

Texas A&M University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference *Program*

Friday, April 15, 2022

Speakers arrive into College Station

4:30-6:30pm: **Continental Study Group (workshop)** with Dr. Sean Kirkland, DePaul University
“Ecstatic Natural Beings and Tragic Temporality in Aristotle”

Location: YMCA 401

Description: In the workshop, I will sketch briefly the project of my monograph, *Aristotle and Tragic Temporality*. I focus, first, on the way that tragic drama, in Aristotle’s Poetics, succeeds when it exposes the audience to the unmasterable past and future that always haunt human praxis, i.e. life. I focus, second, on the way in which attentiveness to the power of habitation and the peculiar intellectual virtue of phronesis, in Aristotle’s Ethics, provides strategies for coping with, though never suspending or escaping, the tragic temporality of the human condition, the understood. We will then take up and read closely together some passages from the Physics that suggest a sort of post-Parmenidean conception of the movement and change that belong to the way of being of natural beings, according to which they are in a sense ontologically constituted by their relation to non-being, namely a non-present past and a non-present future.

7:00pm: **Informal gathering** at [Rough Draught Whiskey Bar*](#)
313 Church Ave, College Station, TX 77840

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Location: Glasscock Building Room 311

Schedule:

8:30-9:00am: **Breakfast** (provided)

8:50: **Opening Remarks**

9:00-9:50am: **Ayoob Shahmoradi** (he/him), UC San Diego
“Seeing Without Discriminating”

10:00-10:50am: **Alex Fiander** (he/him), Western Michigan University
“On Error Theories For Easy Knowledge”

11:00-11:50am: **Sue McRae** (she/her), University of North Texas
“In Defense of the Devil’s Despair: An Argument based on Kierkegaard’s Sickness unto Death and Milton’s Paradise Lost”

12:00-12:50pm: **Jaleel Fotovat-Ahmadi** (he/him), Boston University
“The Moral Significance of Race: Understanding Du Bois Through James and Royce”

1:00-2:00pm: **Lunch** (provided)

2:00-2:50pm: **Paul Forrester**, Yale University
“Two Kinds of Epistemic Permissivism”

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3:00-3:50pm: **Emma Dougherty** (they/she), St. Olaf College

“A New Interpretation of Plato’s Example of the Jury: Avoiding a Paradox with an Appeal to Epistemic Humility”

4:00-5:30pm: **Dr. Sean Kirkland**, DePaul University (keynote speaker)

5:30pm: **Closing Remarks**

6:00pm: **Dinner** (provided) at [Traditions at the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center*](#)

Sunday, April 17, 2022

9:00am: **Informal breakfast gathering** at [Sweet Paris Crêperie & Café](#)
143 Century Square Dr Suite 110, College Station, TX 77840

Speakers depart from College Station

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*All attendees (21+) are responsible for purchasing their own alcoholic beverages, if desired. Consuming alcohol is completely optional and is not expected from any attendee.