

# 2019 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society



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## Conference Organizers

Frances Bottenberg, UNC-Greensboro, local organizer  
Matthew Brophy, High Point University, NCPS president  
Stephen Puryear, NC State University, NCPS secretary-treasurer

## Program and Prize Advisors

John Carroll, Clint Corcoran, Ronald Endicott, Heather Gert, Timothy Hinton, Elizabeth Hupfer, Nicholas Georgalis, Robert Mabrito, Jay Newhard, Michael Pendlebury, Michael Veber.

## 2019 Essay Prize Winners

*NCPS Undergraduate Prize: TBA*

*NCPS Graduate Student Prize: TBA*

*NCPS Untenured Faculty Prize: TBA*

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## The North Carolina Philosophical Society

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The North Carolina Philosophical Society may be found online at: <http://www.northcarolinaphilosophicalsociety.org/>

12:30 – 4:30 Registration and coffee, lobby outside of rooms 114-118, School of Education Building (SOE), 1300 Spring Garden St., UNCG. (All events will be held in SOE.)

**Session 1: Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:20**

Room #	SOE 102	SOE 104	SOE 106	SOE 108	SOE 110	SOE 222
Category	Mind & Knowledge	Space & Time	Technology	Ethics 1	Historical Themes	Undergraduate 1
2:00 - 2:40	<i>Does Supervenience Adequately Explain Mental Facts?</i> - Ethan Butts University of Virginia	<i>Leibniz Alternatives: Space and Time across Possible Worlds</i> - David Taylor Independent Scholar	<i>Obfuscation As Self Disruption</i> - Vance Ricks Guilford College	<i>Towards Enhancing Moral Agency through Subjective Moral Debiasing</i> - Mark Herman Bowling Green State University	<i>Plot Structure and the Effect of Affect in Aristotle's Poetics</i> - Clint Corcoran High Point University	<i>Unsayng the Said: In Defense of Levinas's Methodology in Totality and Infinity</i> - Brianna Stich UNC-Charlotte
2:50 - 3:30	<i>Herman Bavinck and the Philosophy of Mind: New Horizons for Thomistic Hylomorphism</i> - Jordan L. Steffaniak Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	<i>Rates of Time's Passage and Special Relativity</i> - Seungil Lee University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	<i>Towards Programming Artificial Intelligence Based on the ADC Model of Moral Judgment</i> - Veljko Dubljevic NC State	<i>Function and Flourishing in Burge and Neo-Aristotelian Frameworks</i> - Caroline Mobley University of Tennessee, Knoxville	<i>"In a Complete Life": Aristotle on the Human Good and Time</i> - Samuel Baker University of South Alabama	<i>Dorothy, from The Wizard of Oz, as Simone de Beauvoir's Feminist Hero</i> - Mary Brown Western Carolina University
3:40 - 4:20	<i>The Trans-objective Subject and Infinite Knowledge</i> - J. Andrew Payne Mitchell Community College		<i>AI Assistants and the Paradox of Internal Automaticity</i> - William A. Bauer & Veljko Dubljevic NC State	<i>Toward the Embedding of Clinical Wisdom within the Medical Practice</i> - Ilyana Ilieva Univ. of Pennsylvania	<i>Deleuzian Being and the Legacy of Plato's Parmenides</i> - Lucas Carroll Southern Evangelical Seminary	<i>A Sartrean Analysis of Dysthymic Depression</i> - Jordan Schechter Western Carolina University

4:30 – 7:00 Dinner break. On your own. Dining suggestions included with your registration materials.

6:20 – 6:50 NCPS Business Meeting, SOE 118. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only faculty affiliated with a school in North Carolina will be allowed to vote.

# Keynote Address

7:00 – 8:30pm

*School of Education Building (SOE) 118*

**Welcome: Dr. Stephen Puryear**

*Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Philosophical Society  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University*

**Chair: Dr. Matthew Brophy**

*President, North Carolina Philosophical Society  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, High Point University*

**Address: Dr. Ana S. Iltis**

*Professor of Philosophy  
Carlson Professor of University Studies  
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## **Why Bioethics Needs Philosophy: The Case of Head/Body Transplantation**

*Analyses and arguments in bioethics often depend on how we understand deep philosophical questions and on conceptual definitions of key terms. We set these aside frequently and at our own peril. I illustrate this problem in contemporary discussions of the proposal to transplant a human head onto another human body in China. Under what circumstances, if any, would it be permissible to attempt such a transplant? Viewed through a bioethics lens, the answer is straightforward in one sense. By drawing on the ethical requirements associated with human research and surgical innovation, we can assess the proposal. But, bioethics faces a serious problem. We cannot apply these bioethics frameworks without taking seriously the literature on personal identity and the complex philosophical questions that the head/body transplant proposal raises. Who faces which risks and who stands to benefit from the procedure? Whose informed consent is required and to what would they be giving consent? Our understanding of the identities of various parties before and after the transplant changes dramatically how we understand the ethical obligations associated with human research and surgical innovation. This is under-appreciated, as is often the case.*

**Reception**

**8:30 – 10:00**

**Outside SOE 118**

**Session 2: Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00**

Room #	SOE 102	SOE 104	SOE 106	SOE 108	SOE 110	SOE 202
Category	Epistemology	Language & Logic	Metaethics & Axiology	Ethics 2	Justice	Undergraduate 2
9:00 - 9:40	<i>Disagreement Skepticism in Philosophy</i> - Johnny Dixon University of Massachusetts Amherst	<i>The Problem with Descriptive Correctness</i> - Jeffrey Kaplan UNC - Greensboro	<i>Baker &amp; Woods and the Frege-Geach Problem</i> - Ed Wall East Carolina University		<i>Humanitarian Nations</i> - Beth Hupfer High Point University	
9:45 - 10:25	<i>Inferences as the Subject of Epistemology</i> - Tammo Lossau Johns Hopkins Univ.	<i>Do the Laws of Semantics Lie?</i> - Kevin Richardson NC State	<i>Avoid Avoiding The Wishful Thinking Problem</i> - Adam Patterson Syracuse University	<i>Victim-blame and Its Problem</i> - Dong-yong Choi University of Kansas	<i>Practical Rationality and the Demands of Justice</i> - Timothy Hinton NC State	<i>Are Children Morally Responsible for Implicit Bias?</i> - William Koutcher American University
<b>10-MINUTE BREAK</b>						
10:35 - 11:15	<i>Why Concealment Is Rational but Perhaps Shouldn't Be</i> - Benjamin Rancourt NC State	<i>On Frege's Supposed Hierarchy of Senses</i> - Nicholas Georgalis East Carolina University	<i>A Nature Fulfillment Response to the Problem of Alienation</i> - William Hannegan St. Louis University	<i>What is a Deal-Breaker, and Why Does it Matter?</i> - Peter Sutton Virginia Union University	<i>Gambler's Justice</i> - Nathan Hanna Drexel University	<i>University Classroom Access: A Curricular Cripistemology of Anxiety</i> - Amanda Pinto App. State University
11:20 - 12:00	<i>Why Can't Truth Be Valuable?</i> - Jim Hutchinson Indiana University Bloomington	<i>On the Horizontal in Begriffsschrift</i> - Junyeol Kim University of Connecticut	<i>Hedonism and Life Comparisons</i> - Joe Nelson Duke University	<i>Use or Institution? Cavell's Critique of Rawls's Theory of Promising</i> - Sinan Oruc Binghamton University	<i>Ethical Gray Zones in Genocidal Killing Camps</i> - P. Eddy Wilson Shaw University	<i>The Immutable Character and Interpersonal Relationships</i> - Shaye Stegall NC State

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch break. On your own. Dining suggestions included with your registration materials.

**Session 3: Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 4:30**

Room #	SOE 102	SOE 104	SOE 106	SOE 108	SOE 110
Category	Metaphysics	Emotions	Social/Political	Undergraduate 3	Undergraduate 4 Chair: Vance Ricks
1:30 - 2:10	<i>A Weakness in Ambitious, Yet Modest, Metaphysics</i> - Patrick Rarden Appalachian State University	<i>Unreality, Depersonalization, and Emotion</i> - Richard Dub Georgia State University	<i>Libertarianism as a Consequence of the Hobbesian State of Nature</i> - Michael Westbrook UNC - Wilmington	<i>Is Understanding Factive?</i> - James Kuhns Appalachian State University	<i>The Limits of Humean Public Utility as Justice</i> - Daniel Browning NC State
2:15 - 2:55	<i>A Logical Challenge to the Vagueness Argument for Unrestricted Composition</i> - Austin Story Duke University	<i>The Anger that Forgiveness Does Not Preclude</i> - Kimberly Goard Richmond Community College	<i>Personal Foul: Indifference to Native Americans</i> - Brian Dirk Eckley Purdue University	<i>A Critical Analysis of Socrates' Doctrine of Recollection</i> - Sydney Kuizin NC State	<i>John Stuart Mill: Female Genital Mutilation</i> - Nicolle Lavertu Wake Technical College
<b>10-MINUTE BREAK</b>					
3:05 - 3:45	<i>Does Structuralism have a Symmetry Problem?</i> - Brant Barnes Kent State University	<i>The Value of Filial Love</i> - Sungwoo Um Duke University	<i>Phenomenology of Social Integration</i> - Marco di Feo Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan	<i>Conflicting Civil Rights and Civil Liberties</i> - Hardy Ye Wake Forest University	<i>Uterine Transplantation: A Step in the Right Direction</i> - Emily Zipay Western Carolina University
3:50 - 4:30		<i>The Bonobo and the Antinomian</i> - Benny Mattis Independent Scholar	<i>Hegel and Frederick Douglass</i> - Ryan Johnson Elon University	<i>Do the Dead Have Moral Rights: The Importance of Moral Roles</i> - Meredith Criner NC State	<i>Killing, Consent, and Kinky Sex: An Ethical Defense of Autassassinophilia</i> - Aynabeth Anderson Rhodes College

**4:45 – 6:00 NCPS Presidential Address, SOE 202**

**“Our Moral Imperative to Sell-Out Philosophy,” Matthew Brophy, High Point University**

6:00 Conference ends