

**33rd annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American
Philosophy**

9-11 March 2006

Sheraton Gunter Hotel—San Antonio, TX

Hosted by Texas State University, Craig Hanks, Local Arrangements

Thursday, March 9, 2006

1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Registration and Book exhibit: 1:00 p.m.- 5:30p.m.

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm *Concurrent Sessions I*

A. Panel: Emerson and Schelling on Nature

“Crosspollinations: Schelling’s Naturphilosophie in Emerson’s New World.”

John J. McDermott, Texas A&M University

“Emerson’s Schellingean Natures: Origins of American Environmental Thought.”

Doug Anderson, Southern Illinois Univ. at Carbondale

“Emerson and Schelling on Nature.”

Theodore D. George, Texas A & M University

B. Discussion Papers on Democracy

Chair-Moderator: David Woods, Fordham University.

“The Public Square as Discursive Space

Noelle McAfee, Center for Social Media, American University

“John Dewey and the Contemporary ‘Deliberative Turn’ in Political Theory.”

Gregory Pappas, Texas A & M University

Commentator: Brendan Hogan, Pacific Lutheran University

C. Traditional Paper Session: Mind and Self

Chair-Moderator: Richard Hart, Bloomfield College

“Dewey’s Conception of Mind in Contemporary Debate.”

James Crippen, California State University, Fullerton

“Taking the Role of the Other and Imitation: Reconsidering G.H. Mead”

Kelly Booth, Southern Illinois University

Commentator: Tom Burke, University of South Carolina

D. Traditional Paper Session: Art & Literature

Chair-Moderator: Judy Whipps, Grand Valley State University

“The Violent Aesthetic: A Reconsideration of Transgressive Body Art”

Eric C. Mullis, Queens University of Charlotte

“Expressive Truth: An Argument for Literary Philosophy”

Jessica Wahman, Dickinson College

Commentator: Rebecca Carr, George Washington University

4:00-4:15 Refreshment Break-

4:15 pm – 5:45 pm *Concurrent Sessions II*

E. The Challenge of Pragmatism (Cologne Constructivism Group)

Paper: “Dewey’s Concept of ‘Experience’ Reconsidered.”

Stefan Neubert, Universitat zu Koln

Paper: “Dewey’s Concept of ‘Communication’ Reconsidered.”

Kresten Reich, Universitat zu Koln

Commentator: Jim Garrison, Virginia Tech

F. Traditional Papers on Political Theory

Chair-Moderator: Bill Gavin, University of Southern Maine

“Thinking of Swedenborg: Emerson, James Sr., and American Ideas.”

Kristin Boudreau, University of Georgia

“Democratic Epistemology and Social Hope.”

Judith Green, Fordham University

Commentator: Emily Parker, Emory University

G. Discussion Papers on Peirce and Whitehead

Chair-Moderator: Frank Oppenheim, Xavier University

“The Ecological Promise of Peirce and the Problem of Human
Exceptionalism in the West.”

Greg Zuschlag, Graduate Theological Union

“Sherburne, Dewey and Whitehead on Aesthetic Experience.”

William T. Meyers, Birmingham-Southern College

Commentator: Stephen O’Sullivan

5:45-6:15 Vans to the Witte Museum

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm *Plenary I: Steven Moore*, Co-Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at the School of Architecture at the University of Texas in Austin. Response by John J. McDermott, Texas A&M University. **Witte Museum, San Antonio** Co-sponsored by Northwest Vista College, San Antonio and the Witte Museum.

7:45 pm – 9:00 pm *Reception, Witte Museum Patio Overlooking the San Antonio River (Vans running in a loop back to the conference hotel)*

Friday, March 10, 2006

8:00 am – 5:00 pm *Registration*
 Book Exhibit-

8:00am - 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

Book Discussion: *A Search for Unity in Diversity: The Permanent Hegelian Deposit in the Philosophy of John Dewey* by James A. Good

9:00 am – 10:30 am *Concurrent Sessions III*

H. Discussion Papers on Truth and Inquiry

Chair-Moderator: Hans Seigfried, Loyola University

“A New Puzzle for the Pragmatist Theory of Truth.”

Scott Aiken, Vanderbilt University

“Paddling in the Stream of Consciousness: Describing the Movement of Jamesian Inquiry.”

John Kaag, University of Oregon

Commentator: Cornelis de Waal, Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.at Indianapolis

I. Discussion Papers on Ontology

Chair-Moderator: James Albrecht, Pacific Lutheran University

“Royce’s Fictional Ontology.”

Randall Auxier, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“Emerson’s Divine Decompositions”

John Lysaker, University of Oregon

Commentator: Stephen Barners. Northwest Vista College

J. Traditional Papers on Reconfiguring Philosophy

Chair-Moderator: Mary Magada Ward, Middle Tennessee State University

“Logics of Similitude and Logics of Difference in American and Contemporary Continental Philosophy.”

Kenneth W. Stickers, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“So Cornel West, Rush Limbaugh, and Jon Stewart walk into a Bar: Public Intellectuals, SAAP, and the Need for Another Recovery of American Philosophy.”

Terrance MacMullan, Eastern Washington University

Commentator: Lee McBride, Georgia Institute of Technology

K. Traditional Papers on Biological Issues

Chair-Moderator: Mark Johnson, University of Oregon

“What Can Evolutionary Biology Tell Philosophers and Does It Matter?”
Elizabeth Baeton, Emerson College

“Synechistic Bioethics: A Peircian Approach to the Morality of Abortion.”
Robert Lane, University of West Georgia

Commentator: Steven Fesmire, Green Mountain College

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Plenary II: Coss Dialogues-

Chair: Richard M. Shusterman, Florida Atlantic University

Speaker: Martin Jay, University of California, Berkeley
Historian of Ideas

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch on own (Executive Committee Working Lunch)**2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions IV****L. Coss Dialogues’ follow-up panel-****M. Traditional Papers on the Concept of Time**

Chair-Moderator: Robert Innis, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

“Temporality in an Ethical Register: Coupling Royce’s Insights with
Levinasian Insights.”

Dwayne A. Tunstall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“The Commonsense of Nonviolence: Time as a Political Resource in the
Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez.”

José-Antonio Orosco, Oregon State University

Commentator: Kimberly Garcher, University of Oregon

N. Traditional Papers on Dewey and Phenomenology

Chair-Moderator: Micah Hester, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

“John Dewey ‘on the side of angels’: A Critique of Kestenbaum’s
Phenomenological Reading of a Common Faith.”

Shane Ralston, Western State College

“Transactional Experience and Its Implications for Phenomenology.”

Mark H. Van Hollebeke, Seattle University

Commentator: Vincent Colapietro, Penn State

O. Varieties of American Personalism

(Organized by the Personalist Group)

Chair: Richard Beauchamp, Christopher Newport University

Paper: "Boston Personalism on Person."

Tom Buford, Furman University

Paper: "African American Personalists on Person."

Rufus Burrow, Jr. Christian Theological Seminary

Paper: "Howison on Person."

James McLachlan, Western Carolina University

3:30pm- 3:45pm Refreshment Break-

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm *Concurrent Sessions V*

P. *Latin American Philosophy Today: Some Problems*

(organized by Asociación Filosófica de México)

Paper: "Can There be A Panamerican Philosophy?"

Guillermo Hurtado (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Paper: "Latin American Philosophy: Three Vices."

Carlos Pereda (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Q. *Traditional Papers on Community & Politics*

Chair-Moderator: Barbara Lowe

"Education for a Beloved Community."

Sean Riley, Baylor University

"A Pragmatist Cosmopolitan Moment: Reconfiguring Nussbaum's
Cosmopolitan Concentric Circles."

Marilyn Fischer, University of Dayton

Commentator: Joseph Betz, Villanova University

R. *Traditional Papers on Meliorism & Time*

Chair-Moderator: Alexander Kremer

"Is Meliorism a Live Option: Towards a Reconstruction and Defense of
Socratic Faith?"

David Strand, Emory University

"Meaninglessness and Coming Unstuck in Time."

Martin Coleman, Saint Andrews Presbyterian College

Commentator: Alfred Prettyman, Ramapo College of New Jersey

S. Discussion Papers on Community & Democracy

Chair-Moderator: Cynthia Gayman, Murray State University

“Interpretation, Redemption and the Beloved Community: Understanding American Philosophy through the Work of Toni Morrison.”

Tadd Ruetenik, Penn State Altoona

“Pragmatism and the Love of Humanity: Democracy as a Way of Life After Dewey: Thoreau and Cavell.”

Naoko Saito, Kyoto University

Commentator: Heather Keith. Lyndon State College

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm *Plenary III: Presidential Address*

“Only Going So Fast: Philosophies as Fashions”

John Stuhr (Vanderbilt University)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm *SAAP Reception*

8:00 pm - ? *Dinner on own*

Saturday, March 11, 2006

8:00 am – 12:00 pm *Registration & Book Exhibit*

8:00am - 9:00am *Continental Breakfast*

Book Discussion: Frank Oppenheim, *Reverence for the Relations of Life: Re-Imaging Pragmatism via Josiah Royce’s Interactions with Peirce, James and Dewey.*

To be led by Roger Ward (Georgetown College)

9:00 am – 10:30 am *Concurrent Sessions VI*

T. Process-Pragmatic Moral Philosophy (Organized by Society for the Study of Process Philosophies)

Paper: Intensity in Moral Experience: A Process-Pragmatic Assessment of the Possibility of Moral Response to Overwhelming Circumstances.”

Jude Jones, Fordham University

Paper: “The Problem of Moral Diversity in a World of Dogmatism: Whitehead and James on the Aim and Limits of Moral Philosophy.”

Brian G. Henning, Mount St. Mary’s University

U. Traditional Papers on Meliorism

Chair-Moderator:

“Pragmatism as a Philosophy of Hope: Emerson, James, Dewey, Rorty”

Colin Koppman, McMaster University

“Mitigation and Construction: Toward a Balanced Meliorism.”

James O. Pawelski, University of Pennsylvania

Commentator: Charlie Hobbs, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

V. Discussion Papers on Democracy and Religion

Chair-Moderator:

“Is Religion a Conversation Stopper?”

Stuart Rosenbaum, Baylor University

“Democracy and Religion: Rivals or Allies?”

Albert R. Spencer, Baylor University

Commentator: Seth Joshua-Thomas, Fordham University

W. Panel Discussion: American and German Philosophical Traditions

“Conceit, Collaboration, and Communication Between the American and German Philosophical Traditions.”

“The Parallels of Intellectual Conceit: The Difference Between Santayana & Husserl.”

Matthew Flamm, Rockford College

“Decentering for Dewey Studies: A Contemporary Dialogue between Interactive Constructionism and Deweyan Pragmatism.”

Megan Mustain, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“Growing into the Open: Dewey and Gadamer on Aesthetic Experience.”

Ross Couch, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

11:00 am – 12:30 pm *Concurrent Sessions VII*

X. Papers Graduate Student Session

"James' Pragmatic Externalism: Experience Outside of the Head"

Joel Kruger, Purdue University.

“Royce at the Borderlands: A Pragmatist Approach to the Feminist Politics of World-Travel”

Celia Barwell-Jones, University of Oregon

"Involuntary Memory and William James's Empiricist Temperament in Marcel Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*"

Rosa Slegers, Fordham University

Y. American Philosophy and Poetry

(Organized by Society for Phenomenology and Existential
Philosophy)

Chair: Matt Foust, University of Oregon

Paper: Things Merely Are: Philosophy in the Poetry of Wallace Stevens
Simon Critchley, New School University

Commentator: Peter Hare, State University of New York at Buffalo

Z. Panel Discussion: Puritanism and American Politics

“Puritanism and Contemporary American Politics

“From Nature to Revolution: The Social Contract and Covenant
Theology in Revolutionary America.”

Tibor Solymosi, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“On Earth as It is in Heaven: The Puritan Individual Before God and the
American Individual before the Dollar.”

Justin Bell, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

“Not as Liberal as We Think: Puritanism’s Conservative Influence on Early
America.”

Aaron Fortune, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm *Lunch on own –*

The Josiah Royce Society Annual Business Meeting

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm *Concurrent Sessions VIII*

AA. Panel: Pragmatism and Intelligent Design

Controversy in Context: Evolution in Science and in the Schools.”

Kimberly Bilica, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Epistemological Lessons of the Evolution/ID Debate.”

John Capps, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Pragmatism and Intelligent Design: Reconstructive Strategies for a
Devolving Situation.”

David Hildebrand, University of Colorado at Denver

BB. Panel: Localities and Communities

Chair-Moderator: Paul Thompson, Michigan State University

“Old McDonald Had a Wife: The Centrality of Marriage and Family in
Wendell Berry’s Agrarian Vision”

Lisa Heldke, Gustavus Adolphus College

“Local Limits: The Nature of Places in Wendell Berry’s Agrarian Philosophy.”

Scott Pratt, University of Oregon

“Local Communities, Moral Economy, and the Virtue of Thrift: A Brief
Study of Wendell Berry’s Agrarian Ethic”

Dane Scott, The Center for Ethics, University of Montana

CC. Santayana's Interpretations

(Organized by the George Santayana Society)

Chair: Angus Kerr-Lawson, University of Waterloo

Paper: "Animal Faith or Natural Knowledge: Why Dewey and Santayana Can't Agree About Philosophy."

Paul Forster, University of Ottawa

Comments: Glen Tiller, Texas A&M- Corpus Christi

Paper: "Does the Psyche Exist?"

Todd Cronan, University of California, Berkeley

Comments: Matt Flamm, Rockford College

3:30-3:45

Refreshment Break

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions IX

DD. American Identity: Race, God and Democracy

(Organized by the American Studies Association)

Paper: "Philosophy, Resistance, and the African American Experience."

Maurice Lee, Boston College

Paper: "America, Atheism and Black Atheism."

Michael Lackey, Wellesley College

Paper: "Race Identity and Democracy in America."

Nikhil Singh, University of Washington

EE. Discussion Papers: Dewey and Democracy

Chair-Moderator: Ben Galatzer-Levy, Southern Illinois University

"Unsanctifying Democracy: Joas, Religious Valuation and Dewey's Common Faith."

Kevin Decker, Eastern Washington

"Deweyan Character: Situationism and the Possibility of Democracy."

Matthew Pamental, Northern Illinois University

Commentator: Phil Oliver, Middle Tennessee University

FF. Panel: Teaching Dewey

“Passing Dewey on to the Next Generation: The Experience of Teaching Dewey.”

Chair: Lucille McCarthy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

“Accentuate the Positive and Ease into the Negative: Teaching Dewey to Curious Undergraduates.”

Paola Kindred, St. Olaf College

“A Course on Dewey & Hope: What Students and Teachers Learn.”

Stephen M. Fishman, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

“Teaching Dewey is Teaching an Attitude.”

Elizabeth Cooke, Creighton University

“Teaching A Common Faith.”

Jerome Soneson, University of Northern Iowa

GG. Feminism and Pragmatism

(Organized by the Society of Women in Philosophy)

Paper: “Postcolonial American Philosophy: Sex and Gender at the Core.”

Chris Cuomo, University of Cincinnati

Paper: “Art Works: Pragmatist/Feminist Aesthetics from Hull House to Nancy Spero.”

Ryan Musgrave, Rollins College.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm *Business Meeting*

6:30-7:30 *Reception*

7:30 pm – ? *Banquet & Awards*