Advancing Publicly Engaged Philosophy

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH *

7:00p – 8:30p  PLENARY: “VALUES AND PUBLIC LIFE”

INTRODUCTIONS
Andrew Light (George Mason University & Center for American Progress)

PANELISTS
Anita Allen (University of Pennsylvania & Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues)
E. J. Dionne (The Washington Post & Brookings Institution)
William Galston (Brookings Institution)
Mark Sagoff (George Mason University)

MODERATOR
Hanna Rosin (The Atlantic & Slate)

* Location: Center for American Progress, 1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor. Please arrive by 6:45pm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH **

7:30a – 9:00a  BREAKFAST  Washington Room

9:00a – 12:00p  MORNING WORKSHOPS  Franklin Room

1.1 ACADEMICS STAND AGAINST POVERTY (ASAP)

WORKSHOP LEADERS
Henry Shue (Oxford University)
Justine Kolata, Matthew Lindauer, and Gilad Tanay (Yale University)

DISCUSSANTS

** All events at The Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW
1.2 Feminist Bioethics

Workshop Leader
Mary Rawlinson (Stony Brook University)

Panelists
Lisa Eckenwiler (George Mason University)
Ellen K. Feder (American University)
Kimberly Leighton (American University)

Discussants
Kelsey Borrowman, Adam Briggle, Stephen Michael Campbell, Lisa Cassidy, Andrew Fenton, Beatrice Godard, Amy L. McKiernan

1.3 Foundations and the Common Good

Workshop Leader
Mark Rosenman (Caring to Change)

Discussants
Caroline Hart Appleton, Rebecca Bachman, Carla Fehr, Alan W. Grose, Sharon Meagher, Chris Ng, Ben Wasserman

1.4 Philosophers Working in Collaborative Research Teams

Workshop Leader
Paul B. Thompson (Michigan State University)

Panelists
Laurie Thorp (Michigan State University)
Lissy Goralnik (Michigan State University)
Katherine Clancy (Food and Nutrition Systems Consultant)

Discussants
Stephan Crowley, Christopher Eliot, Cheryl Hall, J. Britt Holbrook, Eric Kennedy, Robert Kirkman, Gray Kochhar-Lindgren, Joshua A. Miller, José A. Muñiz, Kathryn S. Plaisance, Nola Semczyszyn, Laurie Thorp, Elizabeth Victor, Kathleen Wallace, Angela White, David W. Woods, Michael J. Zenz
**1.5 Philosophical Debate with Religion**

**Workshop Leader**
John R. Shook (George Mason University & Center for Inquiry)

**Discussants**
Chong Un Choe, Caroline E. Darman, Kevin deLaplante, Marilyn Friedman, Karin Fry, Michelle D. Gallagher, William J. Hawk, Donald Hood, Matthew Hunter, David E. McClean, David E. Schrader

**1.6 Public Philosophy in Other Genres**

**Workshop Leaders**
Richard Hart (Bloomfield College)
Travis Holloway (Stony Brook University & New York University)

**Discussants**
Marije Altorf, Benjamin O. Arah, Marcos Bisticas-Cocoves, Shifra Diamond, David Hildebrand, Todd Edwin Jones, Anika Mann, Phil Seng, Eric Thomas Weber, Linda L. Williams, Cori Wong

**1.7 Punishment and Prisons**

**Workshop Leader**
Rita Manning (San Jose State University)

**Discussants**
Christopher Conn, Joanna Crosby, Barbara J. Hall, Brady Heiner, Eun-Jung Katherine Kim, Charlie Kurth, John Douglas Macready, Dwight Murph

**1.8 Social Media Ethics**

**Workshop Leaders**
Mark Fisher (Pennsylvania State University)
Veena Raman (Pennsylvania State University)
Vance Ricks (Guilford College)

**Discussants**
Benjamin Hale, Jessica J. Harper, Christopher P. Long, Justin Marshall, Noëlle McAfee, Anastasia Mirzoyants, Ike Sharpless, Ronald R. Sundstrom, Daniel Susser, Kyle Powys Whyte
**Lunch and Table Sessions**

**Pragmatists as Public Philosophers** [Table 1]
Donald Hood

**Can Philosophers Be Experts?** [Table 2]
Robert Kirkman (Georgia Institute of Technology)

**K-12 Philosophy** [Table 3]
Michelle Gallagher (UCLA)

**Writing Public Philosophy** [Table 4]
Justin Marshall

**Why Philosophers Should Be Consulted on Moral Matters—and Why They're Not** [Table 5]
Mark Piper and Pia Antolic-Piper (James Madison University)

Conference participants are encouraged to add table discussions for this lunch. See the registration table for details.

**Afternoon Workshops**

**2.1 Agriculture and Animal Welfare**

**Workshop Leader**
Ike Sharpless (University of Massachusetts at Lowell)

**Discussants**
Andrew Fenton, Lissy Goralnik, Jessica J. Harper, Jacquelyn A. Kegley, Justine Kolata, Mary Rawlinson, Laurie Thorp

**2.2 Bioethics and Biopolitics**

**Workshop Leader**
Jonathan Moreno (University of Pennsylvania)

**Discussants**
Kelsey Borrowman, Adam Briggle, Lisa Cassidy, Christopher Conn, Ellen K. Feder, Carla Fehr, Marilyn Friedman, Alan W. Grose, Kimberly Leighton, Takunda Matose, Kate Mehuron, Phil Seng, John R. Shook, Eva Weber-Guskar
2.3 Climate Change: Science, Policy, Activism  

Adams Room

Workshop Leaders
Benjamin Hale (University of Colorado at Boulder)
Andrew Light (George Mason University)

Panelists
Kit Batten (United States Agency for International Development)
Griffin Thompson (U.S. Department of State, invited)

Discussants
Stephen Michael Campbell, Michael D. Doan, Christopher Eliot, Cheryl Hall, Steven Daskal, Matt Ferkany, Donald Hood, Eric Kennedy, Md. Abdul Mannan, Sarah Clark Miller, J. Brendan Ritchie, Nola Semczyszyn, Ericka Tucker, Kathleen Wallace, Kyle Powys Whyte

2.4 Opportunities for Philosophers for National Science Foundation Funding  

Senate Room

Workshop Leaders
Robert Frodeman and J. Britt Holbrook (University of North Texas)

Panelist
Fred Kronz (National Science Foundation)

Discussants
Benjamin O. Arah, Caroline Darman, Daniel Groll, Joshua A. Miller, Kenneth Shockley, Gwynne Taraska, Ericka Tucker

2.5 Philosophy and the Digital Public  

Jefferson Room

Workshop Leaders
Christopher Long and Cori Wong (Pennsylvania State University)

Discussants
Rebecca Bachman, Kevin deLaplante, Mark Fisher, Brady Heiner, David Hildebrand, Travis Holloway, Todd Edwin Jones, John Douglas Macready, Noëlle McAfee, Anastasia Mirzoyants, Ronald R. Sundstrom

2.6 Philosophical Approaches to Cross-Disciplinary and Intercultural Research  

Lincoln Room

Workshop Leader
Stephen Crowley (Boise State University)

Discussants
Tim Connolly, Beatrice Godard, Roderic Owen, Kathryn S. Plaisance, Elizabeth Victor, Eric Thomas Weber
2.7 Philosophy in / and the City: Pedagogies, Research Projects, and Community-Based Work

**Workshop Leader**
Sharon M. Meagher (University of Scranton)

**Discussants**

2.8 Philosophy through Public Dialogue

**Workshop Leader**
David R. Morrow (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

**Discussants**
Marije Altorf, Caroline Hart Appleton, Marcos Bisticas-Cocoves, Karin Fry, Daniel Groll, William J. Hawk, Matthew Hunter, David E. McClean, Elizabeth Minnich, Chris Ng, David E. Schrader, Kenneth W. Stikkers, Daniel Susser, Ben Wasserman, Angela White

**Saturday, October 8th**

**8:30a – 9:45a**  Breakfast and Workshop Outcomes Plenary

Facilitated by Noëlle McAfee (Emory University)

**Throughout the day**  Workshops on using the Public Philosophy Network website to do collaborative work. See registration packet for details.

Led by George Aulisio (University of Scranton)

**10:00a – 11:30a**  Papers and Panels

1.1 Agriculture and Animals

**Eating in Public: Farms, Food, and Virtues**
Lissy Goralnik, Kyle Powys Whyte, Laurie Thorp, and Matt Ferkany (Michigan State University)

**A Tired Impasse: Experimental Science and Chimpanzee Dissent**
Andrew Fenton (Dalhousie University)

**Chair:** Chris Ng (Teachers College, Columbia University)
1.2 Military Ethics

**Panelists**

Clinton A. Culp, Major, USMC (Ret) (University of Idaho)
Paolo Tripodi (Lejeune Leadership Institute, Marine Corps University)

**Chair:** Christopher DiTeresi (George Mason University)

1.3 Speech and Knowledge in Public Life

**Political Speech Incorporated: One Year After Citizens United v. FEC**
Elizabeth Victor (Georgetown & University of South Florida)

**Challenging One Way Discussion: Beyond Religious Right and Secular Left**
Karin Fry (University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point)

**The Limitations of Knowledge and What Judges Need to Know**
Susan Henry (Binghamton University)

**Chair:** Judith M. Green (Fordham University)

11:30a – 1:00p Lunch and Table Sessions on Next Steps

1:00p – 2:30p Plenary: “How Can Philosophers Impact Global Development Policy?”

**Panelists**

Henry Shue (Oxford University)
Thomas Pogge (Yale University)

**Moderator:** Justine Kolata (Yale University)

2:45p – 4:15p Papers and Panels

2.1 Bioethics

**Organ Procurement and the Enforcement of Consent**
Charlie Kurth (Washington University in St. Louis)

**What Can Bioethics Teach Us About Public Philosophy?**
Adam Briggle (University of North Texas)

**Chair:** Mary Rawlinson (Stony Brook University)
2.2 Pragmatism as Publicly Engaged Philosophy

Monroe Room

John Dewey and the Public Responsibility of Philosophers
Kenneth W. Stikkers (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)

Journalism’s Destructive Addiction to Fake Objectivity: How Dewey Can Help Journalists Re-connect with the Public Once Again
David Hildebrand (University of Colorado, Denver)

Josiah Royce as a Public Philosopher—Lessons for Today
Jacquelyn A. Kegley (California State University, Bakersfield)

Chair: Eric Thomas Weber (University of Mississippi)

2.3 Conflict and Principles

Senate/Cabinet Room

Care Values in Conflict: Justifying Military Humanitarian Intervention
Jess Kyle (Binghamton University)

Equality, Neutrality and Immigration
Eun-Jung Katherine Kim (Wayne State University)

Chair: Roger Paden (George Mason University)

2.4 Teaching Public Philosophy

Jefferson Room

The Primacy of Principle in Practical Philosophy
Kenneth Shockley (SUNY Buffalo)

Reflections on Nelson’s Socratic Method: Engaging Philosophy Students
Marije Altorf (St. Mary’s University College, London)

Philosophy: From Thought to Action
Ben Wasserman (CUNY)

Chair: Derek Boyd (George Mason University)

4:15p Coffee and Tea Break

Foyer

4:30p – 6:00p Papers and Panels

3.1 Philosophy in Public Policy

Jefferson Room

Applied Philosophy and the Tools of the Policy Sciences
Benjamin Hale (University of Colorado, Boulder)

No Longer Complacent about Complacency
Michael D. Doan (Dalhousie University)

A Case Study in Field Philosophy: The Comparative Assessment of Peer Review
J. Britt Holbrook (University of North Texas)

Chair: Ted Kinnaman (George Mason University)
3.2 CONFLICT AND IDENTITY

Monroe Room

Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones and the Possibility of Moral Repair
Sarah Clark Miller (Pennsylvania State & the University of Memphis)

Jewish Self-Hatred in the Debates over Israeli Policies toward Palestinians
Marilyn Friedman (Vanderbilt University & Charles Sturt University)

Empowering Women
Ericka Tucker (Cal Poly Pomona)

Chair: Anastasia Mirzoyants (University of Toledo)

3.3 PRACTICE OF PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Congressional Room

Philosophical Influence on Culture
Eric Thomas Weber (University of Mississippi)

Socrates as Organizer: What Alinsky Can Teach Us About Publicly Engaged Philosophy
Frank McMillan (VOICE of Northern Virginia)

Chair: Roderic L. Owen (Mary Baldwin College)

3.4 PUBLIC PHILOSOPHIZING:

Senate/Cabinet Room

What Are We Learning from Our Own Practice?

Panelists
Kristie Dotson (Michigan State University)
Elizabeth Minnich (Association of American Colleges and Universities)
Kyle Powys Whyte (Michigan State University)

Chair: Elizabeth Minnich

6:00p – 7:30p Wrap-up / Reception (cash bar) Foyer

Discussion and evaluation with focus on identification of next steps; presentation and discussion of Public Philosophy Network organization and structure. See agenda in registration packet.
**Program at a Glance**

**Thursday**

7:00p – 8:30p
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**PLenary:** “VALUES AND PUBLIC LIFE”
Location: Center for American Progress

A: Washington Plaza Hotel
   10 Thomas Circle NW

B: Center for American Progress
   1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor

**Friday**

Location for all events on Friday and Saturday:
Washington Plaza Hotel

7:30a – 9:00a  **Breakfast**

9:00a – 12:00p  **Morning Workshops**

12:00p – 2:00p  **Lunch and Table Sessions**

2:00p – 5:00p  **Afternoon Workshops**

**Saturday**

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2:45p – 4:15p  **Papers and Panels**

4:15p – 4:30p  **Break**

4:30p – 6:00p  **Papers and Panels**

6:00p – 7:30p  **Reception**

Throughout  **Workshops on Public Philosophy Network Website**