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10<sup>th</sup> Annual North Georgia  
Student Philosophy Conference

Kennesaw State University  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Hosted by the Philosophy Student  
Association

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
University Rooms, Student Center

**10:30 – 11:30**

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

**11:30 – 12:00**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Robert H. Dorff

*Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Kennesaw State University*

Alice K. Pate

*Chair, Department of History and Philosophy  
Kennesaw State University*

David Jones

*Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Student Association  
Kennesaw State University*

**12:00 – 1:30**

PANEL 1: TIME, LOGIC, AND REASON

John Elliot (Kennesaw State University)

*Tempus Infinitus Unum*

Chris Becker (North Carolina State University)

*From Gödel to Informal Provability: the problem of certainty and the peculiarity of  
Church's Thesis*

Jeffrey Pucci (American University)

*Interdependence: Tanabe Hajime on the Crisis of Reason*

**1:30 – 1:45**

BREAK

**1:45 – 3:15**

PANEL 2: COMMUNITY

Patrick Ichikawa (University of Central Florida)

*An Autonomous Agent*

Townes Marcus (Clemson University)

*Vividness*

Daniel Mendez (Georgia State University)

*'Rightfully Ethical Love' in Hegel's Theory of Marriage*

**3:15 – 3:30**

BREAK

**3:30 – 5:00**

PANEL 3: MODERN WILL

Alexandra Bylo (Kennesaw State University)

*To What End? -- A Critical Analysis of Kant's Categorical Imperative*

Max Mager (Kennesaw State University)

*Kant and the Illusion of Perfection*

Ariel Gonzalez (University of Central Florida)

*Leibniz's Principle of Sufficient Reason and Freedom of the Will*

**5:00 – 5:15**

CLOSING REMARKS

**6:00**

RECONVENE AT LOS REYES

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
University Rooms, Student Center

**8:00 – 8:30**

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

**8:30 – 10:00**

PANEL 1: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Robert Boudreau (Georgia State University)

*Ontology, Ethics, and Non-Human Animals: The Argument for Ontological Courtesy*

Amy Hayes (University of West Georgia)

*An Epicurean View on Making End-of-Life Decisions*

Nathan Houck (Georgia State University)

*Avoiding Smilansky's Punishment Reductio*

**10:00 – 10:15**

BREAK

**10:15 – 11:45**

PANEL 2: IDENTITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Vanova Robles (University of West Georgia)

*Our Cyborg Bodies: A Post-Humanist Critique of Animal Essentialism in DeGrazia's Human Identity and Bioethics*

Graham Martin-Poteet (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

*Cognitive Bias, Civilized Oppression, and Bystander Resistance*

Jeffrey Collins (Kennesaw State University)

*Unintelligible Others: Animal Oppression, Intersectionality, and Ecofeminism*

**11:45 – 1:00**

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**1:00 – 2:00**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Jason Wirth (Seattle University)

*The Great Earth: Thinking about Nietzsche and Zen*

**2:00 – 2:15**

BREAK

**2:15 – 3:45**

PANEL 3: ANCIENT TRADITIONS

Tyler Maxwell (Kennesaw State University)

*Expressive Being in both Buddhism and the Bhagavad Gita*

Abigail Sanders (Emory University)

*The Art of Living Towards Death*

Justin Downey (University of Dallas)

*Why I am a Perennialist: or, a Defense of Plato in an Age of Decline*

**3:45 – 4:00**

BREAK

**4:00 – 5:30**

PANEL 4: PSA ALUMNI -- ETERNAL RETURN OF THE SAME

Paul Boshears (The European Graduate School)

*The Chinese Philosophical Contribution to Being-on-Drugs*

Burr Osionach (Kennesaw State University)

*Reading Sophia: Philosophy in the Stacks*

John Sweeney (University of Hawaii)

*Philosophy in the Wild: post-KSU PSA futures ?*

**6:00**

RECEPTION OFF-CAMPUS (TBD)

If you have any questions at all concerning transportation, food, directions, etc. please see a member of the Philosophy Student Association.

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