

*PASSHE Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies*

32nd Annual Spring Conference

Saturday, March 23

Kutztown University – McFarland Student Union

2019 Conference Program

**8:30 Registration and Breakfast – Room 250**

**9:00-10:30 Session 1**

**Room 323** (Chair: Stephen Sullivan, EU)

- Prof. M. Ashraf Adeel (KU), “Epistemic Injustice against Communities, and an Epistemology of Communitarian Contextualism”
- Julia Laudadio (KU), “Existentialism in Coming Out”
- Katelyn Leach (MU), “Women, Social Media, and the Pressure to be Perfect”

**Room 322** (Chair: Joseph Jedwab, KU)

- Prof. Allan Bäck (KU), “Identity Statements”
- Henry Winkleman (KU), “Identity: Essence or Relation?”
- Joseph Gregory (IU), “Frank Jackson’s Knowledge Argument”

**Room 312** (Chair: Hans Pedersen, IU)

- Prof. John Kaiser Ortiz (MU), “Catching up with Kierkegaard’s Seducer”
- Daniel Wethli (IU), “The Common Escape into Kierkegaard’s Aesthetic Sphere of Existence”
- Alexander Paparella (WCU), “The Passionate Pagan and Søren Kierkegaard”

**10:45-12:00 Keynote Address: Room 250**

Robin Andreasen (University of Delaware), “Racism: Conceptions and Institutional Solutions”

**12:00-1:20 – Lunch: Room 223**

## **1:20-2:50 Session 2**

### **Room 323** (Chair: John Kaiser Ortiz, MU)

- Prof. Larry Udell (WCU), "Some Rawlsian Notes on Universal Basic income"
- Nicholas Fritz (MU), "Morality Kant Be Based on Pure Practical Reason"
- Brett Kunkel (WCU), "Utility Monsters, Trolley Problem Flaws, and Omelian Utopia: Why Bentham Had it Right in 1789"

### **Room 322** (Chair: Eric Schumacher, CU)

- Prof. Roman Altshuler (KU), "Afterlife, Afterculture, and Ethnonationalism"
- Ben Winn (KU), "The Bad Faith of Far-Right Nationalism"
- Jason Bales (WCU), "1\_Am\_An0nYmou5.exe: A Foucauldian Approach to Visibility and Power in Mr. Robot"

### **Room 312** (Chair: Daniel Forbes, WCU)

- Prof. Chuck Ward (MU), "A Defense of Hume's Naturalized Self"
- Drew M. Martin (MU), "Natural Science and Hume's Miracles"
- Robert Devall (Independent Scholar), "The Tragedy of Socrates in Dialectical Disclosure"

## **3:00-4:30 Session 3**

### **Room 322** (Chair: Roman Altshuler, KU)

- Prof. Hans Pedersen (IU), "Heidegger, Freedom, and Alternate Possibilities"
- Wade Larison (IU), "Social Media and Heidegger's Concept of Fallenness"
- Jeff Wasch (WCU), "Husserl and Levinas: Metaphysics, Intersubjectivity, and Ethics"

### **Room 312** (Chair: John Lizza, KU)

- Prof. Stephen Sullivan (EU), "A Neglected Moral Dilemma from the Holocaust"
- Jennifer Matthews (MU), "Genetic Manipulation and The Problem Parents Face in their Duty to Protect their Children from Inherited Disorders"
- Erin Fortney (KU), "Killing and Letting Die Debate and How It Applies to Medical Issues"

### **Room 323** (Chair: Christopher Vogel, KU)

- Prof. Heon Kim (ESU), "Religion, Conflict and Peace: A Daoist Perspective"
- Shane Warren (WCU), "What to do about Invasive Species?"
- Alexander Puri (IU), "Moral Elasticity"