The 55th Annual Meeting of the FPA
Santa Fe College
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Gainesville, Florida

Keynote Speaker:
Ernest Sosa (Rutgers)

Conference Organizers:
Gene Witmer (UF), Program Coordinator
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**About the FPA**

**HISTORY AND MISSION**

The FPA was founded in 1955. With a membership of approximately 300, the FPA is one of the largest and most active regional philosophy organizations in the United States. The mission of the FPA is to promote philosophy in Florida by facilitating the exchange of ideas among those engaged in this field of inquiry, by encouraging investigation, by fostering the educational function of philosophy, and by improving the academic status of philosophy. To this end there is an Annual Conference at which a variety of professional activities are sponsored. The Conference is held in November and is located at a Florida college or university.

**THE FLORIDA PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW**

The *Florida Philosophical Review* is the official journal of the FPA. This peer-reviewed electronic journal features selected papers from annual FPA conferences, as well as special issues. It is published by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Central Florida.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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CONFERENCES AND LECTURES

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2010

- February 5: Steve Stich (Rutgers), Title TBA

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Fall 2010

- December 4th: Michael McKenna (FSU), “Conversation and Responsibility”

Spring 2010

- The department will host the 2010 Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 19th - 20th, 2010. The deadline for the submission of papers is January 5, 2010.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Fall 2010

- November 16, 2009: James Nickel (Miami) and Harvey Siegel (Miami), “Bertrand Russell & Humanism”


- December 4, 2009: Kieran Setiya (Pittsburgh): “Knowing Right From Wrong”

- December 6, 2009: John Rajchman (Columbia), The 6th Annual Parodi Lecture in Philosophy of Art “Diagrammatic Spaces”

Spring 2010

- The department will host the 7th Annual University of Miami Graduate Student Conference in Epistemology, January 14th - 16th 2010. E.J. Lowe (Durham) will deliver the keynote address.
The Department of Philosophy at UNF concluded two fall conferences last weekend:

- **2nd Annual Public Philosophy Symposium: “Religion in the Public Sphere”**
  The 2nd Public Philosophy Symposium, annually organized by the Blue Cross and Blue shield Center for Ethics, Public Policy, and the Professions, brought together a international group of distinguished scholars, including philosophers and political scientists, to engage the relation between religion and the public sphere. Participants included Corey Brettschneider (Brown University), Maeve Cook (University College Dublin), Chris Eberle (US Naval Academy), Gerald Gaus (University of Arizona), Michael Gillespie (Duke University), Mark Lilla (Columbia University), Robert Talisse (Vanderbilt University), and Lambert Zuidervaart (Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, and University of Toronto). The conference was coordinated by Professor Andrew Buchwalter. The third annual public philosophy symposium will take place in the fall of 2010.

- **2nd Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference**
The Florida Pediatric Bioethics Conference, organized by Alissa Swota, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Senior Fellow of the ethics center, also took place November 7th at UNF. The third annual conference will take place in the fall of 2010.

**Spring 2010**

- The speaker for the **2nd Annual John C. Maraldo Lecture in Comparative Philosophy** will be announced early in Spring 2010. The lecture will take place later in the semester. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Callcut, Associate Professor of Philosophy, at dcallcut@unf.edu

**Fall 2010**

- The 14th Annual **Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference** will take place in October 2010. The topic of the conference will be metaphysics and epistemology. Michael Rea (Notre Dame) will be one of the keynote speakers. The second is still being determined. A call for papers will go out at the end of the spring semester, May 2010. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Rico Vitz at rico.vitz@unf.edu
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

- The University of South Florida will host its Third Annual Graduate Student Conference, “Mind, World, and the Space in Between,” on March 5th and 6th, 2010. The Keynote Speaker will be Colin McGinn (Miami). The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2009:

We are accepting papers from graduate students working in any area of the philosophy of mind (broadly construed), with special consideration given to those papers focusing on issues in the metaphysics of mind as well as the relation between mind and world. Papers must be suitable for blind review and should not exceed 3000 words (20-25 minute reading time). Please send a file (pdf, doc, or docx only please) containing just the body of your paper with no identifying information and a separate file with a title, abstract, contact information, and your affiliation to: usfphilosophyconference@gmail.com

FLORIDA STUDENT PHILOSOPHY BLOG

The Florida Student Philosophy Blog is dedicated to quality discussions of issues philosophical, religious, moral, political, and scientific. Its contributors are graduate students, undergraduate students, and alumni from philosophy departments throughout the state of Florida, as well as invited guests affiliated with these departments. Students who are interested in becoming contributors to the blog should contact Rico Vitz: rico.vitz@unf.edu

MEMBERS’ NEWS

BARRY UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ron Cooper’s new novel, Purple Jesus, will appear in the spring of 2010. He is currently working on a manuscript with the working title Gospel of the Twin. He is also involved with the Florida Humanities Council on a state-wide project concerning public discussions of environmental thought.

Professor Scott Olsen did a lecture tour of England and Wales this past May and June, promoting his book, The Golden Section: Nature’s Greatest Secret, and delivering a range of eighteen talks over a twenty-one day period. Then on June 26 & 27 at the Springville Museum of Art (Utah) he presented a two-day workshop (along with C. Lance Harding, Ph.D.) on The Golden Section & the Canon of Proportional Symmetry: Theory & Practice. The presentation was prepared for artists, architects, designers and students of aesthetics. And then on June 28th he flew up to Berkeley to spend a day with Huston Smith (now 90), reminiscing and filming an interview with him.

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Andrew Aberdein, Associate Professor of Logic and Humanities, gave papers at several venues this year, including conferences in Canada, England, and the Netherlands. His latest publications include a co-edited special issue of Foundations of Science on argumentation and mathematics, and a coauthored chapter in OUP’s Development of Modern Logic.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Donald A. Crosby presented a paper entitled “Red and Green, but Religiously Right: Coping with Evil in a Religion of Nature” at the March 2009 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy at Texas A&M University. Crosby is Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Colorado State University and an Adjunct Instructor at Florida State University.

FSU Alumnus Jamie Watson was hired as Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Young Harris College in Young Harris, GA.

FSU Alumnus Stephen Morris (currently Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the College of Staten Island) has authored or co-authored several published articles, including “Tracing the Origins of Altruism: The Evolutionary Needle in a Haystack,” “Towards a More Empirically Informed Ethics,” and “Is Incompatibilism Intuitive?” His papers have appeared in top philosophy journals such as Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, and Philosophy of Science. He has also presented a number of refereed papers at professional conferences, including “In Defense of the Hedonistic Account of Happiness,” at the 2009 APA (Pacific).
STETSON UNIVERSITY


UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA


UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

Andrew Buchwalter is completing for publication with Routledge *Dialectics, Politics, and the Contemporary Value of Hegel’s Practical Philosophy*. He is preparing for Springer Press the edited collection *Hegel and Global Justice*. His essay “Thompson, Participatory Parity and Self-Realization” was published in the most recent issue of *The Good Society*, as part of its symposium on “The Politics of Recognition.”

Laura Ammon’s monograph, *Work Useful to Religion and the Humanities: A History of the Development of the Comparative Method in Religion from Bartolomé Las Casas to Edward Burnett Tylor* has been accepted for publication by Pickwick Press. She is working on revisions to the manuscript and expects publication in early 2010. She is also waiting on an editorial decision from the Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History for her article, “Jose de Acosta and Bernardino de Sahagun and the Sixteenth-century theology of Sacrifice in New Spain,” which is currently under review.

Daniel Callcut’s edited collection, *Reading Bernard Williams*, was published by Routledge in late 2008; he also had an article on Mill published in *Utilitas* in March 2009.

Paul Carelli is adjusting to his new position as assistant professor. He is developing a course in Chinese philosophy for the spring semester, writing a book review for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, and preparing a section of his dissertation as a separate article on the nature of the city-soul analogy in Plato’s *Republic*.

Mitch Haney (along with David Kline) is finishing edits on a volume, *The Value of Time and Leisure in a World of Work*, for Lexington Press. This volume is based on papers delivered at the First Annual Symposium on Public Philosophy which he helped to organize and host last fall in Jacksonville. Included in this volume will be his essay which examines the axiological foundations of the Slow Movement.
Julie Ingersoll has returned from sabbatical having made significant progress on her manuscript *Building God’s Kingdom: Christian Reconstructionists in America*, in part thanks to a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Center for Ethics, Public Policy and the Professions that funded her field work for a chapter on the creationist-evolution controversy. She will devote her research time this year to that project. A related essay, “Mobilizing Evangelicals: Christian Reconstruction and the Roots of the Religious Right” was published by the Russell Sage Foundation in *Evangelicals and Democracy in America*, edited by Steven Brint and Jean Reith Schroedel. She was selected to attend one of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars, led by Alan Wolfe at Boston College, on “Religious Diversity and the Common Good.”

David Kline returned to teaching/research full-time in 2005 after a long stint in academic administration. For the last several years his research has focused on applied ethical issues coming out of his administrative experiences. With the publication of “On Telling Faculty the Truth” this fall, this research program will come to an end. Dr. Kline’s current interests return to what originally captivated him in philosophy—the philosophy of science.

Bert Koegler’s scholarly efforts focused on Gadamer’s and Rorty’s hermeneutics (an essay for *Consequences of Hermeneutics*, Northwestern U.P., forthcoming 2010, and talks at the Universities of Frankfurt and Bielefeld) and the cosmopolitan public sphere (essay in *Ashgate Companion to Cosmopolitanism*, forthcoming 2010, and a talk at University of London).

Alissa Hurwitz Swota completed work on her monograph *Culture, Ethics, and Advance Care Planning*. The book came out early fall 2009 with Lexington Press. She also published an article on examining the issue of when State intervention is justified in pediatric medical care.

Rico Vitz had a monograph, *Descartes and the Ethics of Belief*, conditionally accepted for publication by Springer/Kluwer Academic. He will spend the majority of his research time in 2009-10 preparing the manuscript while he awaits editorial decisions on two of his papers on Hume’s account of virtuous belief formation, which are currently under review.

**UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA**

This fall the University of West Florida hired S. Brian Hood, a recent UF Philosophy M.A. and Indiana University History and Philosophy of Science Ph.D. alumnus, in a Visiting line, and he’s doing much more than filling the gap left by Sally Ferguson’s absence. (She’s on medical leave for the year and sends along her warmest regards to the FPA.) His classes in Philosophy of Science and Logic are a smash, as is his reading group on Kuhn.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The Department of Philosophy at the University of South Florida awarded nine Ph.D.s in the 2008-2009 academic year:

- Robert Beeson, Ph.D., Lee Campus V.P. Academic Affairs & District Dean of Instruction, Edison State College, Ft. Myers
- Thomas Brommage, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, University of West Georgia, Carrollton
- Jason Campbell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution, Nova Southern University, Ft. Lauderdale
- West Gurley, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- Christopher Hudspeth, Ph.D., Post-doc Fellowship, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut
- Jeremy Kelly, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida Southern College, Lakeland
- Christopher Kirby, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington
- C. Hans Pedersen, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, Pennsylvania
- Michael Thompson, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, USF Honors College

The Department also has a new track, including both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with a concentration in Philosophy and Religion. In its first year, this new track already has seven students.

Shaun Gallagher received USF’s 2008-2009 Distinguished Researcher Award for the College of Arts and Humanities.

Nancy Stanlick was awarded the UCF Creed Award in Integrity, which honors individuals who exemplify the tenants of the UCF Creed.

Harry Coverston was awarded USF’s distinguished Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award.
Barry University invites applicants for a full-time junior faculty opening in philosophy, with the opportunity to work toward a continuing contract beginning in academic year 2010-2011. AOS: Ethics and Applied Ethics. AOC open, but some of the following would be helpful: American Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Contemporary Philosophy. Undergraduate teaching, with the possibility of graduate teaching in an interdisciplinary M.A. in Liberal Studies program. 3/3 teaching load in addition to typical departmental or committee work. Competitive salary. The successful candidate will join a diverse and very collegial Department of Theology and Philosophy. Barry University was founded by the Adrian Dominican Sisters; the successful candidate must be able to support the University’s mission, which promotes contemplation, community service and social justice. Commitment to excellence in both scholarship and undergraduate teaching is essential. In particular, the successful candidate will be an enthusiastic teacher, able to engage both philosophy majors and non-majors from one of this country’s most diverse student bodies. A Ph.D. in philosophy is required by August 2010. Send a letter of application, CV, graduate transcripts, sample teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching excellence, a writing sample and 3 letters of recommendation (at least one of which speaks to teaching ability), to Dr. Sandra Fairbanks, Department of Theology and Philosophy, Barry University, 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores FL, 33161. Electronic applications will not be considered. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is November 20, 2009. Barry University is an equal opportunity employer.

AOS: Epistemology. The Department has teaching needs in logic, philosophy of science, pragmatism, and philosophy of mind. Rank Assistant Professor. Tenure-track, beginning fall semester 2010. The successful candidate will actively engage in research and be expected to participate in the department’s M.A. program in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics. Ph.D. in philosophy required by time of appointment. The department is pluralistic emphasizing diverse approaches to teaching and research. A strong commitment to undergraduate teaching is required as demonstrated by previous successful teaching experience: a portion of the teaching load will be lower division introductory philosophy courses that meet general education requirements. A willingness to contribute to the department’s service mission is required. Usual non-teaching duties. The equivalent of 6 courses/year (3/semester), undergraduate/graduate. Research release and summer teaching available. We encourage applications from women and minorities. Applicants should send a complete dossier, including a letter of application, CV, at least three letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, a writing sample up to 25 pages, and evidence of successful teaching experience to: Philosophy Search 1, Department of Philosophy, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL 32224-7699.
OCTOBER JFP #57. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE, FL.
AOS: Gender and/or Race Theory; AOC: open. Rank Assistant Professor. Tenure-track, beginning fall semester 2010. The successful candidate must have demonstrated research and teaching accomplishments in the desired areas. She or he will be expected to participate in the department’s M.A. program in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics and will have the opportunity to participate in UNF’s Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Center for Ethics, Public Policy, and the Professions. Ph.D. required by time of appointment. The department is pluralistic emphasizing diverse approaches to teaching and research. A strong commitment to undergraduate teaching is required as demonstrated by previous successful teaching experience; a portion of the teaching load will be lower division introductory philosophy courses that meet general education requirements. A willingness to contribute to the department’s service mission is required. Usual non-teaching duties. The equivalent of 6 courses/year (3/semester), undergraduate/graduate. Research release and summer teaching available. We encourage applications from women and minorities. Applicants should send a complete dossier, including a letter of application, CV, at least three letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, a writing sample up to 25 pages, and evidence of successful teaching experience to: Philosophy Search 2, Department of Philosophy, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL 32224-7699.

The deadline for initial consideration of applications for each of UNF’s positions is November 14, 2009. Each position will remain open until it is filled.

Note: To be considered for either of these positions, applicants must complete the online application form at http://www.unfjobs.org, in addition to submitting by mail all required documents. Applicants who do not complete the online application form will not be considered for these positions. “UNF is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access/Affirmative Action Institution.”

NOVEMBER JFP #47. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FL. Assistant Professor. Excellent research potential required. Ph.D. in Philosophy by date of appointment.
AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, with a preference for 19th Century Continental.
AOC: Open, but relevant to AOS. Salary negotiable. Anticipated date of employment is August 2010. Normal teaching load is 2/2. The Ph.D. program in Philosophy at USF has a strong emphasis in the History of Philosophy, including both the Analytic and Continental Traditions. Applicants will be expected to work with Ph.D. and M.A. students and to perform university service. Review of applications will begin immediately. Applications must be received by December 3, 2009. Applicants need to send a cover letter, CV, at least three letters of reference, evidence of teaching excellence, and a writing sample representative of the direction of research. Applications must be submitted on-line at https://employment.usf.edu. Letters of reference to Professor Stephen P. Turner, Chair Philosophy Search Committee, FAO 226, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620; turner@shell.cas.usf.edu. More information at http://www.cas.usf.edu/philosophy/The University of South Florida is a nationally ranked public research university. The University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Equal Access institution. According to Florida Law, applications and meetings regarding them are open to the public. The University seeks diverse applicants. For ADA accommodations, please contact Yvonne Eisenhart, 813-974-2454; yeisenha@cas.usf.edu at least five working days prior to need. USF is an AA/EEO institution.
NOVEMBER JFP #48. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL. Assistant Professor, tenure track, with possible appointment at Associate Professor level. AOS: Ethics. AOC: Open. The Department of Philosophy seeks an ethicist to teach core courses in its program at both undergraduate and graduate levels and to maintain an ongoing research program with interdisciplinary contact as appropriate. Candidates should also be prepared to teach courses in two or more of the following areas: bioethics or medical ethics, business ethics, environmental ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law. Associate level appointment will require a demonstrated record of superior research and teaching achievement as well as the potential for academic leadership within the college and university. The department is particularly committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty and encourages applications by candidates from under-represented groups. Appointment begins August 16, 2010 (provisional if Ph.D. not awarded by this date). Salary negotiable commensurate with education and experience. Interested applicants should send complete dossier and sample of written work to: Chair of the Search Committee, PS# 00025358, Department of Philosophy, University of Florida, 330 Griffin-Floyd Hall, Gainesville, FL, 32611-8545. Postmark deadline for candidates wishing to be interviewed at the APA Eastern Division meeting is December 1, 2009. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

NOVEMBER JFP #51. MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, MIAMI, FL. The Department of Arts and Philosophy invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position (Position ID: 047304) beginning Spring 2010. AOS/AOC: open; introductory level courses in philosophy with additional teaching opportunities in political philosophy, Eastern philosophy, logic, and ethics. Usual non-teaching duties. Ph.D. at time of appointment preferred from a regionally accredited institution. Additionally, a complete dossier including a cover letter, CV, writing sample, a teaching portfolio (including syllabi, teaching statement, as well as evidence of teaching excellence), references, and three letters of recommendation are to be mailed to: Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga, Chair, Department of Arts and Philosophy, Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 3604-29, Miami, FL, 33132-2297. Inquiries may be sent to cferrazz@mdc.edu. Candidates must apply electronically at: www.mdc.jobs. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Employment eligibility verification required upon hire. Miami Dade College is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.