

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL MSU DENVER
UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN'S
PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE**



FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 7, 2019

This image contains three women's faces. Two green women in profile face in opposite directions, and one blue woman faces forward. Behind the women there is a tan circle with fourteen red triangles pointing toward the center. This artwork was created by Erica Payne, a senior at MSU Denver double majoring in Philosophy and Psychology. This image intends to convey the feelings of inspiration and empowerment that a supportive environment can foster.

The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for the presentation of philosophical work by female-identified undergraduates and encourage community building among female-identified philosophers and their male-identified allies. The conference is open to all genders. Male identified students can serve as commentators and session chairs.

Featured Keynote: **Tina Rulli**

Tina Rulli is an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Davis. She works primarily in bioethics, applied, and normative ethics, with interests in the ethics of procreation and adoption, population ethics, the duty to rescue, and a theory of moral options to do less than the best. Tina received her PhD from Yale University in 2011. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institute of Health Clinical Center Bioethics Department from 2011-2013.



Keynote Address:

Reproductive CRISPR Does Not Save Lives

Abstract: Given recent advancements in CRISPR-Cas9 powered genetic modification of gametes and embryos, both popular media and scientific articles are hailing CRISPR's life-saving potential for people with serious monogenic diseases. But claims that CRISPR modification of gametes or embryos, a form of germline engineering, will save lives or has therapeutic value are deeply mistaken. This paper explains why reproductive uses of CRISPR do not treat or save lives that would otherwise suffer from disease. Reproductive uses of CRISPR merely create healthy people where none were inevitable. Merely creating healthy lives has distinct and lesser moral value from saving or curing lives that would otherwise suffer from disease. The real value in reproductive uses of CRISPR is in helping a very limited population of people have healthy genetically-related children. This diminished value cannot compete with the concerns in opposition to germline engineering, nor is it worth our investment of research dollars.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers must have philosophical content but there are no specific restrictions on subject matter within the arena of philosophical discussion itself. However, we especially encourage papers from diverse perspectives.

We are excited to announce, for the third year in a row, a **\$500 prize** for the best paper, which will also serve as the student keynote.

For the second year in a row, we are holding a **lottery to cover airfare and hotel expenses** for one student. All accepted papers will automatically be entered into the lottery.

Electronic submissions (.doc or .pdf) are required and should be sent as an attachment to Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu. Submissions should include both the paper and an abstract of 100-200 words. Papers should be approximately 2500 words (8-10 pages) and prepared for anonymous review (do not include your name or any identifying information on the paper or abstract).

Please include the following in the body of the email:

1. Paper title
2. Word count
3. Author's name
4. Institutional affiliation (if any)
5. Email address
6. Telephone number
7. Will you need a smart classroom to present your paper?

Papers that do not include the above information will not be considered. No more than one paper by the same author will be considered.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, February 4, 2019

Papers will be reviewed by the conference planning committee. Notifications will be made via email by **February 24, 2019**. Submissions whose authors cannot be contacted will be rejected.

Each paper will have a commentator. Those interested in providing brief comments of approximately 5-7 minutes should email Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu by February 4, 2019 stating their availability and interest. Please indicate whether you would like to be a commentator should your paper not be accepted.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th

11:00 – 1:15	PAPER SESSION 1 (two papers)
1:15 – 2:30	LUNCH & WORKSHOP
3:00 – 5:00	GROUP ACTIVITY
5:30 – 6:45	STUDENT KEYNOTE
7:00 – 9:00	ON-CAMPUS DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th

9:30 – 10:15	BREAKFAST
10:15 – 12:30	PAPER SESSION 2 (two papers)
1:00 – 3:00	LUNCH & GROUP ACTIVITY
3:15 – 4:15	PAPER SESSION 3 (one paper)
4:30 – 6:00	FACULTY KEYNOTE
6:30 – 8:30	OFF-CAMPUS BANQUET

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th

8:30 – 9:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 – 11:15	PAPER SESSION 4 (two papers)
11:30 – 12:30	PAPER SESSION 5 (one paper)

Registration Information:

Students are free. Registration details for faculty, staff, and community members will be available on the conference webpage: <https://uwpc2019.squarespace.com/> by February 24, 2019.

Five meals will be provided to registered attendees: Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and Sunday breakfast. The Saturday off-campus banquet is reserved for presenters, commentators, chairs, and faculty members.

MSU Denver welcomes individuals with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. If you need reasonable accommodations for this event, please contact either Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu or Carol Quinn at cquinn10@msudenver.edu by March 22, 2019.

For further information, please contact Professor Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu or Professor Carol Quinn at cquinn10@msudenver.edu.