



THE
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ANNUAL

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS
PHILOSOPHY
CONFERENCE

Hosted by
THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEVADA - RENO


OCT.
16-18
2014

THURSDAY

NATURALISM

7:00-7:50 PM

“Naturalism and the Agent’s Perspective”

Nicholas Tebben (Towson University)

Comments: Joseph Ulatowski (University of Texas at El Paso)

Chair: Ken Lucey (University of Nevada Reno)

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

8:00-8:50 PM

“God’s Will for Us: A Response to Wolterstorff”

Daniel Crescenzo (University of Georgia)

Richard Jordan Lavender (Boston College)

Comments: Ken Lucey (University of Nevada, Reno)

Chair: Carl Miller (Fort Hays State University)

9:00-9:50 PM

“Democritus on Soul: Unitary Motion of a Plurality”

Susan Purviance (University of Toledo)

Comments: Daniel Graham (Brigham Young University)

Chair: Laura Bernhardt (Buena Vista University)

FRIDAY

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

9:00-9:50 AM

“Mapping Perception”

Andrew Lavin (University of California Los Angeles)

Comments: Michael Fitzpatrick (Stanford University)

Chair: David Beiseker (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

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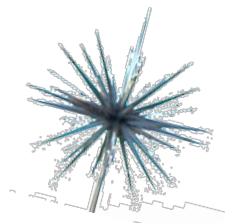
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BRIEF HISTORY

The Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference has convened annually since 1947. Keynote speakers have included prominent figures such as Hubert Dreyfus, Carol Becker, Paul Ricoeur, Marcia Eaton, Richard Rorty, and James Rachels. 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 world.

Visit us online at www.mt-plains.org

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$25 and the Friday night dinner banquet cost is an additional \$33, which covers meal, refreshments, and gratuity. We accept cash or personal checks, payable to "Mountain Plains Philosophy." A registration table will be available at the Sienna Hotel-Casino Thursday evening and Friday morning.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

All talks Thursday evening and Saturday morning will take place at *The Terrazza Room* in the Siena Hotel-Casino.

All talks Friday will be hosted by The University of Nevada –Reno in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 323.

For a map of the campus, visit:
http://www.unr.edu/Documents/around-campus/map_vertical.pdf

REQUESTS

Please contact Ken Lucey about any meal or accessibility accommodations you will need at Siena and/or the university.

10:00-10:50 AM

“Time and Neuroscience: An Objection to Tensed Theories of Time”

Matthew Pike (University of Colorado)

Comments: David Tostenson (Fort Hays State University)

Chair: Franz-Peter Griesmaier (University of Wyoming)

ETHICS & METAETHICS

11:00-11:50 AM

“Moore and Austin on ‘Can’”

Martha Gibson (University of Wisconsin)

Comments: Carl Ficarrotta (Visitor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

Chair: Joe Ulatowski (University of Texas at El Paso)

LUNCH 12:00-1:15 PM



1:15-2:05 PM

“Gender and Moral Virtue in Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*: The Third Critique as a Template for Identifying Feminine Deficit”

Sarah Woolwine (University of Central Oklahoma)

Comments: Carol Quinn (Metropolitan State University)

Chair: Candice Shelby (University of Colorado Denver)

2:15-3:05 PM

“The Humean Theory of Motivation: Psychological or Metaphysical?”

Caroline Arruda (University of Texas at El Paso)

Comments: Horace Fairlamb (University of Houston Victoria)

Chair: Carl Ficarrotta (Visitor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

KEYNOTE

"HUMAN PERSONS: NATURAL BUT UNIQUE"

LYNNE RUDDER BAKER

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITA
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

In this talk, I ask and answer what I call "The Question": How can we persons both be connected to the animal world--a seamless whole, with no break between human and nonhuman animals--and yet be morally and ontologically unique, importantly unlike anything else in the material world? The answer is Constitutionalism, the view that we are related to our animal bodies by constitution, not by identity. What distinguishes us from everything else in nature is that we alone have robust first-person perspectives that enable us to be rational and moral agents--not just to have goals, but to assess and change our goals as well.

Dr. Baker is a widely published philosopher with numerous prestigious awards and honors. She earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1972. Her latest publication and fifth book, Naturalism and the First-Person Perspective was published just last year.



EPISTEMOLOGY

3:15-4:05 PM

"Can't We Just Agree to Disagree? Epistemic Intuitions and the Problem of Cognitive Diversity"

Philip Osborne (Rowan University)

Comments: Sara Waller (Montana State University)

Chair: Peter Tan (University of Virginia)

4:30 PM

Keynote Address: "Human Persons: Natural But Unique"

Lynne Rudder Baker (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

SATURDAY

METAPHYSICS

9:00-9:50 AM

"Against the Replacement Argument"

Eric Yang (Claremont McKenna College)

Comments: Klaus Ladstaetter (Washburn University)

Chair: Daniel Crescnezo (University of Georgia)

10:00-10:50 AM

"Saving Vagueness from Higher-Order Vagueness"

Peter Tan (University of Virginia)

Comments: Ceth Lightfield (University of California Davis)

Chair: Joe Ulatowski (University of Texas at El Paso)

11:00-11:50 AM

"Ontological Commitments of Dispositions"

Matthew Howery (San Francisco State University)

Comments: Spencer Home (San Francisco State University)

Chair: Laura Bernhardt (Buena Vista University)