



Eastern Michigan University

Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy

2020 Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

8:30 – 9:00 AM | WELCOME

Tower Room (348):

Check-in & Breakfast: *Join Dr. John Koolage for a brief welcome message and breakfast!*

9:00 – 9:50 AM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Levi Durham, Western Michigan University: “Originalism: More Than Mere Foolishness or Fraud”

Comments: Dom Dame, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Lindsey Merillat, John Tyler Community College: “Creating Destitution Through the Prevention of Famine: A Response to Both Singer and Timmerman”

Comments: Jacob Dunckel, Eastern Michigan University

10:00 – 10:50 AM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Emily Hunt, Belmont University: “Poetry as Meditation: Buddhism, Daosim, and Han Shan”

Comments: Matthew Wheeler, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Thomas Moore, Furman University: “A Reappropriation of Hegel’s Political Theory: Is Sittlichkeit All It’s Cracked Up To Be?”

Comments: Abhi Ruparelia, University of Richmond

11:00 – 11:50 AM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Jack Vavrinchik, Elmhurst College: “The Aesthetic Flow: Neural Correlates and Implications of a Goal-Directed Aesthetic Experience”

Comments: Alex Kochan, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Ben Schwabe, Michigan State University: “Hegel’s Two Faces of Patriotism: War and the Modern Liberal State”

Comments: Ali Qazwini, Eastern Michigan University

12:00 – 1:30 PM | LUNCH & KEYNOTE

Guild Room (330):

Shannon Spaulding, PhD, Oklahoma State University: “How We Understand Others”

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th – Continued

1:45 – 2:50 PM | ACTIVITIES**Guild Room (330):**

Extended Q & A: *Join the keynote speaker after lunch to continue discussing their presentation.*

Alumni Room (342):

The Value of Graduate School Panel: *Explore what graduate school in philosophy can offer.*

3:00 – 3:50 PM | PRESENTATIONS**Tower Room (348):**

Natalie Anderson, Eastern Michigan University: “How the Self-Serving Attributional Bias Affects Student Learning”

Comments: Brynn Ritchey, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Klayton Silverpen, Central Michigan University: “Free Will and the Self: Why Defining the Self Can Help Answer the Question of Free Will”

Comments: Lindsey Merillat, John Tyler Community College

4:00 – 4:50 PM | PRESENTATIONS**Tower Room (348):**

Jennifer Kuo, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: “Is There a Case for Permissivism?”

Comments: Levi Durham, Western Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Sam Nesbitt, Eastern Michigan University: “A Worldview Definition”

Comments: John Milkovich, Eastern Michigan University

5:00 – 5:50 PM | PHILOSO-BUFFET**Tower Room (348):**

A series of philosophical lightning talks wherein faculty and graduate students of Eastern Michigan University share arguments that matter to them. Discussion to follow.

Dinner on one’s own: Dinner is not provided, but you are invited to join local students at Tower Inn for a dinner of fellowship and philosophy!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

9-9:50 AM | WELCOME

Tower Room (348):

Check-in & Breakfast: *Join the UCiP team and conference participants for breakfast and philosophic discussion.*

10:00 – 10:50 AM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Brynn Ritchey, Eastern Michigan University: “Optimism in the Sciences: A New Look at Old Practices”

Comments: Marri Visscher, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Tommy Sanfilippo, Oakland University: “Alphas and Betas: An Exploration of Moral Membership Within the False Dichotomy of Humans and Non-humans”

Comments: Klayton Silverpen, Central Michigan University

11:00 – 11:50 AM | MINORITIES AND PHILOSOPHY

Tower Room (348):

A session held by Eastern Michigan University's Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter aimed at demystifying the aims, benefits, and work of the organization.

12:00 – 12:50 PM | LUNCH

Guild Room (330):

Lunch: *Join presenters, commenters, and guests for lunch.*

1:00 – 1:50 PM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Karina Ortiz Villa, Cal Poly Pomona: “The Third Space Existence: On the Oppression of Men”

Comments: Jenna Botti, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Matthew Kern, Kent State University: “On Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel: A Naturalism to Defeat Nihilism”

Comments: Zachary Tobias, Eastern Michigan University

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th – Continued

2:00 – 2:50 PM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Ethan Smith, Eastern Michigan University: “Pouring from an Empty Cup: Balancing Human Rights with Fundamental Obligations to the Extremely Poor”

Comments: Oby Ugwuegbu, Eastern Michigan University

Alumni Room (342):

Murphy Cavanaugh, Loyola University: “The Myth of the Class Division – The Philosophy and Logic Behind Plato’s Argument for Class Division in the Republic”

Comments: Ben Schwabe, Michigan State University

3:00 – 3:50 PM | PRESENTATIONS

Tower Room (348):

Abhi Ruparelia, University of Richmond: “Virtue, Perception, and Silencing”

Comments: Karina Ortiz Villa, Cal Poly Pomona

Alumni Room (342):

Marri Visscher, Eastern Michigan University: “What Makes an Oppressor?”

Comments: Natalie Anderson, Eastern Michigan University

4:00 – 5:00 PM | CLOSING CEREMONY

Tower Room (348):

Closing Ceremony: *Join the UCiP Team as we thank you for your participation and announce the winners of our Spirit of the Conference Award!*