

**Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies  
North Carolina State University**

**PUBLIC LECTURES AND EVENTS IN PHILOSOPHY  
2001–2014**

Unless otherwise indicated, lectures listed below were in the Philosophy Colloquium Series.

**2013/14**

Robin Zheng (University of Michigan, participant in NC State's Building Future Faculty Program), "Attributability, Accountability, and Collective Responsibility for Implicit Bias," April 3

Holly Smith (Rutgers University and National Humanities Center), "Making Moral Codes Usable for Decision-Making," March 20

Timothy Hinton (NC State), "The Significance of Rawls's Original Position in the Dispute Between Radicals and Liberals," February 27

Stephen C. Ferguson II (North Carolina A&T State University) "Who's on First? Sports, Philosophy, and the Concept of 'African American Firsts'," February 5, 2014 (College of Humanities and Social Sciences Diversity Lecture)

Gary Varner (Texas A&M University), "A Two-Level Utilitarian Perspective on Animals," October 24

Susan Wolf (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Responsibility, Moral and Otherwise," October 3

***Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative Conference on Concepts***, September 20-21  
(program available [here](#))

**2012/13**

Joseph Levine (University of Massachusetts Amherst), "Modality, Semantics, and the Explanatory Gap," April 11 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Russell Powell (Boston University), "Genetic Engineering and the Future of Human Nature," April 8 (co-hosted by the Science, Technology and Society Program)

Ian N. Proops (University of Texas at Austin and National Humanities Center), "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," March 21

Stephen Puryear (NC State), "Leibnizian Bodies: Phenomena, Aggregates of Monads, or Both?" January 22

Sanem Soyarslan (Boston University), "The Distinction Between Reason and Intuitive Knowledge in Spinoza's Ethics," January 17

Kristin Primus (Princeton University), "A New Interpretation of Spinoza's Causal Metaphysics," January 15

Jonathan Cottrell (New York University), "The Unity of the Mind and Hume's Appendix," January 10

Alan Baker (Swarthmore College), "Mathematical Properties and Explanation," November 15, 2012 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Christia Mercer (Columbia University and National Humanities Center), "From Metaphysics to Ethics: Seventeenth-Century Notions of Sympathy," October 11

Randolph Clarke (Florida State University and National Humanities Center), "Freely Omitting to Act," September 20

## **2011/12**

Stephen Finlay (University of Southern California), "The Pragmatics of Normative Disagreement," April 19

John McDowell (University of Pittsburgh), "How Practical Knowledge Relates to Receptive Knowledge," April 10

William A. Bauer (NC State), "Informing Powers," March 20

L. A. Paul (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and National Humanities Center), "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry," February 9

James Van Cleve (University of Southern California and National Humanities Center), "Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception," November 17

Susanne Sreedhar (Boston University and National Humanities Center), "Mothers, Matriarchs, and Marriage: Hobbes's Puzzling Yet Promising Views on Women," October 20

***Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative Conference on Meaning in Context***, September 23-24 (program available [here](#))

## **2010/11**

***Tom Regan: A Celebration*** - a workshop on Tom Regan's ethics, April 15-16. Speakers included: Matt Haltemann (Calvin College), Mylan Engel Jr. (Northern Illinois), Alastair Norcross (Colorado), Rebecca Walker (UNC Chapel Hill)

***A Time Travel Conference***, April 8-9. Speakers: Geoff Goddu (Richmond), Richard Hanley (Delaware), Bradley Monton (Colorado), Chris Smeenk (Western Ontario), Kadri Vihvelin (Southern California)

J. Richard Gott III (Professor of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University), A Time Travel Lecture: "Time Travel in Einstein's Universe," April 8 (presented with support from the University Honors Program and the Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa)

William A. Bauer (NC State), "Pure Powers and Dispositional Essentialism," March 17

James Dreier (Brown), "Another World: The Metaethics and Metametaethics of Reasons Fundamentalism," February 24

Eric K. Carter (NC State), "Subjective Attitudes, Judge-dependence, and Vagueness," February 10

Peter Railton (Michigan and National Humanities Center), "Two Cheers for Virtue," January 27

Robert Mabrito (NC State), "Welfare and Paradox," November 18

Ned Block (NYU), "Consciousness: Rich or Sparse?" November 5 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Karen Bennett (Cornell), "Building and Causing," Thursday, October 14

Mark Richard (Harvard), "What is Disagreement?" September 30

Timothy Hinton (NC State), "'Sentiments of the Understanding, Perceptions of the Heart': Constitutional Sentimentalism and the Authority of Morals," September 2

## **2009/10**

Daniel J. Povinelli (University of Louisiana Cognitive Evolution Group), "How the Science of Other Minds Became Science Fiction: An Open Letter to Comparative Psychology," Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series, April 8

Patricia K. Curd (Purdue University and the National Humanities Center), "What Can Humans Know? A Presocratic Answer," March 25

Dorit Bar-On (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the National Humanities Center), "Expression, Action, and Meaning: Expressive Behavior and 'Continuity Skepticism'," March 4

Ekow Yankah (Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University), "Obligation to Govern and the State of Terror," February 18

Gary L. Comstock (NC State), "Human Singularity," with comments by Douglas MacLean (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), February 4

Rüdiger Bittner (University of Bielefeld and the National Humanities Center), "Some Naturalisms in Ethics," January 21

Ruth Elizabeth Chang (Rutgers University and the National Humanities Center), "Do We Have Normative Powers?," November 12

Kit Fine (New York University and the National Humanities Center), "State Space," October 29

***Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative Conference on Ontology***, September 25–26  
(program available [here](#))

Gary H. Merrill (GlaxoSmithKline Semantic Technologies Group), "Ontology, Ontologies, and Science," September 3

## **2008/9**

Karen Neander (Duke), "Re-evaluating Resemblance Theories of Content," April 8 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Stephen Puryear (NC State), "Force, Absolute Motion, and the Threat of Circularity in Leibniz," March 26

Ted Sider (New York University), "The Metaphysics of Fundamentality," February 26

John Doris (Washington University in St. Louis and the National Humanities Center), "A Natural History of the Self," February 12 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Darrel Moellendorf (San Diego State University and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton), "Justice and the Mitigation of Climate Change," January 15 (co-hosted by the Philosophy Club)

Alan Nelson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Mathesis Universalis: Descartes on Universal Wisdom," November 3

Johannes Hafner (NC State), "Kitcher on Mathematical Explanation," October 23 (presentation based on a paper by Johannes Hafner and Paolo Mancosu)

Ronald P. Endicott (NC State), "The Functionalist Circle," October 2

Talk by philosopher in NC State School of Design: Mark Johnson (University of Oregon), "Art Incarnate: Aesthetics of Human Understanding," October 2

Thomas Hofweber (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Ambitious, Yet Modest, Metaphysics," September 18

## **2007/8**

J. Michael Dunn (Indiana University), "Logic, Information, Computation," April 17  
(GlaxoSmithKline Lecture in Semantics and Ontology)

Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Dartmouth), "Moral Intuitions as Heuristics," April 3

Elizabeth Spelke (Harvard), "Origins of Knowledge of Number and Geometry," February 18  
(Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Amelie Rorty (Harvard University and National Humanities Center), "On the Other Hand: The Ethics of Ambivalence," February 14

Stephen Yablo (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), "Truth and Aboutness," January 25 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Marc Lange (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Mathematical Coincidence and Their Relations to Mathematical Explanations and Proofs," January 18 (co-hosted by the Philosophy Club)

Alan Carter (University of Glasgow), "A Plurality of Values," November 15

Meghan Griffith (Davidson College and National Humanities Center), "How to Go Agent-Causal," November 1

William Lycan (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "More Layers of Perceptual Content," October 19 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Jeffrey L. Kasser (NC State), "Doubt and Disagreement," October 4

Heather Gert (University of North Carolina, Greensboro), "Wittgenstein's Ruling Family," September 25

Jesse Prinz (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "The Neural Basis of Consciousness," September 6 (co-hosted by the Philosophy Club)

## **2006/7**

John Bickle (University of Cincinnati), "Ruthless Reductionism and Social Cognition," March 23 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Connie Sue Rosati (University of Arizona and National Humanities Center), "Objectivism and Relational Good," March 1

Stephen Stich (Rutgers), "Philosophy, Intuition, and Culture," February 20 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Johannes Hafner (University of Vienna), "Realism, Reference, and the Axiom of Choice," February 8 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Roy Cook (Villanova), "Hume's Big Brother: Counting Concepts and the Bad Company Objection," February 2 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Mihai Ganea (University of Illinois at Chicago), "Predicative Arithmetic," January 26 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Daniel Garber (Princeton), "What Happens After Pascal's Wager: Living Faith and Rational Belief," January 18

Ronald P. Endicott (NC State), "Total Nomic Roles, Embodied Cognition, and the Demise of the Functionalist Paradigm," November 30

Cliff Joslyn (Los Alamos National Laboratory), "Measuring Semantic Space: Order Theory for Knowledge Discovery and Integration," November 3 (GlaxoSmithKline Lecture in Semantics and Ontology)

Richard Kraut (Northwestern), "Politics and Good: Reflections on Rawls," November 8

Catherine Driscoll (NC State), "Massive Modularity and the Prospects of Evolutionary Psychology," October 19

Sean McKeever (Davidson College), "States and Reasons," October 5

Douglas M. Jesseph (NC State), "Truth in Fiction: Origins and Consequences of Leibniz's Doctrine of the Fictional Infinitesimal," September 28

Katie McShane (NC State), "Is Awe a Valuing Attitude?" September 14

## **2005/6**

Don J. Garrett (New York University), "The First Virtuous Motive of Justice: Hume's 'Circle Argument' Squared," April 20

Gerald Gaus (Tulane), "The Demands of Impartiality and the Evolution of Morality," April 6

Timothy Hinton (NC State), "Autonomy and the Priority of the Good," March 30

Julia Driver (Dartmouth), "Luck and Fortune in Moral Evaluation," March 16

Kadri Vihvelin (Southern California), "Free Will Demystified: A Dispositional Analysis," February 24

James Van Cleve (Southern California), "Rates of Passage," February 10

Teddy Seidenfeld (Carnegie Mellon), "Multi-Agent Decision Making and Other Settings for Relaxing Bayesian Theory," January 18 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Gerd Gigerenzer (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin), "What is Bounded Rationality?" November 29 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Jaegwon Kim (Brown), "Why There Are No Laws in the Special Sciences: Three Arguments," November 18 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Peter Koellner (Harvard), "On the Question of Absolute Undecidability," November 3 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Barbara Levenbook (NC State), "Misfortune and Harm After Death," October 27

Peter Railton (University of Michigan), "Desire, Happiness, and Morality," October 14

Susan Wolf (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Moral Psychology and the Unity of Virtue," September 22

Ronald P. Endicott (NC State), "The Bible and Abortion: A Fundamental Misconception," September 16 (public lecture hosted by the Philosophy Club and the Academic Study of Religion Club)

John Roberts (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Laws, Measurements and Counterfactuals," August 25 (Logic and Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

## **2004/5**

David Rosenthal (CUNY), "Consciousness," April 12 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Cynthia Macdonald (Canterbury, New Zealand), "The Metaphysics of Mental Causation," March 31 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Robert Mabruto (Arizona State), "Disagreement and Expressivism," March 17

Ned Markosian (Western Washington), "The Right Stuff," February 25

Rebecca Stangl (Notre Dame), "Thinking about the Unthinkable: The Virtuous Agent and the Limits of Sensitivity," February 8

Douglas Portmore (California State University, Northridge), "Welfare and Posthumous Harm," January 28

Tamra Frei (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Is the Hypothetical Imperative a Categorical Imperative?" January 24

Alex Friedman (MIT), "The Return of the Trolley," January 18

Rex Martin (Kansas and the National Humanities Center), "Walzer and Rawls on Just Wars and Humanitarian Interventions," January 13

Allen Buchanan (Duke), "Are Human Rights Parochial?" November 18

Terence Horgan (University of Arizona), "Phenomenal Intentionality and the Brain in the Vat," November 4 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Fred Dretske (Duke), "Perception Without Awareness," October 15 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

John W. Carroll (NC State), "Nailed to Hume's Cross?" September 23

William R. Carter (NC State), "Markosian's Presentism: The Missing Fact Problem," September 2

## **2003/4**

Louise Antony (Ohio State), "A Naturalized Approach to the A Priori," April 16 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Christopher Menzel (Texas A & M), "Varieties of Modal Essentialism," March 19

Uriah Kriegel (University of Arizona), "Same-Order Monitoring Theory of Consciousness," February 13

Catherine Driscoll (Dartmouth), "How Far Can Learning be Adaptive?" February 17

***Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society***, held jointly with the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, February 6–7

Rob Rupert (Texas Tech), "Functionalism, Mental Causation, and the Problem of Metaphysically Necessary Effects," January 30

Daniel Dennett (Tufts), "Explaining the 'Magic' of Consciousness," October 18 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Jonathan Kvanvig (Missouri), "Nozick's Epistemology and the Problem of the Value of Knowledge," September 19

## **2002/3**

George Lakoff (Berkeley), "The Brain's Concepts" and "The Embodied Mind and Metaphorical Thought," May 1 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

George Graham (Wake Forest), "The Mind of Mental Illness," April 16 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Jerry Fodor (Rutgers), "Having Concepts: a Brief Refutation of the 20th Century," April 9 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

Sigrun Svavarsdottir (Ohio State), "Minding One's Commitments," March 6

Jesse Prinz (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Concept Empiricism," February 26 (Cognitive Science Lecture Series)

## **2001/2**

Jessica Wilson (Michigan), "Hume, Neo-Humeans, and the Idea of Causal Efficacy," December 6

Douglas M. Jesseph (NC State), "Why You Should Be an Atheist," November 20 (co-hosted by the Philosophy Club)



William R. Carter (NC State), "Fuzzy Objects: Sharpening Los Angeles (Not 'Los Angeles'),"  
October 31

Mylan Engel (Northern Illinois), "On the Question-Begging Nature of Evil-Demon Arguments for  
Skepticism," October 3