



**LONG ISLAND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY – APRIL 18, 2015**

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Please note: This is the intended conference schedule. The official schedule, incorporating unforeseen but necessary changes, will be available at the registration desk.

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Food: In addition to food served at the conference there is also a Starbucks located in D'Angelo Hall. Several other cafeterias should also be open on campus (e.g. Marillac Hall). Union Turnpike also has various restaurants.

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 am

D'Angelo Center (DAC) (Room 128)

Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am

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(8:45 – 10:00 am)

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LIPS AUTHOR SERIES

Paradox by Margaret Cuonzo (LIU, Brooklyn)

(MIT Press, 2014)

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing throughout the day.

Conference Welcome – Leslie Aarons (LaGuardia CC)

Chairperson = Glenn Statile (St. John's University)

1. Book Presentation – Margaret Cuonzo (LIU, Brooklyn)
2. Response - Anton Alterman (LIU, Brooklyn)
3. Response - Mark Zelcer (SUNY Oswego)

Morning Sessions – (10:00 am – Noon)

Session 1 - The Supererogatory and Kant:

Chairperson = David Kaspar (St. John's University)
Room = DAC Room 128

- 1. Francis Fallon (St. John's University) – "Sin, Expectations, and the Supererogatory Question"**
- 2. Christian Tarsney (University of Maryland) – "Rejecting Supererogationism"**
- 3. Ryan Felder (SUNY Binghamton) – "Korsgaard and Kant on Self-Ownership"**

Session 2 – Mysticism, Philosophical Theology, Fundamentalist Pragmatism

Chairperson = John F. DeCarlo (Hofstra University)
Room = DAC 206

- 1. Beau Branson (University of Notre Dame) – "Great Apostasy Theories in Philosophical Theology"**
- 2. Jean-Marie de la Trinite' (Independent) – "Transient Possession of the Beatific Vision: What is Seen in This Vision – A Contribution to Existential Metaphysics"**
- 3. Andrew Dobbyn (SUNY Stony Brook) – "Quite Unpragmatic: Religious Fundamentalism Through Dewey and James"**

Session 3: Ethics, Fiction, and Abstract Objects

Chairperson = Leslie Aarons (LaGuardia CC)
Room – DAC 208

- 1. Vera Albrecht (LaGuardia CC) – "Meinongian Incomplete Objects: Explaining Fiction and Other Nonexistents"**
- 2. Minerva Ahumada (LaGuardia CC) – "Ethics as Fiction: The Art of Framing That Which Emerges"**
- 3. Shane Maxwell Wilkins (Fordham University) – "The Infinitely Iterated Labyrinth"**

Session 4: Drugs, Cheating, Ethical Theory

Chairperson = Robert Delfino (St. John's University)
Room – DAC 209

1. Marie George (St. John's University) – "What Should a Thomist Think About the Usage of 'Smart Drugs' as Study Aids?"
2. Kenneth Shouler (County College of Morris) – "Cheating in Sports"
3. Rob Lovering (College of Staten Island) – "Deontology, Natural Law, and Drugs"

Session 5: Variations on Virtue

Chairperson = Daniel Restrepo (St. John's University)
Room - DAC 308

1. Paul Gyllenhammer (St. John's University) – "Sartre and Virtue"
2. Moti Mizrahi (St. John's University) – "Why Be an Intellectually Humble Philosopher?"
3. John Draeger (SUNY Buffalo) – "Moral Virtue in Regard to Everyday Sexism"

Session 6: Science, Language, Medical Ethics

Chairperson = Glenn Statile (St. John's University)
Room - DAC 309

1. Jacob Archambault (Fordham University) – "Is the Reticulational Model of Scientific Change Based on a Misunderstanding? Revisiting the Laudan-Kuhn Debate."
2. Katerina Psaroudaki (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – "Evolutionary Psychology and the Problem of Language"
3. Nada Gligorov – (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai) – "A Defense of Brain Death"

Session 7: Free Will, Moral Responsibility, Voluntarism

Chairperson = Lowell Kleiman (SUNY Suffolk)
Room – DAC 406

1. Matthew Konig (SUNY Suffolk) – "A New Argument for the Insufficiency of the Free Will Defense"
2. Stephen Morris (College of Staten Island) – "The Implications of Denying Free Will and Moral Responsibility"
3. Brock Scheller (Fordham University) – "Leibniz's Critique of Cartesian Voluntarism: Eternal Truths and Divine Freedom"

Session 8: Hegelian Investigations

Chairperson = Emily Sullivan (Fordham University)

Room – DAC 407

- 1. Clayton Bohnet (Fordham University) – Philosophical Method and the Absolute: An Essay on Hegel and Schelling as Readers of Spinoza"**
- 2. Rebecca Traynor (CUNY Graduate Center) – "If You Lived Here, Would You be Home Free by Now?: A Critical Examination of the Relation Between Freedom and Reconciliation in Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*"**
- 3. Jose Luis Fernandez (Temple University) – " 'What Is' and 'What Ought': Toward an Understanding of Evil in Hegel's Philosophy of History"**

Session 9: Phenomenology and Identity

Chairperson = Michael Schrynemakers (St. John's University)

Room – DAC 408

- 1. Timothy Hyde (SUNY Stony Brook) – "T.B.D.: The Methodology of Later Phenomenology"**
- 2. Jason Costanzo (St. John's University) – "Two Modes of Conscious Experience"**
- 3. Lysane Fauvel (Southwestern University) – "The Hidden Face of Identity: Fragmentation, Agressivity, and the Uncanny Strangeness of the Foreign Within"**

Session 10: Politics, Economics, Self-Interest Theory

Chairperson = Margaret Cuonzo (LIU Brooklyn)

Room – DAC 410

- 1. Joe Jordan (Kingsborough CC) – "Man as the Measure: Quantification and the Problem of Political Order"**
- 2. Aleksandr Gevorkyan (St. John's University) – "A Social Totality Alternative to Static Equilibrium: a Dialectical View in Economics"**
- 3. Daniel Petrucha (University of Victoria) – "Sunk Costs and Temporal Neutrality"**

Lunch: Noon – 1:00 pm

DAC 128

KEYNOTE SESSION: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

DAC 206

Introduction: Glenn Statile (St. John's University)

LIPS Poet laureate: John F. DeCarlo (Hofstra University)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Kennedy (St. John's University)

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THEATRE AND PHILOSOPHY

Afternoon Sessions - (2:30 pm -5:00 pm)

Session 11: St. John's University Special Undergraduate Session

Chairperson = Glenn Statile (St. John's University)

Room = DAC 128

1. Kyle Tsakiris (St. John's University) – "The Relationship Between Metaphysics and Virtue Ethics"

2. Maxaie Belmont (St. John's University) – "Religion, Ritual, and the Road to *Gelassenheit*"

St. John's University Faculty Lecture - Teaching Philosophy

3. Dr. Michael Schrynemakers (St. John's University) – "Teaching Philosophy with Pictures and Diagrams"

Session 12: Food, Feminism, Ethics, Freedom

Chairperson = Francis Fallon (St. John's University)

Room = DAC 206

- 1. Carlo Alvaro (CUNY City Tech) – “Meet Your Meat”**
- 2. Nicholas Kreuder (SUNY Binghamton) – “Moral Reasoning and Ways of Life: A Response to Eating Meat and Eating People”**
- 3. Shannon Proctor (LaGuardia CC) – “Troubling the Feminist Cultural Account of Eating Disorders”**
- 4. Mai Abdel Kader (American University in Cairo) – “On the Possibility of Freedom and Nature”**

Session 13: Gun Control and the Environment

Chairperson = Moti Mizrahi (St. John's University)

Room = DAC 209

- 1. Howard Ponzer (Molloy College) – “Limited Government and Gun Control”**
- 2. Dena Monticone (University of Illinois) – “Problems With and Suggested Improvements for United States Gun Control Laws”**
- 3. Leslie Aarons (LaGuardia CC) – “Environmental Public Philosophy”**
- 4. Elliot Trapp (New School) – “Should Environmentalists Embrace A Rights Based Discourse?”**

Session 14: Mind, Language, Epistemology, Ethics

Chairperson = Jason Costanzo

Room = DAC 306

- 1. Nikola Andonovski (Johns Hopkins University) – “The Format of the Given: On Fodor's ‘The Revenge of the Given’”**
- 2. Alexander Bozzo (Marquette University) – “Berkeley's Semantic Argument”**
- 3. Emily Sullivan (Fordham University) – “Transforming Knowledge into Understanding”**
- 4. Concordia Marie Lagasca-Hiloma (University of the Philippines) – “Wittgenstein on the Nature of Morality”**

Session 15: Ethics and Law

Chairperson = Joe Jordan (Kingsborough CC)

Room = DAC 307

- 1. Mollie Gerver (London School of Economics) – “Positive Discrimination with Intent to Harm or Exclude”**
- 2. Travis Hreno (University of Akron) – “Nullification and the Rule of Law”**
- 3. Daniel Restrepo (St. John’s University) – “Targeted Killings and Terrorists: What’s Wrong With Killing the Naked Soldier”**
- 4. Justin Jennings (UCLA) – “Right Action and Internal Consistency”**

Session 16 : Heidegger, Aristotle, Cinematic Ethics

Chairperson = Eugene Kelly (NYIT)

Room = DAC 308

- 1. Derek Daskalakes (George Mason University) – “History and Philosophy in Heidegger’s Reading of Nietzsche’s Thought in *Will to Power*”**
- 2. Owen Magid (Georgetown University) – “Heidegger on Human Finitude: Beginning at the End”**
- 3. Michael McClain (St. Joseph’s College) – “Aristotle Falls for Student’s Girlfriend: A Study in Sexual Incontinence and Poetic License”**
- 4. Heather Rivera (Independent) – “Situational Determinism and *No Country for Old Men*”**

Session 17: Epistemology and Metaphysics

Chairperson = John F. DeCarlo (Hofstra University)

Room – DAC 309

- 1. Gary Santillanes (SUNY Binghamton) – “Truth, Disagreement, and Embedding in Wong’s Relativism”**
- 2. Josh Heter (Augustana College) – “The Return of the Anti-Contextualist Objections: A Reply to Yanovich”**
- 3. Joseph Vusukov (Fordham University) – “Top Down Hylomorphism”**
- 4. James Clayton Shoppa (Molloy College) – “Substance Monism and the Metaphysics of Exaggeration”**

Session 18: Ethics, Epistemology, Socratic Method

Chairperson = Anton Alterman (LIU Brooklyn)

Room – DAC 406

- 1. Andrew Nolan Hatley (University of Tennessee) – “Responsibilism and Skepticism: Kornblith, Epistemic Responsibility, and the Suspension of Judgment”**
- 2. Michael Hannon (Fordham University) – “Moral Praise and Acting for the Right Reasons”**
- 3. David Kaspar (St. John’s University) – “Two Types of Moral Skepticism”**
- 4. Dana Trusso (LaGuardia CC) – “Seducing the Novice: Socratic Mythmaking for the Love of Wisdom”**

Session 19: Ethics and Epistemology

Chairperson = Michael Henry (St. John’s University)

Room – DAC 408

- 1. Chrysoula Gitsoulis (City College) – “The Role of Reasoning in Grounding Moral Judgments”**
- 2. Jeffrey Hastings (SUNY Binghamton) – “The Sociality of Evil: The Banality of Evil as Inherent to Contemporary Society”**
- 3. Eric Bayruns (CUNY Graduate Center) – “Epistemic Justice and Culpability”**
- 4. Michael Dale (Brandeis University) – “On Seneca’s Consequentialist Case Against Anger”**

Session 20: Hegel/Education, Psychology/Mind, Love

Chairperson – Basilio Monteiro (St. John’s University)

Room – DAC 409

- 1. Ken Foldes (St. John’s University) – “Global Education, Hegel, and the End of History”**
- 2. Jesse James Atencio (CUNY Graduate Center) – “Psychological Continuity Theory: Product Recalled”**
- 3. Rachel McNealis (Miami University) – “The Object of Patriarchal Love: Romantic Mythologies and the Actualization of Authentic Love”**
- 4. David Wong (San Francisco State University) – “How the Representation Consumer Determines Representational Content”**

Reception: (5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) DAC 128

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