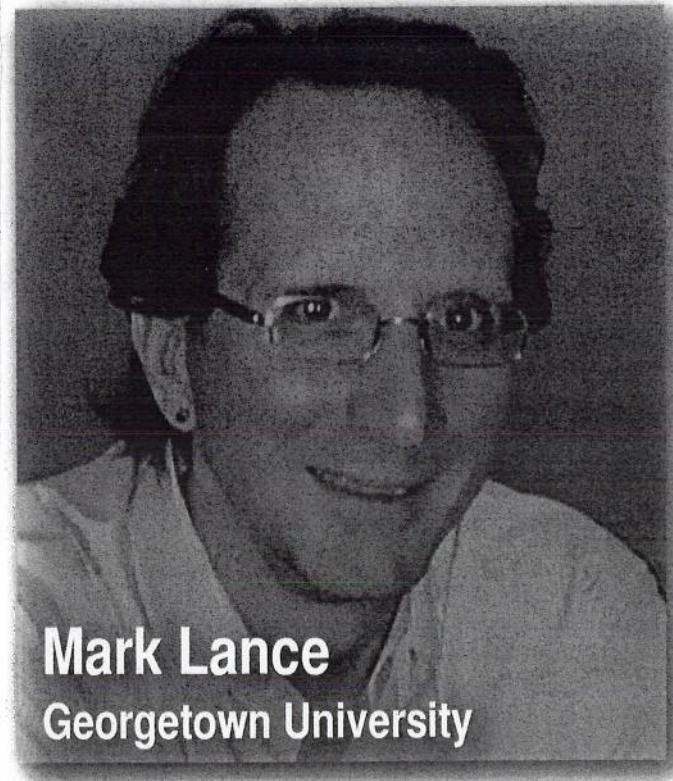
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Friday, 15 October 2010

Washington & Jefferson College

Yost Auditorium (Burnett Center Room 114)

Life is not a box-score: lived normativity, moral evaluation, and the is-ought distinction



Mark Lance
Georgetown University

9:30a.m. – 10:00a.m. Refreshments and conference registration

10:00a.m. – 11:50a.m. Symposium on epistemology

Chair: Pascal Massie (Miami University of Ohio)

Presenter: Robert Colter (University of Wyoming)

Forgetting recollection: why Socrates does not (really) endorse recollection in the Meno

Commentator: Gregg Osborne (Washington & Jefferson College)

Presenter: Kenneth Pearce (University of Southern California)

In defense of ignorant assertions

Commentator: Richard Greene (Weber State University)

12:00p.m. – 12:55p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00p.m. – 2:50p.m. Symposium on applied ethics

Chair: G. Andrew Rembert (Washington & Jefferson College)

Presenter: Thomas Peard (Baker University [KS])

Sexual harassment in the classroom: exploring the limits of free speech

Commentator: Monica Beisecker (independent scholar)

Presenter: Tina Rulli (Yale University)

May we prefer our "own" children?

Commentator: Candace Upton (University of Denver)

3:00p.m. – 5:50p.m. Symposium on metaphysics

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

Presenter: Adam Thompson (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Moral requirements, moral blameworthiness, and what 'can' and 'could' can and could mean

Commentator: Clint Hall (Georgetown University)

Presenter: Megan Wallace (University of Kentucky)

The argument from vagueness for modal parts

Commentator: Mark McCullagh (University of Guelph)

Presenter: David Taylor (independent scholar)

Temporal wholes, constituent ontologies, and the special composition problem

Commentator: Mary Beth Willard (Franklin & Marshall College)