



A Public Philosophy Network (PPN) Conference

## Advancing Public Philosophy



# 2013

Emory University

March 14 – 16

Atlanta, GA

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## Thursday, March 14

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**7:00p – 9:00p**

### **Plenary: “Opening Doors and Opening Windows: How to Advance Public Philosophy”**

This session aims at the participation of all conference registrants as we engage in a discussion about how to best “open the doors” of philosophy to insure that those who have been marginalized from the discipline are included. Many have been marginalized who do publicly engaged work on the supposed grounds that it is somehow not philosophy. But when we open the doors, we also open windows, as the newcomers start pointing to issues that have been previously ignored. Both are necessary if we are to advance publicly engaged scholarship generally and publicly engaged philosophy in particular.

#### **Facilitator**

Sharon M. Meagher (Co-Director, Public Philosophy Network;  
University of Scranton)

#### **Catalyst discussants**

Claire Snyder-Hall (Kettering Foundation)  
Anita L. Allen (University of Pennsylvania)  
Ronald Sundstrom (University of San Francisco)  
Gertrude Gonzalez de Allen (Spelman College)  
Naomi Scheman (University of Minnesota)

Note: this plenary session will use a fishbowl discussion format; all attending will have opportunities to participate.

\* Location: Lullwater Ballroom.

## Friday, March 15

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### 9:00a - 12:00p **Morning Workshops**

#### **1.1 Taking Philosophy into the Field of Science and Technology Policy: Toward a Paradigm for Publicly Engaged Philosophy.** Salon 2

##### [Workshop Leaders](#)

Adam Briggie (University of North Texas)  
J. Britt Holbrook (University of North Texas)  
Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)  
Kelli Barr (University of North Texas)

##### [Discussants](#)

Susan Hawthorne, Mark Painter, Kathryn Russell, Jose Muniz, Jan C. Schmidt, Bruce Wozny, Linda Billings, Marianne Janack, Eric B. Kennedy, Thomas Atchison, Kathryn Plaisance.

#### **1.2 Philosophy behind Prison Walls, Pedagogy, Praxis, and Infrastructure** Salon 1

##### [Workshop Leaders](#)

Brady Heiner (California State University, Fullerton)  
John D. Macready (University of Dallas)  
Marianne Patinelli-Dubay (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry)

##### [Discussants](#)

Mecke Nagel, Cori Wong, J.J. Sylvia IV, Michael D. Burroughs, Kelsey N. Borrowman, Talia Welsh, Beth Rosdatter, Mark Stephen Fagiano, Elizabeth Minnich, Nancy McHugh, Mladjo Ivanovic, John P. Fantuzzo, Ben Almassi, Grace Hunt, Dan Cheon, Stephen R. Stinson, Alexandra Chambers, Drew Leder, Daniel Karpowitz

#### **1.3 Creating Public-Public Partnerships: Utilizing Universities for Participatory Budgeting** Basswood

##### [Workshop Leaders](#)

Michael Menser (Brooklyn College)  
Kwabena Edusei (Brooklyn College)

##### [Discussants](#)

David Brooke Struck, Christopher Meyers, Eric Thomas Weber, Mark Sanders, Caroline Appleton, Deborah A. Smith

#### **1.4 Streets, Surfaces, and Sounds**

Maple

##### **Workshop Leader**

Gray Kochhar-Lindgren (University of Washington Bothell)

##### **Discussants**

Noëlle McAfee, Danielle M. LaSusa, Lori Kelly, Timothy Cuffman, Rebecca Longtin Hansen, Janet Donohoe, Alex Robins

#### **1.5 Race, the City, and the Challenge of Praxis**

Dogwood

##### **Workshop Leader**

Ron Sundstrom (University of San Francisco)

Frank McMillan (Organizer, Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)

Charles Peterson (Oberlin City Council)

John Wood (UNC Asheville)

##### **Discussants**

Sharon Meagher, Chris Long, Monica Janzen, Naomi Scheman, Jocelyn L. Torma, Shay Welch, Roberto Toledo, Angel Adams Parham, Katherine Kim (Eun-Jung), Anna Malavisi, Jonathan Wurtz, Elena Ruiz

#### **1.6 Retooling Public Health Ethics: how academic ethicists and philosophers can collaborate with health officials to address public health challenges.**

Salon 4

##### **Workshop Leader**

Leonard Ortmann (Public Health Ethicist, Public Health Ethics Unit, Office of Science Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Drue Barrett (PhD, Lead, Public Health Ethics Unit, Office of Science Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

##### **Discussants**

Michael Hoffmann, Nathan Nobis, Claire Snyder-Hall

**1.7 Using Non-Cooperative, Experiential Games to Teach Sustainability Ethics** Salon 5

[Workshop Leader](#)

Jathan Sadowski (Arizona State University)

[Discussants](#)

Katherine Schweitzer, Ian Werkheiser, Lou Marinoff, Robert Kirkman, Nancy Tuana, Clark Wolf, Ralph R. Acampora, Lissy Goralnik, Laurie Thorp, Monica List, Ann J. Cahill, Kate Mehuron, Lisa Gerber, Romana Christina Ilea

**1.8 Scientific Advisory Committees, Controversial Issues and the Role of Philosophy** Salon 3

[Workshop Leader](#)

Paul Thompson (Michigan State University)

Bryan Norton (Georgia Tech University)

Gene Gregory (Former President and CEO of the United Egg Producers)

Janice C. Swanson, (Michigan State University)

Kyle Powys Whyte (Michigan State University)

[Discussants](#)

Allen Thompson, Catherine A. Womack, Kenneth Eric Shockley, Zachary Piso, Daniel Hicks, Lynne Tirrell, Katherine W. Robinson, Andrew F. Smith, Samantha Noll, Nancy J. Matchett, Avram Blaker, Anita L. Allen, Janice Swanson, Sarah Clark Miller, Karen Langbehn

**12:00p -1:30p** [Lunch and Impromptu Table Sessions](#)

**1:30p - 3:00p** [Afternoon Panels First Session](#)

**2.1 Public Philosophy: Disciplinary Constraints and Opportunities (Paper Panel)** Salon 3

Moderator, Adam Briggie (University of North Texas)

“De-Disciplining Philosophy,” Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)

“Public Philosophy and Tenure/Promotion: Rethinking Teaching, Scholarship and Service,” Christopher Meyers (CSU Bakerfield)

“Applied Philosophy and the Task of Thinking: Misericordia University’s Applied Philosophy Project,” Mark Painter (Misericordia University)

“The Interviewing Philosopher, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Qualitative Research,” Catherine A. Womack (Bridgewater State University)

**2.2 From Soma to Society: A Sample Spectrum of Philosophical Practice (Organized Session)** Salon 4

“Talking to Neurons: How Understanding Synapses Helps Memory-Work,” Kate Mehuron (Eastern Michigan University)  
“Somaesthetics: Possibilities for Philosophical Practice,” Andrew Fitz-Gibbon (SUNY Cortland)  
“Philosophical Counseling: Therapy, Education, Activism,” Kathryn Russell (SUNY Cortland)  
“Philosophical Practice as a Remedy for Culturally-Induced Illnesses,” Lou Marinoff (The City College of New York)

**2.3 Food, Health, and Justice (Paper Panel)** Salon 2

Moderator, Sarah Clark Miller (Penn State University)  
“The Contingent Justificatory Status of the ‘Bloomberg Ban’,” Maura Priest (University of California Irvine)  
“Of Famines and Food Deserts: Resources, Capabilities, and Democratic Failure,” Andrew F. Smith (Drexel University)  
“Good Health and Its Discontents: Critically Examining Public Health Policy,” Talia Welsh (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga)  
“A Claim to Conscience: Hegel on Privacy and Publicity,” Victoria Burke (University of Guelph)

**2.4 Socially Relevant Philosophy of Science (SRPOS): Scientific knowledge mobilization across communities (Organized Session)** Salon 1

Facilitator, Eric Kennedy (Arizona State University)  
“Philosophers as Interactional Experts,” Kathryn Plaisance (University of Waterloo)  
“Evolutionary psychologists and human mating behavior,” Carla Fehr (University of Waterloo)  
“Cross Boundary Environmental Issues and Indigenous People,” Kyle Whyte (Michigan State University)

**2.5 Philosophical Outreach in Schools (Paper Panel)**

Moderator, Katherine Schweitzer (Emory University)  
“Civic Engagement in Local Grade Schools,” Mark Balawender (Michigan State University)  
“Images of Philosophy Outreach: From Memphis to Chapel Hill,” Michael D. Burroughs (UNC Chapel Hill)  
“Ethics Bowls and Outreach: Pitfalls and Best Practices,” Joel MacClellan (Washington State University), Jeff Cervantes (University of Tennessee), Jason Fishel, (University of Tennessee)

**2.6 Philosophy for Working Professionals: One Approach to Teaching Ethics in Practice (Organized Session)** Dogwood

"Why Development Needs Ethics," Anna Malivis (Michigan State University)

"What Students Have, What They Need: One Attempt at Rethinking Content for Nontraditional Students," Ian Werkheiser (Michigan State University)

"Taking Philosophy Online: Opportunities and Challenges of Online Courses," Samantha Noll (Michigan State University)

"Challenges of cross-cultural virtual learning: teaching philosophy online to an international audience," Monica List (Michigan State University)

"Between Education and Disclosure: Challenges for Teaching Social and Political Philosophy in an Online Environment," Mladjo Ivanovic (Michigan State University)

**2.7 Philosophical issues in Humanitarian Aid Work. Accountability and Ideology (Organized Session)** Basswood

"NGOs, Humanitarian Aid, the Problems of Ideology and Accountability, and the (Possible) Promise of Failure," Geoff Pfeifer (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Chioke I'Anson (University of South Florida)

"So You Want to Help? Conceptualizing and Reconceptualizing Humanitarian Aid and Development Work," Geoff Pfeifer (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and Chioke I'Anson (University of South Florida)



**3.1 Rhetoric and Dialogue in Public Philosophy (Paper Panel)** Salon 4

Moderator, Rebecca Longtin Hansen (Emory University)

"Rhetoric, Parrhesia, and Critical Ethology: Fashioning the Future of Public Philosophy," Timothy Cuffman (Stony Brook University)

"Philosophy in Digital Dialogue," Christopher Long (Penn State University)

**3.2 Speech and Necessity: Conceptualizing Civil Resistance and Institutional Response (Organized Session)** Salon 2

**Panelists**

Beth Rosdatter (Indiana University Southeast)

Clark Wolf (Iowa State University)

Anabel Dwyer (Michigan attorney)



**3.3 Environmental and Agricultural Ethics (Paper Panel)** Salon 1

Moderator, Kelsey Borrowman (Stony Brook University)

“Restoration as Moral Repair: Environmental Trustworthiness in Practice among Citizens, Students, and Technicians,” Ben Almassi, College of Lake County

“Care Ethics, Participatory Virtues and Agroecological Farmer Education,” Lissy Goralnik, Laurie Thorp, and Matt Ferkany (Michigan State University)

“Eating Animals and Ecological Crisis: The Hermeneutics of Revaluing Omnivorism,” Matthew C. Halteman (Calvin College)

“What would Socrates eat? Philosophy, Science and Food Choices,” Nathan Nobis (Morehouse College)

**3.4 Philosophical Aspects of Energy and Environmental Policy (Paper Panel)** Salon 3

Moderator, Alex Robins (Emory University)

“Working with the Current: Environmental Values, Science, and Policy in Academia,” Caroline Appleton (University of Colorado-Boulder)

“A Philosophical Look at Hydrofracking and Social Movements in New York,” Kathryn Russell (SUNY Cortland)

“Promoting Transparency: Justifying Climate Change Policy in the Public Realm,” Kenneth Shockley (University at Buffalo-SUNY)

“Urban Planning and Renewable Energy,” Harold P. Sjursen (New York

**3.5 Public Deliberation and Participation (Paper Panel)** Dogwood

Moderator, Claire Snyder-Hall (Kettering Foundation)

“Organized Dialogue as an Exercise of Practical Philosophy: the Example of the Debate on a New Statement of Principles of Germany’s Liberal Party,” Christopher Gohl (Global Ethics Institute, Tübingen, Germany)

“AGORA-net: Web-based argument visualization as a social media tool,” Michael Hoffmann (Georgia Institute of Philosophy)

“The Health Canada Decision-Making Framework and the Moral Philosophy of Bernard Gert: A Public Ethics Analysis,” Bruce Wozny (Health Canada)

**3.6 Cultivating Citizenship: How to Implement Civic Engagement Projects in your Philosophy Classes (Organized Session)** Salon 5

"Overview of Civic Engagement Projects," Monica Janzen (Hennepin Technical College)

"The Goals and Theory of Civic Engagement Projects," Susan Hawthorne (St. Catherine University)

"Implementation of Civic Engagement Projects, E-portfolios, and Grading," Ramona Ilea (Pacific University Oregon)

**3.7 Where shall we go in outer space, and why? Value, meaning, and ethics in space exploration. (Organized Session)** Basswood

**Panelists**

Linda Billings (George Washington University)

Lori Marino (Emory University)

Roger Launius (Dept. of Space History, National Air and Space Museum)

## Saturday, March 16

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**9:00a –12:00p** Morning Workshops

**4.1 Philosophy of/as Interdisciplinarity Network (PIN) or Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity: Reflecting on and Crossing Boundaries** Salon 1

**Workshop Leaders**

Adam Briggie (University of North Texas)

J. Britt Holbrook (University of North Texas)

Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)

Jan Schmidt (Darmstadt University)

Michael Hoffmann (Georgia Tech)

**Discussants**

Gray Kochhar-Lindgren, Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, David Brooke Struck,

Ralph R. Acampora, Angel Adams Parham, Eric Thomas Weber, Lynne

Tirrell, Lissy Goralnik, Victoria I. Burke, Monica List, Avram Blaker,

Mark Sanders, Timothy Cuffman, Kate Mehuron, Bryan Norton, Stephen

R. Stinson, Eric B. Kennedy

**4.2 Challenging the Culture of Sexual Violence: Moral Literacy and Sexual Empowerment as Tools of Transformation** Dogwood

**Workshop Leader**

Sarah Clark Miller (Penn State University)  
Cori Wong (Penn State University)  
Ann Cahill (Elon College)

**Discussants**

Kelsey N. Borrowman, Shay Welch, Talia Welsh, Mecke Nagel, Mladjo Ivanovic, Jonathan Wurtz, Anita L. Allen, Janet Donohoe, Grace Hunt

**4.3 Engaged University and Just University-Community Partnerships** Salon 2

**Workshop Leader**

Dr. Ericka Tucker (Cal Poly Pomona University and Emory University)  
Dr. Vialla Hartfield-Méndez (Emory University)  
Letitia Campbell (Emory University)  
Hussien Mohamed (Director of Sagal Radio, OUCP)

**Discussants**

Katherine Schweitzer, Michael D. Burroughs, Kenneth Eric Shockley, Kyle Whyte, Christopher Meyers, Daniel Hicks, Elizabeth Minnich, Nancy McHugh, Nancy J. Matchett, Caroline Appleton, John P. Fantuzzo, Deborah A. Smith, Michael Menser, Marianne Janack, Drew Leder

**4.4 Hip-Hop as Public Philosophy** Basswood

**Workshop Leader**

Amer Ahmed (Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Hip-Hop Congress, Spoken Word Poet, Director of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs, University of Michigan)  
Michael Benitez Jr. (Director of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership, Grinnell College; Doctoral Candidate, Iowa State University; Social Justice Scholar)  
Jo Dalton (Activist, rap producer, youth educator, street philosopher, and former gang leader of the legendary Black Dragons; a gang from the Parisian periphery heavily influenced by the American Black Panthers and Hip-hop movement)  
Roberto Domingo Toledo (Stony Brook University; Dissertation Fellow, Grinnell College)  
Zulu King Quic (B-boy, creator of Mambo Rock, Bronx Style Salsa; Educator of street culture and community uplift)

**Discussants**

Frank McMillan, Elena Ruiz, Alex Robins

#### **4.5 Sagacity and Commerce**

Maple

##### [Workshop Leader](#)

David E. McClean (Rutgers University, Molloy College)

##### [Discussants](#)

Monica Janzen, Lou Marinoff, Bruce Wozny

#### **4.6 Practical Epistemology and Sustainable Inquiry**

Salon 3

##### [Workshop Leader](#)

Karen Hanson (University of Minnesota)

Naomi Scheman (University of Minnesota)

##### [Discussants](#)

Susan Hawthorne, Jathan Sadowski, Ian Werkheiser, Catherine A. Womack, Jocelyn L. Torma, Beth Rosdatter, Zachary Piso, Katherine (Eun-Jung) Kim, Jose Muniz, Laurie Thorp, Ben Almassi, Danielle M. LaSusa, Samantha Noll, Anna Malavisi, Lori Kelly, Gaile Pohlhaus, Janice Swanson, Linda Billings, Leonard W. Ortmann, Karen Langbehn

#### **4.7 Public Philosophy Journal: Performing Philosophy as Publication**

Salon 4

##### [Workshop Leader](#)

Christopher Long (Penn State University)

Mark Fisher (Penn State University)

##### [Discussants](#)

Sharon M Meagher, Paul B. Thompson, Mark Painter, John D. Macready,

#### **4.8 Equity and Climate Change: Opportunities for Research, Teaching, and Advocacy**

Salon 5

##### [Workshop Leader](#)

Andrew Light (George Mason University and Center for American Progress)

Paul Baer (Georgia Tech)

##### [Discussants](#)

Noëlle McAfee, Allen Thompson, Robert Kirkman, Nancy Tuana, Kathryn Russell, Clark Wolf, Mark Stephen Fagiano, Katherine W. Robinson, Andrew F. Smith, Lisa Gerber, Romana Christina Ilea, Thomas Atchison

**12:00p -1:30p** [Lunch and Impromptu Table Sessions](#)

**1:30p -3:00p** **Keynote**

Salons 1-3

**Plenary: "Thinking what we are doing: Reflections on public philosophizing"**

Dr. Elizabeth Minnich is a publicly engaged philosopher and the author of the award winning book *Transforming Knowledge*. Minnich is currently a Senior Scholar, Association of American Colleges & Universities: Office of Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives.

Keynote address followed by open discussion.

**3:15p - 4:45p** **Afternoon Panels**

**5.1 Diversity and Democratic Public Life (Paper Panel)**

Salon 5

Moderator, Shay Welch (Spelman College)

"Study Notes on the Interior of the Brazilian Amazon" Lissandro Botelho (State University of Amazonas)

"The Underside of Cyber-Theory: A Report on Publicly Engaged Philosophy in Latin America" Elena Ruiz-Aho and Jonathan Wurtz (Florida Gulf Coast University)

"Islamic Law in American Courts: Good, Bad, and Unjustifiable Uses," Katherine Kim Eun-Jung (Wayne State University)

"A Humane Framework for Future Immigration Reform," José Jorge Mendoza (Worcester State University)

"Toward a New Conversation on Immigration, Race, and Cultural Difference," Angel Adams Parham (Loyola University-New Orleans)

**5.2 Philosophical Practice in Science and Technology (Paper Panel)**

Dogwood

Moderator, Karen McCarthy (Emory University)

"Towards Effective and Rational Cognitive Enhancements," Ye Feng and Guoyu Wang (Dalian University of Technology, China)

"A class on philosophy and food: groping towards service learning for philosophy of science," Dan Hicks (University of Notre Dame)

"Technology Assessment and Philosophy: a contribution of philosophy to a prospective science and technology assessment," Jan C. Schmidt (Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences, Germany)

**5.3 Adaptation, Institutions, and Land Management Policy: Some Aspects of Moral Responsibility in the Anthropocene (Organized Session)** Basswood

"Using Institutions for Good: The Role of Institutions in the Anthropocene," Ken Shockley (University at Buffalo-SUNY)  
"Obligations to Assist: Adaptation and Reparation in the Anthropocene," Ben Hale (University of Colorado, Boulder)  
"The Human Influence: Moral Responsibility for Novel Ecosystems," Allen Thompson (Oregon State University)

**5.4 Public Philosophy and Philosophical Outreach (Paper Panel)** Salon 4

Moderator, Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)  
"Reconstruction in Mind, Brain, and Education: Pragmatic Commitments for Collaborative Inquiry," Zach Piso (Michigan State University)  
"Philosophical Psychology and the Reconstruction of Culture," Eric Thomas Weber (University of Mississippi)  
"Philopolis," David Brooke Struck (University of Guelph)  
"Restorative Justice," Nancy McHugh (Wittenberg College)

**5.5 "Who asked you?" Perspectives on "Engaging the Public Through Philosophy" (Organized Session)** Maple

"Philosophers' Philosophy and Everyone Else's," Oz Blaker (Temple University)  
"Does selling books mean selling out?: Engaging the public as customer," Danielle M. LaSusa (Bard High School early College Queens)  
"Drugs & Elevators: Against solution-giving," José Muñiz (Lehman College CUNY)

**5:00p-7:00p** Closing Reception and Cash Bar

## Notes

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# Program at a Glance



## THURSDAY 14

7:00p – 9:00p

Plenary: “Opening Doors and Opening Windows: How to Advance Public Philosophy”

## FRIDAY 15

9:00a - 12:00p workshops

12:00p - 1:30p lunch and impromptu table sessions

1:30p - 3:00p organized panels and paper sessions

3:15p - 4:45p organized panels and paper sessions

5:00p - 6:30p business meeting

## SATURDAY 16

9:00a -12:00p workshops

12:00p - 1:30p lunch and impromptu table sessions

1:30p - 3:00p

Plenary : “Thinking what we are doing: Reflections on public philosophizing”

3:15p -4:45p organized panels and papers sessions

5:00p-7:00p cash bar and reception

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