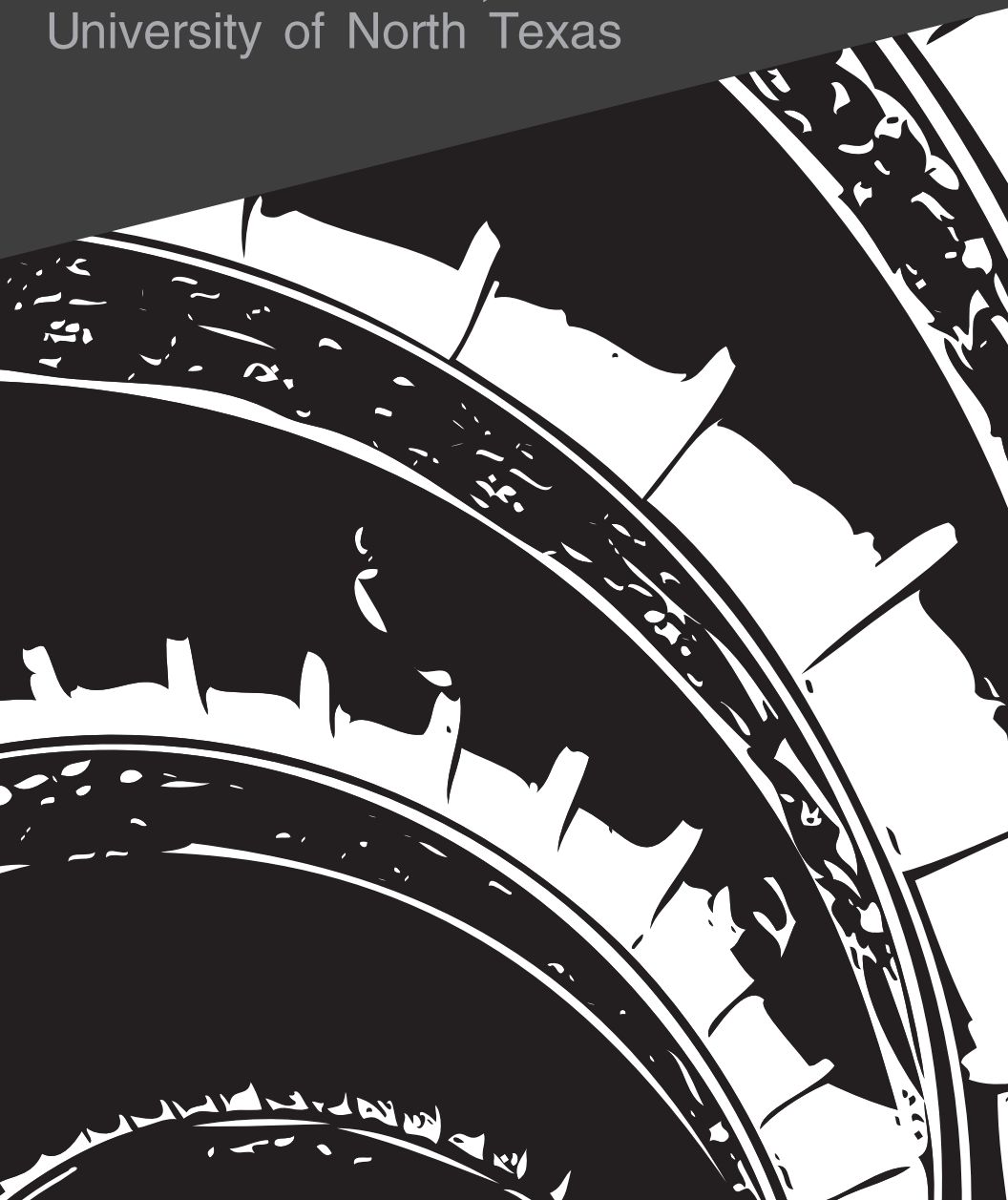


PHI SIGMA TAU

Student Philosophy Symposium

November 12 & 13, 2010

University of North Texas



Keynote Address by Iain Thomson:

Heidegger on the Crisis and Future of the University

Phi Sigma Tau Texas Xi

The Texas Xi Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau was formed in January 2010, and this year's Student Philosophy Symposium is its first major venture. UNT PST is an internationally accredited honor society which aims to to promote student interest in philosophy, student community and further advance study in philosophy as well as providing avenues for publication of student works. *The society has semi-annual journal, Dialogue, devoted entirely to student contributions.* Meetings also involve student presentation of papers, outside speakers, debates on philosophical issues, etc.

ELIGIBILITY:

Graduate students are eligible if they meet the requirements established for undergraduates (see below), or if they have completed at least one-third of the residence requirements of the master's degree with a grade average of at least half on the highest grade of the working scale and half in the second highest grade.

Undergraduate students are eligible for active membership if they have completed three semesters or five quarters of the college course, rank in the upper thirty-five percent of their class, and have completed at least two semester courses or three quarter courses in philosophy with an average grade of over the second highest grade of the working scale.

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Session 1

(Friday: 4:00p - 5:15p)

Room 110 // Of Simulacra and The Image

The Truth Which Possesses No
Truth: Jean Baudrillard on
Simulacra and the Socio-Cultural
Death of Reality

Christopher Graves
(University of Texas)

Walter Benjamin and the
postmodern aura

Michael Judge
(Purdue University)

Moderator: Jared Bly

Room 125 // Philosophy of Time

Existence in Kant's Transcendental
Aesthetic

Ben Kessler
(University of North Texas)

Entering Bergson's *durée* and
Multiplicity

Marco Polo Comacho
(University of Texas, El Paso)

Moderator: Jennifer Rowland

Keynote Address

(Friday: 5:30p)

Room 110 //

Heidegger on the Crisis and Future
of the University

Dr. Iain Thomson
(University of New Mexico)

Dr. Iain Thomson is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Graduate Director at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Thomson's primary interests are 19th and 20th Century Continental Thought, specializing in the thought of Martin Heidegger, education, and technology. His first book, **Heidegger on Ontotheology: Technology and the Politics of Education**, has been described as "the deepest and the most illuminating account of the relation between Heidegger's philosophy and his politics yet offered" by Hubert Dreyfus and "a must-read for anyone who is seriously interested in Heidegger or the development of German philosophy during the 20th century."

Institutional Affiliates



The Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity

Since 2008, the Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity seeks to comprehend how "Interdisciplinarity" has become a placeholder for our hopes and fears for the future of knowledge. Pursuing research through case studies, the fellows of the Center seek to develop the theory and practice of interdisciplinarity writ large.

Among its projects is a study funded by NASA on the philosophical dimensions of climate change as well as a project funded by the National Science Foundation to study the comparative assessment of the peer review process at 6 science agencies worldwide. This research focuses on how different agencies integrate broader societal impacts issues into the peer review of grant proposals. Recently, CSID directors edited the first collected volume to span the full breadth of this research: **The Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity**.

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**Speaker
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The Speakers Committee of the Department of Philosophy and Religion sponsors a variety of lectures and special events throughout the year to enhance the educational experience of our undergraduate students.

Upcoming co-sponsored events include "Michel Foucault: Queering Theory & the Interdisciplining of Knowledge," by Dr. Lynn Huffer on **November 19th** which is cosponsored with CSID and "Metaphors and Science" by Dr. Brendon Larson on **December 3rd** at 2pm in EESAT 125, an event cosponsored by the Biology department and Chile Program.

Please contact Adam Briggles at Adam.Briggles@unt.edu for more information.

Session 2

(Saturday: 9:00a – 9:50a)

Room 125 // Of Metaphysics

A Defense of Metaphysical Realism
Contra Internal Realism **Kevin Hayes**
(University of North Texas)

Ruminations on Intermittent
Existence **Anthony Adrian**
(Texas State University)

Moderator: Josh McNutt

Room 125 // Extraterrestrial Philosophy

Applied Science Fiction:
Terraforming and Environmental
Ethics **Joshua D. Hill**
(Texas State University)

Ethical Considerations for
Terraforming and Colonizing Mars:
Applying the Philosophy of
Environmental Justice **Heath French**
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Alexandria Poole

Session 3

(Saturday: 10:00a – 11:20a)

Room 110 // Nietzsche's Significance

Pity, Revenge, and Eternal
Recurrence: An Analysis of *Thus
Spoke Zarathustra* **Jeremy Prince**
(University of Texas, Dallas)

Nietzsche's Coinage (Or How to
Make Heads or Tails of the
Overcoming of Metaphysics) **Jared Bly**
(University of North Texas)

Acknowledging the Abyss: Freedom,
Equality and Love in Nietzsche **Jordan Batson**
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Philip Day

Room 125 // Freedom, Choice and Transformation

Marx, Engels & Mental Health
Treatment

Katherine Galanova
(University of North Texas)

Transformations: Transitioning from
Radical to Liberatory Feminism
through Radical Alliances

Camilla Davis
(Texas Woman's University)

Freedom to Act and Freedom to
Think – Moral Responsibility,
Reason, and Involuntary Beliefs

Guilherme Oliveira
(University of São Paulo, Brazil)

Moderator: Chris Graves

Session 4

(Saturday: 11:30a – 12:30p)

Room 110 // DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

The Possibility of an Ecological
Rationality within the Logic of Late
Capitalism via Guattari & Plumwood

Dylan McGraw
(University of North Texas)

Commentator: Jennifer Rowland

Room 125 // Kantian Perspectives

Plantinga, Kant, and Cognitive
Reliability

Peter Zuk
(Pepperdine University)

A Kantian Response to
Experimental Philosophy

Benjamin Dubroc
(Louisiana State University)

Moderator: William Grove-Fanning

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(Saturday: 12:30p – 1:30p in Room 120)

Session 6

(Saturday: 1:30p – 2:50p)

Room 110 // Perspectives in Environmental Philosophy

McDowell: Renewed Environmental Beginnings

Caldin Morgan
(University of North Texas)

Sitting Like a Mountain

Thomas Calobrisi
(University of North Texas)

An Environmental Hermeneutics of Meaningful Action

Nathan Bell
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: David Utsler

Room 125 // On Religion and the Religious

A Refutation of the Augustinian View of Evil

Sarah Beth Reece
(University of North Carolina, Asheville)

Universalism: An Apology of Sorts

Jordan Rose
(Austin College)

The Dissolution of the Conflict Between Science and Religion

Nicholas Sarratt
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Matt Keefer

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Individual participants should submit a completed paper of no more than 3000 words and an abstract of between 100 - 200 words to dale.wilkerson@unt.edu. Submissions should be entered by **January 22, 2011**.

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Session 7

(Saturday: 3:00p – 4:20p)

Room 110 // Ethical Dimensions

Morality, from a Darwinian
Perspective

Whitley Tullar
(Sam Houston State University)

Sentence: Rejected as a Necessary
Condition For Granting Moral Status

Sheryl Lobue
(Sam Houston State University)

The Ethical Imagination: Cain's
Mark on Mankind

Philip Day
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Eric Simon

Room 125 // Issues in Phenomenology

A Critique of Hans Jonas' Approach
to the Other Minds Problem in "Is
God a Mathematician?"

Josh McNutt
(University of North Texas)

'Absence' in Being and Time

John Milligan
(Louisiana State University)

The Pervert's Guide to
Phenomenology

Matt Keefer
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Dylan McGraw

Room 120 // On Reason and Cognition

Hume's Laying of the Ground for a Critique of the Faculty of Reason

Daniel Arioli
(University of Dallas)

A Subject that Limits the World: Schopenhauer & Wittgenstein on the Limits of Experience

Gareth Fuller
(University of Texas, El Paso)

On the Fence: The Role of Language in Cognition

Javier Gomez-Levin
(College of Charleston)

Moderator: Anthony Adrian

Session 8

(Saturday: 4:20p – 6:00p)

Room 110 // The Socio-Political and Philosophy

Revolution as Genealogical: Foucault and the Iranian Revolution

Cameron Vaziri
(University of North Texas)

Is There an Evaluative Relationship Between Morality and Law?

Joel Musser
(Louisiana State University)

Race, Nationality and Identity

Giovanni Dortch
(University of North Texas)

Is the Theory of Communicative Action a Comprehensive Doctrine?

David Utsler
(University of North Texas)

Moderator: Dennis Erwin

Room 125 // Transhumanism and Technology

An Existential Triumph: Ontological
Freedom v. Genetic Engineering

Scott Cambell
(Bridgewater State University)

Homo Capax-Capabilis:
Transhumanism and human
enhancement

Cody Debaun
(University of North Texas)

Technology as Collective Real
Dream

Armando Javier Magallanez, Jr.
(University of Texas, Dallas)

Moderator: Glen Miller

Room 120 // Philosophy and Literature

Of Mice and Men: Applying
Metaphoric Condensation to
Dostoevsky's *Notes from the
Underground*

Shayan Makani
(Baylor University)

An Analysis of Prospero:
The Dialectic of Theoretical
Contemplation and Political
Pragmatism

Michael Colebrook
(University of Dallas)

Plato's Doubly Mimetic Socrates:
The Divided Line and the Socratic
Dramatis Persona

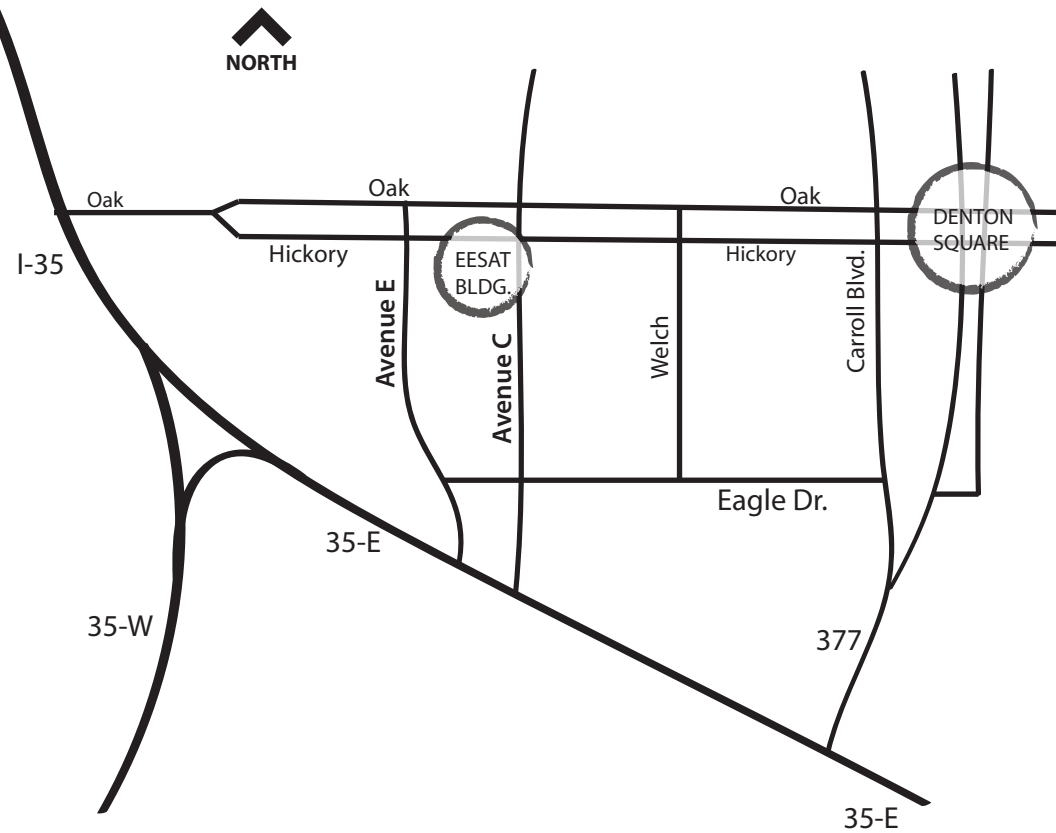
Stephen Margheim
(Baylor University)

Death, Law and Immortality in
Sophocles' Oedipus Cycle

Evan Edwards
(University of North Carolina, Asheville)

Moderator: Nathan Bell

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