

## EMU Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2013 ~8:00 Breakfast~

Room 300 Moderator: *Abbey Morse*

8:30 –9:15 **Anthropocentrism, Science and the Definition of Life** *Gourav Krishna Nandi*, Comments by Charlie Badgerow

9:15 –10:00 **The Nomos/Physis Tension**  
*Catherine Shay*, Comments by Darrell E. White II

10:00 –10:20 BREAK

10:20 –11:05 **Possible Parthood and Modal-Mereological Composition** *Jordan Ueberroth*, Comments by Adam Shatsky

11:05-11:50 **Possible Problems with Four-Dimensionalism and a Possible Solution** *Aaron Arinder*, Comments by Brian Johnson

**11:50 – 1:05 LUNCH**

**(Hosted lunch for speakers and commenters)**

1:05 –1:50 **Reason Without Root: The Reliability of Hard Science Given Naturalism and Theism**  
*Ryan Patrick Shinkel*, Comments by Alex Lawson

1:50 –2:35 **Ancient Foundations of Modern Science: Democritus, Epicurus, and Atomism** *Jeffrey Nicholas*, Comments by Eric Arbour

2:35 –2:55 BREAK (Session Will Continue in Room 310B)

2:55 –3:40 **Causal Theory of Reference's Extension to Natural Kind Terms: Rigid Designation, Rigid Application, and Change**  
*Adam Shatsky*, Comments by Jordan Ueberroth

3:40-4:25 **Neighbor Love - Ned Flanders Channels Kierkegaard** *Amy Hayes*, Comments by Julia Lingo

4:25-4:45 BREAK

4:45-5:30 **Understanding the Nature of the Self: Using Dreams as a Foundation** *Robert Busic*, Comments by Stephen Pederson

Room 301 Moderator: *Amanda Hutchens*

8:30 – 9:15 **Nomos, Physis, and its Evolution to Natural Law**  
*Layla Garcia-Brown*, Comments by Zac Robbins

9:15 –10:00 **Transhumanism and Scientific Obligations**  
*Chris Freire*, Comments by Jonathon VandenHomborgh

10:00 –10:20 BREAK

10:20 –11:05 **Romanticism versus Kierkegaard's Rotation Method: Which is the Better Method to Self-Discovery?**  
*Olga Saniukovich*, Comments by Eleanor Soth-Barr

11:05 –11: 50 **A Neglected Argument in "The Will to Believe"**  
*Alex Lawson*, Comments by Jeremy Oliver

1:05 –1:50 **Creationism, Evolution, and the Demarcation Criterion for Science** *Mary Janca*, Comments by Sam Nilles

1:50 –2:35 **The Logic of Evolution, the Death of Creationism, and the Vanity of Scientisim** *Thomas Elliott*, Comments by Amanda Hutchens

2:35 –2:55 BREAK

2:55-3:40 **Obesity as Choice- Independent Harm**  
*Darrell E. White II*, Comments by Mike Schersten

3:40-4:25 **The Claims of States to Cultural Property**  
*Zac Robbins*, Comments by Gourav Krishna Nandi

4:25-4:45 BREAK

4:45-5:30 **Aristotle on Loving the Good and the Virtue of Friendship** *Landon Oakes*, Comments by Brian Morski

**5:30 DINNER and 6:00 Keynote by Deborah Mower, PhD of Youngstown State University**

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SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2013 ~9:30 BREAKFAST~

ROOM 310A Moderator: Abbey Morse

10:00-10:45 **The Ethical Character from Plato to James: Strict and Stable to Flexible**

*Erga Lemish*, Comments by Mike Baptista

10:45-11:30 **Idealism and Pragmatism: "Transcending Validity Claims in Habermas' Democratic Theory**

*Richard Van Barriger*, Comments by Layla Garcia-Brown

11:30-12:15 **Transcending Philosophies: Travelling from Neo-Confucian to Hume**

*Angie Jachim*, Comments by Jeffrey Davis

**12:15-1:15 LUNCH BREAK  
(lunch on your own)**

1:15-2:00 **Queerness Without Binary**

*Jeffery Davis*, Comments by Meg Story

2:00-2:45 **Implications and Legitimacy of Experimental Philosophy: A Case Study**

*Jonathon VandenHomergh*, Comments by Ryan Shinkel

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