THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

29th INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

Civic Virtues, Divided Societies, and Democratic Dilemmas

July 26 - July 28, 2012
Northeastern University
Boston, Massachusetts
Conference Locations

- **Thursday registration**: First floor, Ryder Hall.
- **Friday registration**: First floor, Shillman Hall.
- **Conference sessions**: Ryder Hall and Shillman Hall.
- **Plenary sessions**: Thursday and Saturday Plenaries in Egan Research Center; Friday Plenary in Behrakis Center.

**Travel directions** to International Village Residence, Renaissance Parking Garage, Ryder Hall and Shillman Hall are posted on the NASSP website and the Northeastern University Ethics Institute website.

**Full Campus Map available at**:
http://www.northeastern.edu/campusmap/map/index.html

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**Thursday, July 26 Registration**: Ryder Hall 1st Floor, 8:30–3:00

**Session 1**: 9:00–10:30 a.m.

1A. Tolerance and Compromise [427 Ryder]
Chair: John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University
- Samantha Bertrand, Franciscan University of Steubenville, “The Taming of the Cyclops”
- Mark Kosner, Queens University, “On the Virtue of Tolerance”
- Katharine Schweitzer, Emory University, “Compromise and Tolerance as Practices of Reciprocity and Respect”

1B. Education and (Neo)Liberal Democracy [431 Ryder]
Chair: Nancy Snow, Marquette University
- Richard Oxenberg, Endicott College, “Philosopher Kings and the Kingdom of Ends: On the Need for a Moral Civic Pedagogy”
- Margaret Crouch, Eastern Michigan University, “Diversity, Gender, and Neoliberalism in Higher Education in a Global Context”
- Phillip Deen, Wellesley College, “Inquiry and Virtue: An Argument for Civic Education”

1C. Revisiting Rawlsian Justice [456 Ryder]
Chair: Jordy Rocheleau, Austin Peay State University
- Dan Hicks, University of Notre Dame, “Rawls’ Rationalist Conception of Justice”
- Kyle Johannsen, Queen’s University, “Cohen on Rawls: Personal Choice and the Ideal of Justice”

1D. Naturalized Ethics [433 Ryder]
Chair: Melissa Mosko, Grand Valley State University
- Brandon Davis-Shannon, SUNY Binghamton, “The Depressed Ethicist: What Vulnerability to Depression Reveals about the Frailty of Moral Reasoning”
- Lisa Tessman, SUNY Binghamton, “Moral Sociality”
- Nicholas Smyth, Brown University, “Ethical Evaluation After Situationism”

**Refreshment Break**: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

3rd Floor Ryder Hall
2A. Trust and Skepticism [427 Ryder]
Chair: Barry DeCoste, Michigan State University
- Pierre LeMorvan, College of New Jersey, “Skepticism as a Civic Virtue and Civic Vice”
- Patti Lenard, University of Ottawa “Severely Divided Societies, Trust and the Struggle for Democracy”
- Anne Ozar, Creighton University, “Civic Distrust and Fear of the So-called ‘Free Rider’”

2B. Deliberation and Dignity: “Women’s Issues” in Globalized Public Discourse [431 Ryder]
Chair: Katharine Schweitzer, Emory University
- Melissa Mosko, Grand Valley State University, “Democracy, Deliberation and the (so called) War on Women”
- Abigail Gosselin, Regis University, “Gender Justice and Globalization of Mental Disorders”

2C. States and the Stateless [433 Ryder]
Chair: Alice McLachlan, York University
- Bat-Ami Bar-On, SUNY Binghamton, “What Shall We Do with these People?”
- Serena Parekh, Northeastern University, “Democracy for Refugees”
- Jennifer Szende, Queens University, “On Human Rights and the Stateless”

2D. Pride [456 Ryder]
Chair: Mark Navin, Oakland University
- Jeremy Fischer, University of Calgary, “Race and Pride”
- Lisa Rivera, University of Massachusetts, Boston, “Three Varieties of Pride”
- Erin Tarver, Georgetown College, “Sports Fandom and Democratic Communities”

2E. Aesthetic Experience as Site of the Political [315 Shillman]
Chair: Matt Silliman, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Norman Fischer, Kent State University, “How Philosophical Reconstruction of Historical Novels of Civil Liberties Illuminates Civic Virtue and Republican Democracy in Divided Societies”
- Rebecca Farinas, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, “Radicalizing the Commonplace through Film: Pierre Bourdieu’s Praxeology in Defiance of Elite Culture”

Lunch 12:15-1:45 p.m. (on your own) (See back page for eating places)

12:45-1:45pm Graduate Student Workshop
On Publishing in Philosophy [315 Shillman]
All graduate students are welcome. Please pick up and bring a lunch as this is a “brown bag” (i.e. bring your own) lunch event. [Food for purchase available both in Ryder, 1st floor, and Shillman, 1st floor.]

Session 3: 1:45-3:15 p.m.

3A. Epistemic Virtue & the Myth of the Generic Subject [433 Ryder]
Chair: Gaile Pohlhaus, Miami University (Ohio)
- Emily S. Lee, California State University, Fullerton, “Fanon and Outlaw and the Question of the Inferiority Complex: The Epistemic Value of Experience”
- Lauren Weis, American University, “Bias and Civic Responsibility: Critical Objectivity as a Civic Virtue”
- Annaleigh Curtis, University of Colorado at Boulder, “Epistemic Injustice and Moral Knowledge”

3B. Senses of Belonging and the Nation [325 Shillman]
Chair: Paul Morrow, Vanderbilt University
- Clara Nisley, Louisiana State University, “Concerns with Associative Political Obligations”
- Nina Brewer-Davis, Auburn University, “Partiality and the Significance of Shared History”
- Jacob Affalter, University of Kentucky, “A Defense of Toleration as a Central Virtue for Liberal Democracies”

3C. Global Poverty and Affluence [415 Shillman]
Chair: Andrew Smith, Drexel University
- Oliver Tosky, SUNY Binghamton, “Questioning Affluence within the Literature on Moral Demandingsness”
- Cristian Dimitru, University of Toronto, “Global Justice and the Odious Debt Doctrine”
- Ovadia Ezra, Tel Aviv University, “Global Distributive Justice: An Environmental Perspective”

3D. Social Categories and Privilege [425 Shillman]
Chair: Jennifer Benson, Washington College
- Yuanfang Dai, Michigan State University, “Challenging the Particularity Argument”
- Kevin Graham, Creighton University, “Questioning Ethnicity”
- Mark Navin, Oakland University, “The Diversity of Privilege”

3E. Human/Non-Human Relations [see next page]
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Chair: Serena Parekh, Northeastern University
- Matt Stillman, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and Shelby Giacarini, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, “Nature’s Voice: Environmental Literature as Applied Ethics”
- Ian Werkheiser, Michigan State University, “Local Knowledge: Toward and Ecologically Motivated Dissensus”

Refreshment Break & Book Display: 3:15 – 3:30, Shillman Hall, 3rd Floor

Session 4: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
4A. Author Meets Critics [315 Shillman]
Chair: Kevin Gray, American University of Sharjah
Author: Hugh Baxter, Boston University
*Habermas: The Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*
Critics:
- Jeff Flynn, Fordham University
- Christopher Zurn, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Amelia Wirts, Boston College

4B. Panel: What is the Role of Men in Contemporary Feminism? [325 Shillman]
Chair and Discussant: Velimir Stojkovski, Marquette University
Discussants:
- Trevor Smith, Marquette University
- David Leichter, Marquette University
- Gina Helfrich, Harvard University

4C. Disagreement and Polarization [415 Shillman]
Chair: Margaret Crouch, Eastern Michigan State University
- Stephen Nathanson, Northeastern University, “Conceptual Poverty as a Cause of Political Polarization in the United States”
- William Pamerleau, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, “Why Everyone Thinks They’re Right: A Heideggerian Analysis of Political Impasse”
- Matthew Drabeck, University of Iowa, “Understanding Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage”
- Alison Reiheld, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, “The Limits of Civility: The Impact of the Culture Wars and a Morally Diverse Society”

4D. Apologies, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation [see next page]

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Chair: Sally Scholz, Villanova University
- Matthew Walschagel, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, “Apology as a Form of Moral Repair: Why—and When—we apologize”
- Alice MacLachlan, York U, “Gendering the Public Apology”
- Barrett Emerick, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, “On the Obligation to Forgive”
- Alisa Carse, Georgetown University, and Lynne Tirrell, University of Massachusetts Boston, “Reconciliation as a Civic Pursuit”

4E. Plato’s Republic and the Laws [420 Shillman]
Chair: Phillip Brewer, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Adam Theron-Lee Rensch, Miami University (Ohio), “The Tyranny of Philosophy”
- Catherine McKeen, Skidmore College, “Political Agreement in Plato’s Republic”
- Alex Rosenberg, Bowling Green State University, “Metics and the Divided Society in Plato’s Laws”

Dinner (on your own): 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

First Plenary Session 8:00- 9:30; 240 Egan Center, 1st floor
- “Democratic Experimentalism: The New Circumstances of Politics”
- James Bohman, St. Louis University
Chair: James Boettcher, St. Joseph’s University
Reception: 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. Egan Center, 1st floor
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Friday, July 27 Registration 8:30 - 3:00
Shillman Hall, 1st floor

Session 5: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
5A. Hope as a Civic Virtue [315 Shillman]
Chair: Gail Pressey, University of Detroit Mercy
- Judith Andre, Michigan State University, “Hope as a Civic Virtue: Ernst Bloch and Lord Buddha”
- Nancy Snow, Marquette University, “Hope as a Civic Virtue”

Session 5 continues on next page
5B. Islamic Perspectives on Religion in the Public Sphere [215 Shillman]
Chair: Kevin Graham, Creighton University
- Rushda Siddqui, "Contemporizing Religion: Providing Successful Reinterpretation of Social Philosophies"
- Katherine Kim, Wayne State University, "Islamic Law, Political Membership, and Legitimate Coercion"

5C. The Will of the Whole and the Dilemma of the Part: Individual Interdependencies and Group Norms [320 Shillman]
Chair: Emily Crookston, Washington University, St. Louis
- Sethi Mayer, Northwestern University, "The Dilemma of Democratic Informal Politics"
- Paul Morrow, Vanderbilt University, "Varieties of Norm Transformation in Transitional Justice"

5D. Structural Injustice and Historical Accountability [325 Shillman]
Chair: Lisa Schwartzman, Michigan State University
- Corwin Aragon, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Moral Responsibility for Structural Injustice"
- Margaret Urban Walker, Marquette University, "Civic Integrity and Historical Accountability"

5E. (In)Visible Bodies [415 Shillman]
Chair: Christine Wieseler, University of South Florida
- Matthew Stewart, Simmons College, "Frustrated Alterities, (Im)Possible Ethics: Levinas, Kristeva, and the Subaltern in Crisis"
- Nathan Eckstrand, Duquesne University, "Toward a Phenomenology of the White Body"

5F. Hegel and Spinoza on the Self and the State [220 Shillman]
Chair: Devora Shapiro, Southern Oregon University
- Veliimir Stoikovski, Marquette University, "Making Sense of 'Needs' in Hegel's Philosophy of Right"
- Michael J. Smith, Boston College, "Spinoza on Democratic Self-Destruction and Movement-Building"

Refreshment Break & Book Display: 10:30-10:45
Shillman Hall, 3rd Floor

Session 6: 10:45-12:15 p.m.

6A. Immigration and Undocumented Citizens [215 Shillman]
Chair: John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University
- Andrea Pitts, Vanderbilt University, "A Care Ethics of Immigration: Its Promises and Limitations"
- Martin Chamorro, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Proportional Curtailment: A New Theory of Open Borders"
- Kyle Thomsen, Loyola University, Chicago, "Crossing the Divide: Marginalized Populations & the Dilemma of Deliberative Democracy"

6B. (Dis)Abled Bodies [315 Shillman]
Chair: Gale Pohlhaus, Jr., Miami University (Ohio)
- Christine Wieseler, University of South Florida, "Disruption of Embodied Ableism"
- Devora Shapiro, Southern Oregon University, "Should Pregnancy Be Considered a Disability?"
- Adam Cureton, University of Tennessee, "Some Virtues of Disability"

6C. Where Does Duty Lie? Negotiating the Complexities of Individual Rights and State Sovereignty [320 Shillman]
Chair: Steven Lee, Hobart and William Smith College
- Martin Gunderson, Macalaster College, "Human Rights and the Virtue of Political Civility"
- Walter J. Riker, University of West Georgia, "How do Rawls's Benevolent Absolutisms Honor Human Rights? A Defense of Rawls"

6D. Democratization & its Discontents in Africa [Shillman 325]
Chair: Margaret Crouch, Eastern Michigan University
- Kibjju Kalumba, Ball State University, "Four Problems with Current Attempts to Democratize Traditional African Communities"
- John Iheanyi Okpala, Pontifical Urban University, "Education and Politics in Africa: The Imperative of Critical Pedagogy"
- Gail M. Presby, University of Detroit Mercy, "Challenges of Civic Society in Africa: Philosophical and Novelistic Explorations"

6E. From Foucault to Freedom: Ethical Practice & Emancipatory Politics [415 Shillman]
Chair: Emily S. Lee, California State University Fullerton
- Ed McGushin, Stonehill College, "Derrida and Foucault on the Constitution of Ethical Subjects"
- Willie Young, Endicott College, "Listening in the Political Realm"
- Luciana Alvarez, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, "Biopolitics, Life and Body: Some Considerations from a Latin American Point of View"
Refreshment Break: 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Shillman 3rd Floor

Second Plenary: 2011 Book Award Winner 3:45–5:15 p.m.
Behrakis Center, Room 10

➤ Attention Deficit Democracy:
The Paradox of Civic Engagement
➤ Author: Ben Berger Swarthmore College
Chair: Sally Scholz, Villanova University
Speakers:
- Christopher Lowry, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Wendy Lynne Lee, Bloomsburg University
- Andrew Smith, Drexel University

Reception (Cash Bar) 5:15 – 6:30 p.m., Egan Center, 1st Floor
Banquet, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Egan Center, or dinner on your own
- For banquet, please bring your ticket.

Saturday, July 28th

Session 8: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

8A. Healthcare and Bioethics [215 Shillman]
Chair: Martin Gunderson, Macalester College
- Barry DeCoster, Michigan State University, “Honesty and Resistance: Tensions Between Clinical Virtues”
- Lisa Cassidy, Ramapo College of New Jersey, “What Happens to Abortion when Fetal Transplantation and Adoption is Possible?”

8B. Ground Level & Grass Roots: Justice in Discourse & Action [315 Shillman]
Chair: Crista Lebens, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- Joan Woolfrey, West Chester University, “With Gratitude to Bayard Rustin: Another Look at Institutional Injustice”

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8C. Ethics and Knowledge in the Age of the Internet [320 Shillman]
Chair: John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University
- Michelle Maiese, Emmanuel College, “Embodied Social Cognition and Participatory Sense Making: Implications for Online Learning”
- Rick Duchalski, University of Guelph, “That’s the Snuff: Dimensions of Moral Horror”
- Matthew Hewes and Patricia Illingworth, Northeastern University, “The Ethics of Demand: A Call for Due Diligence”

8D. False Consciousness and Adaptive Preferences [325 Shillman]
Chair: Judy Andre, Michigan State University
- Thomas Atchison, Metropolitan State University, “False Consciousness Reconsidered”
- Emily Crookston, Washington University, St. Louis, “Exploitation, Moral Harm, and Civic Virtue”

8E. Insiders and Others: Deviance and Pollution [415 Shillman]
Chair: John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University
- John Fantuzzo, Teachers College, Columbia University, “Awe in the Cave: Social Deviance and Wordsworth’s Vision of Urban Sublimity”
- Philip Brewer, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, “Pollution, Purification, and the Scapegoat in the Trial of Socrates”

Refreshment Break & Book display: 10:30 – 10:45
Shillman Hall, 3rd Floor

Session 9: 10:45-12:15 p.m.

9A. Adjudicating Indigenous and Settler Relations [315 Shillman]
Chair: Ashley Taylor, University of Edinburgh
- Krista Thomason, Swarthmore College, “Kant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”
- Katie Stockdale, Dalhousie University, “How Groups Resent: Indigenous and Settler Relations in the Canadian Context”
- Michael S. Merry, University of Amsterdam, “Segregation and the Possibility of Civic Virtue”

9B. The Practice and Politics of Freedom [215 Shillman]
Chair: Theresa Tobin, Marquette University
- Tove Pettersen, University of Oslo, “Simone de Beauvoir’s Ethics of Freedom and Contemporary Society”
- Alisa Bierria, Stanford University, “The Sociality of Agency and the Politics of Making Sense”
- Jennifer Benson, Washington College, “Freedom as Going off Script”

9C. Democracy and Economic Justice [320 Shillman]
Chair: Walter Riker, University of West Georgia
- Andrew F. Smith, Drexel University, “Of Famine and Food Deserts: Justice at the American Peripheries”
- Alistair M. Macleod, Queen’s University, “Divided Societies: Economic Inequality and Inequality of Opportunity”
- Steven Lee, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, “Rawls and the Current Crisis of Democracy”

9D. Self-Interest, Self-Defense, and Punishment [325 Shillman]
Chair: David Garren, United States Naval Academy
- William Smith, University of Notre Dame, “Parfit’s Profoundest Problem”
- David Chan, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, “Self-Defense and Possible Threats”

9E. Accountability to the Other: Liberalism & its Alternatives [415 Shillman]
Chair: John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University
- Mark Schranz, University of Toronto, “Republicanism and Internal Minorities”

Lunch 12:15-1:45 p.m. (on your own)

General Business Meeting 12:35-1:35 215 Shillman
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Third Plenary Session 1:45-3:15 Egan Center, 1st Floor
- “Muslim Women: Caught between the Arab Spring and Western Democracies”
- Azizah al-Hibri, University of Richmond, Founder and Chair of KARAMAH

Chair: Margaret Crouch, Eastern Michigan University

Session 10: 3:30-5:00 p.m. [see next page]
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10A. Beyond Rationality: Social Fantasies in the Polis [315 Shillman]
Chair: Nicholas Smyth, Brown University
- Adam Burgos, Vanderbilt University, “The Normative and the Natural in Rousseau’s Second Discourse”
- Rory Smead, Northeastern University, “Social Dilemmas and the Evolution of Other-Regarding Preferences”
- Roit Dahan, Tel Aviv University “New Social Order: Marcuse’s Critique of Freud”

10B. The Politics of Space [215 Shillman]
Chair: Andrea Pitts, Vanderbilt University
- Ann Levey, University of Calgary, “Public Space Civility and Exclusion”
- Melissa Yates, Rutgers University, “Strangers in the Public Sphere”
- Stephanie Rivera-Berriz, SUNY Buffalo, “Inhabiting Philosophical Space: Whose Space? What Bodies?”

10C. Dogmatism & Religion in Secular Democracies [325 Shillman]
Chair: Katherine Kim, Wayne State University
- Karin Fry, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point “The Democratic Dilemma of Religion and Politics”
- Maura Priest, University of California, Irvine, “Democracies and the Necessity of Dogmatism: A Plural-Subject Approach”
- William Falcetano, Curry College, “Habermas on the Post Secular Society”

10D. Democratic Paternalism, Political Legitimacy, & Consent [320 Shillman]
Chair: Thomas Atchison, Metropolitan State University
- Jamie Kelly, Vassar College and Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij University of Copenhagen, “Epistemic Perfectionism and Democratic Paternalism”
- Christopher McCammon, Drake University, “How to Be an Instrumentalist about Political Legitimacy”
- Paul Cynar, Louisiana State University, “Redefining Consent: A Robust Notion of Consensual Obligation”

10E. Solidarity and Scale in Civil Society [415 Shillman]
Chair: Krista Thomason, Swarthmore College
- Ashley Taylor, University of Edinburgh, “Solidarity”
- Gordon Mower, Brigham Young University, “Confucianism and Civic Virtue”

Special Thanks

Local Arrangements at Northeastern University
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Nearby Places to Eat
Organized by Distance, Closest First

On campus:
- Wollaston’s Market—General food items, take-out sandwiches
  [In West Village B, beyond Behrakis Center to the right]
- International Village Dining Hall—see campus map
- Peet’s Coffee—International Village

In the Marino Center, Across Huntington Ave. at Forsyth
- Au Bon Pain—Soup, Sandwiches, Salads - 369 Huntington
- Boloco – Burritos, salads 359 Huntington Ave
- Wollaston’s Market—General food items, take-out sandwiches

Intersection of Huntington Ave. & Forsyth Street
- Qdoba—Mexican food

Huntington Avenue [To the right from Forsyth Street, headed toward downtown Boston]
- University House of Pizza – 452 Huntington Ave
- Boston Shawarma—Middle Eastern—315 Huntington Ave.
- Temptations Café – Sandwiches, Salads – 313 Huntington Ave
- Uno Chicago Grill – Pizza, Italian, grill – 280 Huntington Ave
- Pho & I – Thai cuisine – 267 Huntington Ave
- Moby Dick – Middle Eastern – 269 Huntington Ave

Gainsborough Street
- Panera’s—Sandwiches, salads—corner of Huntington
- Symphony Sushi – Japanese cuisine – 45 Gainsborough
- Pavement Coffeehouse, Sandwiches, salads—44 Gainsborough

Intersection of Huntington and Mass Avenue
- Lucy’s Café – Ethiopian – 334 Mass Ave

Further on Huntington Ave
- Brasserie Joe at the Colonnade Hotel
- Legal Seafood, California Pizza Kitchen and Food Court in the Prudential Center

Massachusetts Ave: Indian & Thai Restaurants on Mass Ave; follow Huntington to Mass Ave; turn left at Symphony Hall. Restaurants are within two-three blocks.