

# EMU Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy 2016

March 5th, 2016

**9:15 AM to 9:45 AM**

*Check-In, Meet and Greet*

**9:45 AM to 10:30 AM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Eri Svenson (Harper College) -

“The Purpose, Praxis, and Future of Academia: An Exploration of Fichtean Approaches to Education”

*Commenter - Matthew Oudbier*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Charles C.J. Oswald (Alma College) -

“Moral Vegetarianism and the Philosophy of Mind”

*Commenter - Sarah Bruckler*

**10:30 AM to 11:15 AM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Read Mills (University of Alabama) -

“A Look into Saul Kripke’s Argument Regarding the Impossibility of Unicorns”

*Commenter - Sabine Bickford*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Michael Thousand (Northern Michigan University) -

“A Rejection of Skeptical Theism”

*Commenter - Andrew Dyl*

**11:15 AM to 1:30 PM**

**330 McKenny - Guild Hall**

*Lunch*

**Keynote Speaker:** Michelle Maiese (Emmanuel College)

**1:30 PM to 2:15 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Jesse Kato (Michigan State University) -

“The False Autonomy of a U.S. Food Consumer”

*Commenter - Eri Svenson*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Clare Áine Keefer (Eastern Michigan University) -

“Minds and Bodies: Early Modern Social Justice”

*Commenter - Katelyn Pyles*

**2:15 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Tara Malay (Loyola University, NOLA) -

“Saint Augustine of Hippo’s Refutation of Skepticism in Contra Academicos and Stoic and Manichaeian Philosophies and Doctrines in his Confessions”

*Commenter - Joshua Lyon*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Mayelin De La Cruz (William Patterson University) -

“Non-Emergency Medical Transport Ethics”

*Commenter - Ryan Dau*

**3:00 PM to 3:45 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Matthew Oudbier (Grand Valley State University) -

“Strong and Weak Covenants: Counter to Contradictions and Circularity in Hobbes”

*Commenter - Daniel Fuhst*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Xinyue Claudia Tong (Emory University) -

“Beyond Kindness and Malice”

*Commenter - Dylan Delikta*

**3:45 PM to 4:00 PM**

*Break for Refreshments*

**4:00 PM to 4:45 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Margaret Macknick-Champion (Eastern Michigan University) -

“Emilie du Chatelet and the Optimism of Knowledge”

*Commenter - Clare Áine Keefer*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Yossra Mohammed Hamouda (American University in Cairo) -

“Towards a Non-Objective Solution to the Problem of Other Minds”

*Commenter - Trent McClain*

**4:45 PM to 5:30 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

K. Raleigh Hansen (Washington State University) -

“Predicting the Truth: Overcoming problems with Popper’s Verisimilitude Through Model Selection Criteria”

*Commenter - Katie Coulter*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Ryan Dau (Albion College) -

“On the Moral Permissibility of Suicide”

*Commenter - Mohammed Elshafie*

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# EMU Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy 2016

March 6th, 2016

9:15 AM to 9:45 AM

*Check-In*

9:45 AM to 10:30 AM

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Zakary Drabczyk (Grand Valley State University) -

“Moral Realism, Religion, and the Abolitionist Solution”

*Commenter - Alexandra Gustafson*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Katie Coulter (Eastern Michigan University) -

“Searching for Ethics' Grounding: A Case for Moral Feeling and the Human Relationship to Nature”

*Commenter - Adam Moody*

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

*Break*

10:45 AM to 11:30 AM

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Brandon Wright (Grand Valley State University) -

“No Soft Doctrine: Royce on the Problem of Evil”

*Commenter - Greg Woodring*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Alexandra Gustafson (The College of Wooster) -

“The Language of Poetry”

*Commenter - Read Mills*

**11:30 AM to 12:15 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Danielle Clevenger (Eastern Michigan University) -

“The Science of Communication”

*Commenter - Michael Kong*

**Room B (342 McKenny - Alumni Conference Room)**

Mohammed Elshafie (University of Michigan) -

“Maimon’s Philosophical Project”

*Commenter - Chanda Victoria*

**12:15 PM to 1:30 PM**

**330 McKenny - Guild Hall**

*Lunch*

**1:30 PM to 2:15 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

Jacob Deutsch (Eastern Michigan University) -

“No Subject Left Behind: An Audit of Philosophy in a STEM Society”

*Commenter - Zakary Drabczyk*

**2:15 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Room A (348 McKenny - The Tower Room)**

*Closing Ceremony*