UConn Graduate Conference
Realism and Anti-Realism
Call for Papers

The Philosophy Graduate Student Association at the University of Connecticut invite submissions to their 1st annual philosophy graduate conference. The topic of this years conference is the debate between **Realism and Anti-realism**. To be held **8 November 2014**

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In the first chapter of Crispin Wright's seminal book *Truth and Objectivity* he identifies three paradigms of the realism/anti-realism debate which me might call:

1. *Semantic realism*: The claim that the truth of some given propositions are determined independently of any standard given by us or any ability to be verified by us.

2. *Entity realism*: The claim that there are actually entities which can be the referent of our statements about some domain and thus make those statements true.

3. *Factual realism*: The claim that assertions have substantial truth conditions, i.e. are capable of being (substantially) true or false.

These three paradigms allow us to identify at least three ways to be an anti-realist about some domain, corresponding to the above three paradigms: constructivism, fictionalism and noncognitivism.

We welcome papers on the type of debate between realism and anti-realism covered above in *any* area of philosophy, including but not limited to: moral philosophy, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, philosophy of language and philosophy of mathematics. Talks will be 30 minutes long, so please keep submissions to 3500 words or less.

Submission Deadline

September 1st 2014.
Submissions will be blind reviewed. Please submit a PDF and RTF of your document <u>Note:</u> .doc and .docx will not be accepted.
Please include a cover letter with your paper including your name (please initial your name for the blind process, e.g. J.J. Smith), institution, and email, paper title, paper word count, and an abstract for the paper. Send submissions and any questions to: `uconnphilosophygrad@gmail.com`