## 7<sup>th</sup> CUNY Undergraduate

## **Philosophy Conference**

11:00-11:30	Registration and Coffee Words from Program Head	2:00-2:30	The Street: Imagining and Performing Democracy Sessi Blanchard Vassar College
11:30-12:00	[15 minute presentation, 5-10 minute Q&A, end 11:25]		
	Free Will is Personal Knowledge Ivan Taurisano LaGuardia Community College, CUNY	3:00-3:30	Paper Title Tessa Clark LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
12:00-12:30	<i>The Privatization of our Prison Systems</i> Sam St Juste LaGuardia Community College, CUNY	3:30-4:00	What is Music?: The Ontological Status of Musical Works Michael Pipko Marist College
12:30-1:00	<b>Does Hip Hop Promote Violence in America?</b> Rafael Santana LaGuardia Community College, CUNY	4:00-4:30	When Seeking Asylum Feels Like an Asylum Clara Altidor LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
1:00-2:00	Lunch	4:30-5:30	Evil Monsters and Where to Find Them Keynote Address Dr. Derrick Darby University of Michigan
		5:30-6:00	

# Guidelines for respectful, constructive, and inclusive philosophical discussion

Adapted from David Chalmers

### I. Norms of respect

- 1. Be nice.
- 2. Don't interrupt.
- 3. Don't present objections as flat dismissals (leave open the possibility that there's a response).
- 4. Don't roll your eyes, make faces, laugh at a participant, etc., especially to others on the side.
- 5. Don't start side conversations parallel to the main discussion.
- 6. Acknowledge the speaker's insights.
- 7. Object to theses or arguments, don't object to people.

#### II. Norms of constructiveness

- 1. Objections are fine, but focus on being constructive and strengthening the speaker's position.
- 2. Even the most significant objections can be framed in terms of the insight that they offer.
- 3. If you find yourself thinking the project is worthless, think twice before asking your question.
- 4. It's OK to question the presuppositions of a project or an area, but discussions in which these questions dominate can be unhelpful.
- 5. Don't keep pressing the same objection.

#### III. Norms of inclusiveness:

- 1. Don't dominate the discussion.
- 2. Raise one question per question (follow-ups are OK, but questions on different topics are not).
- 3. Don't let your question run on forever.
- 4. Acknowledge points made by previous questioners.
- 5. It's OK to ask a question that you think may be unsophisticated or uninformed.
- 6. Don't use unnecessarily offensive examples.

