



Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy  
and the North Carolina Philosophical Society

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All talks to be held in the Daniel Management Center,  
8th Floor, Close/Hipp Building, USC-Columbia

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Registration: Friday 2:15 – 3:00pm, 8th Floor

Welcoming Remarks: Dean Thorne Compton, 2:45pm, Lumpkin Auditorium, 8th Floor, Close/Hipp Building

Session I: Friday 3:00 – 5:40pm		
<p><b>Philosophy of Language</b> Room 856 Chair: Anne Bezuidenhout, USC-C</p> <p>Patrick Rardin, Appalachian State University <i>Linking Pretense in Mathematical Figures of Speech to Understanding</i> 3:00 – 3:40</p> <p>Max Deutsch, East Carolina University <i>The One and Only Argument for Radical Millianism</i> 3:40 – 4:20</p> <p>Chrysoula Gitsoulas, City University of New York <i>A Critique of Kripke's Argument from Error against Dispositional Theories of Meaning</i> 4:20 – 5:00</p> <p>Holly Groover, USC-C <i>A Gricean Analysis of the Wit of Winston Churchill</i> 5:00 – 5:40</p>	<p><b>Ethics</b> Lumpkin Auditorium Chair: Sean McKeever, Davidson College</p> <p>Michael Pendlebury, NC State University <i>How to Be a Normative Expressivist</i> 3:00 – 3:50</p> <p>Leonard Kahn, Oxford University/UNC-Chapel Hill <i>Getting Back to Nature</i> (winner, NCPS Graduate Student Prize) 3:50 – 4:40</p> <p>Jennifer Fisher, University of North Florida <i>The Right to Emote</i> 4:40 – 5:30</p>	<p><b>History of Philosophy</b> Room 855 Chair: David Meeler, Winthrop University</p> <p>Tom Burke, USC-C <i>Pragmatism as a Dual-Process Theory of Experience</i> 3:00 – 3:50</p> <p>Scott Mayberry, USC-C <i>Clarifying the Process of Abduction and Understanding Inductive Generalization</i> 3:50 – 4:40</p> <p>Charles D. Kay, Wofford College <i>The Place of Madness in Descartes' 'Meditation I'</i> 4:40 – 5:30</p>

Dinner 5:40 – 7:00pm

Registration: 6:30 – 7:00pm, 8th Floor

Session II: Friday 7:00 – 9:40pm		
<p><b>Panel: Logicism</b> Room 856 Chair: Otávio Bueno, USC-C</p> <p>Jodi Azzouni, Tufts University</p> <p>Otávio Bueno, USC-C</p> <p>Thomas Hofweber, UNC-Chapel Hill</p> <p>Michael Resnik, UNC-Chapel Hill</p>	<p><b>Applied Ethics</b> Lumpkin Auditorium Chair: Blanche Premo-Hopkins, USC-Aiken</p> <p>P. Eddy Wilson, Shaw University <i>Unpacking the Corporate Mission Statement for Good</i> 7:00 – 7:50</p> <p>Charles Starkey, Clemson University <i>The Land Ethic and Moral Development</i> 7:50 – 8:40</p> <p>Ann Johnson, USC-C <i>Ethics Between Science and Technology</i> 8:40 – 9:30</p>	<p><b>Metaphysics</b> Room 855 Chair: Robert Maydole, Davidson College</p> <p>David A. Norman, USC-Lancaster <i>Surviving Death: The Ultimate Oxymoron?</i> 7:00 – 7:40</p> <p>Anthony Marc Williams, College of Charleston <i>Why Survival is Enough</i> 7:40 – 8:20</p> <p>Meghan E. Griffith, Davidson College <i>Actions as Processes: A New Account of Free Action</i> 8:20 – 9:00</p> <p>Liz Stillwagon, USC-C <i>From Patterns to Pollock</i> 9:00 – 9:40</p>

Mixer: 9:40 – Midnight, 1917 Senate Street (proceed out to Barnwell, go left on Barnwell to Senate, turn right on Senate, cross Gregg, and 1917 is the grey house on the left as you go down a little hill. It is the last house on left before the road turns.)

Registration: Saturday 8:00 – 9:00am, 8th Floor

Session III: Saturday 9:00 – 11:30am		
<p><b>Ancient Philosophy</b> Room 856 Chair: Paul Studtmann, Davidson College</p> <p>John R. Fitzpatrick, NC State University <i>An Inclusivist Reading of the Nichomachean Ethics</i> 9:00 – 9:50</p> <p>Matthew E. Kenney, USC-C <i>Philosophy as Plague, Philosophy as Cure: On the Apolline Quality of Socratic Philosophy</i> 9:50 – 10:40</p> <p>William P. Kiblinger, Winthrop University <i>Understanding the Athenian Fear of Socrates: A Reading of Plato's Apology of Socrates</i> 10:40 – 11:30</p>	<p><b>Epistemology</b> Lumpkin Auditorium Chair: Richard Nunan, College of Charleston</p> <p>Nancy Daukas, Guilford College <i>Epistemic Virtue and Trustworthiness</i> 9:00 – 9:50</p> <p>Vance Ricks, Guilford College <i>Friendship, Inferential Directness, and Trust</i> 9:50 – 10:40</p> <p>Michael Veber, East Carolina University <i>Nothing is Immune to Revision</i> (winner, NCPS Untenured Faculty Prize) 10:40 – 11:30</p>	<p><b>Applied Ethics</b> Room 855 Chair: Charles Kay, Wofford College</p> <p>Jannette Blandford, Belmont Abbey College <i>An Argument Against Libertarian Objections to Universal Health Care</i> 9:00 – 9:50</p> <p>Christian Hipp, USC-C <i>A Nietzschean Reflection on Health and Disease</i> 9:50 – 10:40</p> <p>Blanche Premo-Hopkins, USC-Aiken <i>Between Distinctions: Ontology and the Morality of Abortion</i> 10:40 – 11:30</p>

Lunch: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Registration: 12:30 – 1:00pm, 8th Floor

Session IV: Saturday 1:00 – 3:40pm		
<p><b>Undergraduate Session</b> Room 856 Chair: Cynthia Bryson, Greenville Technical College</p> <p>Tommy Guy, Appalachian State University <i>The Humanist Lemma: A Means of Discourse about Religious Texts</i> 1:00 – 1:40</p> <p>Jennifer Harris, Greenville Technical College <i>Factory Farming: Implications of An Ethically Questionable System</i> 1:40 – 2:20</p> <p>Ben Horne, College of Charleston <i>Species Value and the Implications of Objective, Pluralistic Species Concepts for Species Conservation</i> (winner, SCSP Undergraduate Award) 2:20 – 3:00</p> <p>Matt Sayball, UNC-Wilmington <i>Fatalism and the Asymmetry of Time</i> 3:00 – 3:40</p>	<p><b>Ethics</b> Lumpkin Auditorium Chair: Jennifer Fisher, University of North Florida</p> <p>Edmund Wall, East Carolina University <i>Toward a Unified Foundation of Natural Law Ethics</i> 1:00 – 1:40</p> <p>Eric C. Mullis, Queens University of Charlotte <i>The Ethics of Confucian Artistry</i> 1:40 – 2:20</p> <p>Michael Eldridge, UNC-Charlotte <i>The Social Character of Obligation in Dewey's Pragmatic Ethics</i> 2:20 – 3:00</p> <p>Kenneth A. Presting, UNC-Chapel Hill <i>Virtue, Value, and Autonomy</i> 3:00 – 3:40</p>	<p><b>Philosophy of Religion</b> Room 855 Chair: William P. Kiblinger, Winthrop University</p> <p>Robert Maydole, Davidson College <i>On Objections to the Modal Perfection Argument</i> 1:00 – 1:40</p> <p>Richard Nunan, College of Charleston <i>Intelligent Design, Methodological Naturalism and Alfred Russell Wallace</i> 1:40 – 2:20</p> <p>Richard C. Prust, St. Andrews Presbyterian College <i>The Mythos/Logos Distinction</i> 2:20 – 3:00</p> <p>Michael Strawser, University of Central Florida <i>The Ethics of Love in Spinoza and Kierkegaard and the Irrelevance of the Question of God</i> 3:00 – 3:40</p>

Break: 3:40 – 4:00pm

Session V: Saturday 4:00 – 6:00pm		
<p><b>Philosophy of Language: Presupposition</b>  Room 856  Chair: Charles Starkey, Clemson University</p> <p>Patrick Brissey, USC-C  <i>A Stalnakerian Response to Abbott's Rejection of the Principle of Accommodation</i> (winner, SCSP Graduate Award)  4:00 – 4:40</p> <p>Rodrigo Moro, USC-C  <i>On Simons' Conversational Principle Behind Presuppositions</i>  4:40 – 5:20</p> <p>Anne Bezuidenhout, USC-C  <i>Presupposition Failure and Assertoric Inertia</i>  5:20 – 6:00</p>	<p><b>Social and Political Philosophy</b>  Lumpkin Auditorium  Chair: Liz Stillwagon, USC-C</p> <p>John M. Collins, East Carolina University  <i>Constitutional Evolutionism, Originalism, and Externalist Semantics</i>  4:00 – 4:40</p> <p>Brian Thomas, UNC-Chapel Hill  <i>Non-Essentialism and the Interpretive Nature of Racial Identity</i>  4:40 – 5:20</p> <p>David Meeler, Winthrop University  <i>Is Voting the Way to Handle Leadership Selection?</i>  5:20 – 6:00</p>	<p><b>Panel: Teaching "Introduction to Philosophy"</b>  Room 855  Chair: Malcolm Munson, Greenville Technical College</p> <p>Christine Sorrell Dinkins, Wofford College</p> <p>Malcolm Munson, Greenville Technical College</p> <p>Michael Strawser, University of Central Florida</p> <p>Cynthia Bryson, Greenville Technical College</p>

Annual SCSP Banquet: 7:30pm, McCutchen House, Horseshoe, USC-Columbia

Presidential Address: Michael Ruse, Coastal Carolina University  
*Spectacular Society: Time, War, Speed and the End of the Political*