The North American Society for Social Philosophy

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Power, Protest, and the Future of Democracy

July 17 to July 19, 2014
Southern Oregon University
Ashland, Oregon
Thursday, July 17

Registration: 8:15 am – 12:00 pm (Lobby of Stevenson)
Breakfast: 8:15 – 9:00 am (Lobby of Stevenson)

Session I: 9:00 – 10:20 am
I-A. Conceiving of Harm (SU 319)
   Chair: David K. Chan, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
   Disability, Harm, and the Law
   Jeff Brown, University of Denver
   Defending the Counterfactual Comparative Account of Harm
   Nathan Hanna, Drexel University

I-B. Grasping Gandhi (Rogue River Room, SU)
   Chair: Antoinette DeMotta, University of Maine
   Civil Disobedience, Democracy and the 21st Century Citizen:
   A Gandhian Approach
   Prakash Chenjeri, Southern Oregon University
   Gandhi’s Choice: Function of Convenience?
   Shweta Singh, University of Delhi

I-C. The Nature of Power (SU 313)
   Chair: Patricia Omamomo Agboro, University of Lagos
   A Brief Argument Against Activist Views of Power
   Mark Schranz, University of Toronto
   The Fiction of Sovereign Power
   Torsten Menge, Georgetown University

I-D. Education and Justice (SU 330)
   Chair: Crista Lebens, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
   Is Diversity Necessary for Educational Justice?
   Michael Merry, University of Amsterdam
   Improvisational Pedagogy
   David Kenneth Johnson and Matt Silliman, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Session II: 10:45 am – 12:00 pm
II-A. Speech and Consent (SU 330)
   Chair: Jeff Brown, University of Denver
   Hate Speech as Oppressive Acts: Challenging Dworkin on the First Amendment and Democratic Legitimacy
   John M. Ramsey, Scripps College
   Yes Means Yes: Does MacKinnon’s View of Sexuality Allow for Sexual Consent?
   Amanda Huminski, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

II-B. Neoliberal Globalization (SU River Rouge Room)
   Chair: Max G. Cherem, Kalamazoo College
   The Effects of GATS on Higher Education and Democracy
   Margaret A. Crouch, Eastern Michigan University
   The Undemocratic Institutions and Unequal Outcomes of Global Capitalism: A Deweyan Reflection on the Principles and Practices of Globalization
   Michael Thomas Schleeter, Pacific Lutheran University

II-C. Marginalization of the Political (SU 313)
   Chair: Susan Dieleman, Dalhousie University
   George N. Fourlas, University of Oregon
   Depoliticization and Genetically Modified Foods
   Daniel Hicks, Rotman Institute of Philosophy, Western University

II-D. Reasoning about Rawls (SU 319)
   Chair: Nathan Hanna, Drexel University
   Shelby, Mills and the Debate Over Rawls and Race
   D.C. Matthew, York University
   Is There a Rawlsian Duty to Engage in Civil Disobedience?
   Karin R. Howe, Binghamton University
Lunch (on one's own): 12:00 – 1:45 pm

Session III: 1:45 – 3:45 pm

III-A. Immigration Justice (Library 352)
Chair: Melissa A. Mosko, Canisius College
The Ethics of Immigration and the Justice of Immigration Policies
Peter W. Higgins, Eastern Michigan University
Migrant Rights and Obligations to Community: A Perspective on Open Borders
Jessica V. Wielgus, Binghamton University
Due Process and Refugee Human Rights: Against the Unilateral Right to Exclude
Max G. Cherem, Kalamazoo College

III-B. Democracy and Knowledge (SU 319)
Chair: John M. Ramsey, Scripps College
Toward a Feminist Theory of Democratic Legitimacy
Susan Dieleman, Dalhousie University
Democracy, Deliberation and Ignorance
James Boettcher, Saint Joseph’s University
Democracy in the Selva Selvaggia: Ortega y Gasset on Democratic Practice in Times of Excessive Information
Justin Pack, University of Oregon

III-C. Medicalization of Social Phenomena (SU 330)
Chair: Kayleigh A. Doherty, Arizona State University
From Dementia Praecox to Split Personality to Paranoid Schizophrenia: Injustice and the Contingency of Schizophrenia
Abigail E. Gosselin, Regis University
Towards a Phenomenology of Autism
Antoinette DeMotta, University of Maine
Medicalizing Queer Bodies: From Diseased to Equal and Back Again
Barry DeCoster, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

III-D. Feminist Progress (SU Rogue River Room)
Chair: Daniel Hicks, Rotman Institute of Philosophy, Western University
Women’s Issues and Equality in the Public Sphere: The Nigerian Experience
Patricia Omamomo Agboro, University of Lagos
Does the Demand for Political Justification Grounded in Actual Consent Lead to a Politics of Coercion?
Celeste D. Harvey, Marquette University
Stand-Up Women: Lessons from the History of Women-led Protests
Caroline Rebecca Lundquist, Lane Community College

III-E. Sovereign Masculinity: Gender Lessons from the War on Terror: A Conversation with the Author, Bonnie Mann (Library 305)
Chair: David Matthew Reese, University of Oregon
Tom Digby, Springfield College
Devora Shapiro, Southern Oregon University
Bonnie Mann, University of Oregon

Refreshment Break: 3:45 – 4:00 pm

First Plenary Session: 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Meese Room, Library 305)
Thomas Christiano, University of Arizona, “Democracy, Migration, and International Institutions”
Chair: Sally J. Scholz, Villanova University

Reception: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (Meese Room, Library 305)
Friday, July 18

Registration: 8:15 am – 12:00 pm (Lobby of Stevenson Union)

Breakfast: 8:15 – 9:00 am (Lobby of Stevenson Union)

Session IV: 9:00 – 10:20 am
IV-A. Intersectionality (SU 330)
  Chair: Alison Bailey, Illinois State University
  Defending Society from Abnormality: The Intersectionality of Race, Sex and Sexuality
  Jordan L. Z., University of Memphis
  The Problem with Progress: Recognition, Community, and Nonvisible Disability
  Kelsey N. Borrowman, Villanova University

IV-B. Appreciating Arendt (SU Rogue River Room)
  Chair: Ramona Ilea, Pacific University
  In Search of the Good Revolution: Arendt’s On Revolution Revisited
  Florian J. Grosser, University of California – Berkeley, University of St. Gallen
  Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns
  Larry Busk, University of Oregon

IV-C. Ownership (SU 313)
  Chair: Barrett Emerick, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
  Who is Entitled to What?: Rawls and Nozick on Entitlement, Ownership, and Justice
  Alan Preston Reynolds, University of Oregon
  Defending the Labor-Mixing Theory of Property
  Tim Tung-Ying Wu, University of Missouri – Columbia

IV-D. The Meaning of Protest (SU 319)
  Chair: Ashley C. Acosta-Fox, University of Kansas
  How Do We Protest? - Confluence and Not Consensus in Deliberative Democracy
  Joel Chow, University of Arizona
  Protest As Compassionate Dialogue: A Buddhist Response to the Globalization of Alienation
  Jen Abbe Miller, Millersville University

Refreshment Break: 10:20 – 10:40 am

Session V: 10:40 am – 12:00 pm
V-A. Violence and Protest (SU 330)
  Chair: Jen Abbe Miller, Millersville University
  Camus’ The Just Assassins & Islamic Suicide Bombing
  Geoffrey G. Karabin, Neumann University
  Eco-Sabotage, Eco-Terrorism, and Civil Disobedience
  Matthew Pamental, University of Tennessee

V-B. Individual Responsibility for Structural Injustice (SU Rogue River Room, SU)
  Chair: Wenwen Fan, University of Missouri – Columbia
  Personal Responsibility for Systemic Injustice
  Cullen Padgett Walsh, Iowa State University
  Meeting One’s Structural Responsibilities
  Corwin Aragon, Concordia College

V-C. Parental Obligations (SU 319)
  Chair: Michael D. Doan, Eastern Michigan University
  Vaccine Refusal and Conscientious Objection
  Mark Navin, Oakland University
  Voluntarism and Parental Obligations: Concerns for Children
  Nikoo Najand, Queen’s University
V-D. Transnational Solidarity (Library 352)

Chair: Jordan Liz, University of Memphis
Transnational Feminist Solidarity and Lessons from the 2011 Protests in Tahrir Square
  Sally J. Scholz, Villanova University
Power-with and Participatory Politics, National and Transnational
  Carol C. Gould, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

V-E. Epistemic Injustice and Race (SU 313)

Chair: Jacob Affolter, University of Kentucky
Know Thyself: Self-Knowledge and Resistance
  Kayleigh A. Doherty, Arizona State University
Political Disenfranchisement via the Rumor Mill
  Karen C. Adkins, Regis University

Lunch (on one’s own): 12:00 – 1:45 pm

Executive Committee Meeting: 12:15 – 1:45 pm (SU 315)

Session IV: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
VI-A. In Honor of Jean Harvey (Library 352)

Chair: Maurice Harnington, University of Oregon and Lane Community College
  Judith Andre, Michigan State University
  Barrett Emerick, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
  Sally J. Scholz, Villanova University

VI-B. Social Epistemology (SU Rogue River Room)

Chair: Bonnie Mann, University of Oregon
Community Epistemic Capacities and Structured Decision-Making
  Ian Werkheiser, Michigan State University
  Elizabeth Ann Sperry, William Jewell College
Democratizing Epistemologies
  Gaile Pohlhaus, Miami University

VI-C. Forms of Activism (Library 305)

Chair: Larry Busk, University of Oregon
Foundations for a Philosophy of Activism
  Ashley C. Acosta-Fox, University of Kansas
Philosophy and Activism: Compatible or In Tension?
  Ramona Ilea, Pacific University
The Normalized Technique of Protest and Power Relations:
  A Foucauldian Analysis
  Jesus Ramirez, University of South Florida

VI-D. Issues in International Justice (SU 319)

Chair: Celeste D. Harvey, Marquette University
An Analysis of Equality: Respecting Women and Respecting Cultural Diversity
  Chong Un Choe Smith, Georgetown University and University of Massachusetts – Lowell
Duties to Compatriots
  Wenwen Fan, University of Missouri – Columbia
War Crimes and Limited Interventions in Civil Wars
  David K. Chan, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
VI-E. Applications of Pragmatism (SU 330)

Chair: Florian J. Grosser, University of California Berkeley, University of St. Gallen
Liberation Pragmatism: Dussel and Dewey in Dialogue
Alex Sager and Albert R. Spencer, Portland State University
Problems of Immigration and Warfare for Jane Addams and Pragmatist Pacifism
John Kaiser Ortiz, Millersville University
Critique without Judgment in Pragmatist Political Theory: Political Philosophy after the Collapse of Metaphysics
Colin Koopman, University of Oregon

Refreshment Break: 3:45 – 4:00 pm

Second Plenary Session – Book Award: 4:00 – 5:30 pm
(Meese Auditorium, Art Building)

No Citizen Left Behind (Harvard University Press, 2012)
Meira Levinson, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Chair
James Boettcher, Saint Joseph’s University
Speakers
Zach Hoskins, University of Minnesota
David Leichter, Marian University
Krista Thomason, Swarthmore College

Reception: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (Schneider Art Museum)

Banquet: 6:30 – 8:30 pm (SU Rogue River Room)

Business Meeting: 8:30 – 9:30 pm (SU Rogue River Room)

Saturday, July 19

Session VII: 9:00 – 11:00 am

VII-A. Heteromasculinism (SU 330)

Chair: Barry DeCoste, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Demolishing the Empire of Fear: Affective Transformations, Queer Trajectories, and Eroticism in 2013 Protests in Turkey
Fulden Ibrahimhakkioglu, University of Oregon
Abu Ghraib, Ideology, and Hyper-Masculinity: A Critique of Puar
David Matthew Reese, University of Oregon
How to Make a Warrior for the ‘Battle of the Sexes’: Fear, Toughness, and Misogyny in the Construction of Masculinity
Tom Digby, Springfield College

VII-B. Minding Mill (SU 319)

Chair: Colena P. Sesanker, University of Connecticut
The Protest of Cultivating Care Skills: Insights from J. S. Mill
Asha Bhandary, University of Iowa
Truth in Mill’s On Liberty
Eric James Helleloid, University of Georgia
Millian Social Tyranny and the Costs of Dissent
Dan Threet, Georgetown University

VII-C. Political Virtues and Vices (Library 305)

Chair: Karen C. Adkins, Regis University
Defiance as Political Virtue
Melissa A. Mosko, Canisius College
Shaken Out of Complacency: Rereading King’s "Letter"
Michael D. Doan, Eastern Michigan University
Political Compassion and Paradoxes of Definition
Judith Andre, Michigan State University
VII-D. Conceptions of Freedom and Agency (SU 313)
Chair: Karin R. Howe, Binghamton University
Love as Freedom in Frankfurt and Hegel
Kate Padgett Walsh, Iowa State University
Care as Power and Subversion: A Relational Approach to Freedom and Resistance
Maurice Hamington, University of Oregon and Lane Community College
Punishment and the Social Nature of Crime and Agency
Jenn E. Durn, Binghamton University

VII-E. Class Inequality and Democracy (Library 352)
Chair: Michael Thomas Schleeter, Pacific Lutheran University
Poverty and Hunger in 21st-Century America: A Challenge to Democracy and the Civil Rights Movement
Jean-Marie Makang, Frostburg State University
Human Dignity, Democracy and Economics
Joan Woolfrey, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
A Republican Marxist Approach to Democracy and Protests against Power
Norm Fischer, Kent State University

Refreshment Break: 11:00 – 11:15 am

Third Plenary Session: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm (Library 305)
Akeel Bilgrami, Columbia University, “The Mentality of Democracy: Some Philosophical Reflections”
Chair: Margaret Crouch, Eastern Michigan University

Snacks: 1:30pm – 3:50pm (SU Lobby)

Session VIII: 2:00 – 3:20 pm

VIII-A. Duties to Resist Injustice (SU 313)
Chair: Norm Fischer, Kent State University
De-Trivializing The Kantian Duty To Resist Oppression
Colena P. Sesanker, University of Connecticut
Risks for Angels: Skeptical Doubts about Resistance from Montaigne and Hume
Gordon B. Mower, Brigham Young University

VIII-B. The Efficacy of Protest (SU 319)
Chair: Ian Werkheiser, Michigan State University
Protest, Parasitism, and Community: Reflections on the Boycott
David A. Borman, Nipissing University
Protests and the Limits of Democracy- the Case of Brazil
Maria de Lourdes Alves Borges, University de Santa Catarina

VIII-C. Disability and Justice (SU 330)
Chair: Kelsey N. Borrowman, Villanova University
Can Nussbaum's Capabilities Approach Ground Political Surrogacy for Citizens with Cognitive Disabilities?
Kacey Warren, University of Colorado – Boulder
Disability and The Social Contract
Timothy W. Allen, University of Cincinnati

Refreshment Break: 3:20 – 3:40 pm
Session IX: 3:40 – 5:00 pm

IX-A. Limits on Protest (SU 313)

Chair: David A. Borman, Nipissing University
Staging Political Protest: Violence, Contestation, and Creativity
Fuat Gursozlu, Loyola University of Maryland
"You've No Sense of the Place": An Argument for Protest-Free Space
Jacob Affolter, University of Kentucky

IX-B. Legitimacy and Justice (SU 319)

Chair: Eric James Helleloid, University of Georgia
The Primacy of Legitimacy in Global Contexts
Michael Buckley, Lehman College, City University of New York
Beyond Legitimacy: Deliberative Democracy and Justice
Amelia Marie Wirts, Boston College

IX-C. Talking Race (SU 330)

Chair: Gaile Pohlhaus, Miami University
Calling White People on Racism is not Racist: Representing Marginalized Perspectives in the Classroom
Crista Lebens, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
White Talk and Epistemic Closure
Alison Bailey, Illinois State University

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