

2009 Western Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers

Thursday, October 22- Saturday, October 24

Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado

Thursday, October 22 (all events at the Strater Hotel)

2-7 Registration (lobby)

2:00 “Duns Scotus on *Eudaimonism*, Moral Motivation, and the Two Affections of the Will” (Oak Room)

Speaker: Jeff Steele, Biola University
Commentator: Rebecca Chan, University of Colorado-Boulder

3:00 “The Real Problem with Prepunishment” (Oak Room)

Speaker: Michael Robinson, Florida State University
Commentator: Kevin McCain, University of Rochester

4:00 “The Many Gods Objection to Pascal’s Wager: Epistemic vs. Prudential Responses” (Oak Room)

Speaker: Lawrence Pasternack, Oklahoma State University
Commentator: Caleb Clanton, Pepperdine University

5-7 Dinner (on your own)

7:00 Plenary Session One (Pullman Room)

**“Divinely Mandated Genocide and the Limits of Human Knowledge”
Wes Morrison, University of Colorado, Boulder**

Friday, October 23 (all events except dinner banquet at Fort Lewis College)

9:00 A. “Common Sense Epistemology and Skeptical Theism” (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

Speaker: Jonathan Matheson, University of Rochester
Commentator: Trent Dougherty, Baylor University

B. "Elliot Sober on Likelihoods and Biological Design Inferences" (Senate Room, Student Union 163)

Speaker: Troy Nunley, Denver Seminary
Commentator: Jamie Watson, Young Harris College

10:00 A. "A Law Requires a Law-Giver" (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

Speaker: Evan Fales, University of Iowa
Commentator: Kelly Vincent, University of Colorado-Boulder

B. "The Nomological Argument for the Existence of God" (Senate Room, Student Union 163)

Speaker: Tyler Hildebrand, University of Colorado-Boulder
Commentator: Steve Schley, Denver Seminary

11:00 A. "Does Cognitive Science Show Belief in God to be Irrational? The Epistemic Consequences of the Cognitive Science of Religion" (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

Speaker: Joshua Thurow, Mount Marty College
Commentator: Jason Berntsen, Xavier University

B. "The No Opportunity Argument" (Senate Room, Student Union 163)

Speaker: Chris Franklin, University of California-Riverside
Commentator: Andrew Winters, University of Colorado-Boulder

12-2 Lunch (on your own)

2:00 A. "Does Skeptical Theism lead to Unfalsifiable and Crazy Theism?" (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

Speaker: Myron A. Penner, Trinity Western
Commentator: Ian Wilks, Acadia University

B. "No (New) Troubles with Ockhamism" (Senate Room, Student Union 163)

Speakers: Justin Coates, University of California-Riverside & Garrett Pendergraft,
University of California-Riverside
Commentator: Todd Grassman, University of Colorado-Boulder

3:00 A. "Social Trinitarianism and Polytheism" (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

Speaker: Bradon Carey, University of Rochester
Commentator: Landon McBrayer, University of Utah

B. "Kanean Libertarianism in the Garden of Eden" (Senate Room, Student Union 163)

Speakers: Michael Bertrand, Hope College & Jack Mulder, Hope College
Commentator: Rebecca Renninger, University of Colorado-Boulder

4:00 Plenary Session Two (Vallecito Room, Student Union 103)

"Commonsense Skeptical Theism"

Michael Bergmann, Purdue University

6:30 Banquet & Business Meeting (reservations required; Oak Room, Strater Hotel)

Saturday, October 24 (all events at Strater Hotel)

9:00 A. "On an Advantage of Open Theism" (Oak Room)

Speaker: Dan Speak, Loyola Marymount University
Commentator: Christian Lee, University of Colorado-Boulder

B. "Theistic Activism: A Response to Bergmann and Brower" (Centennial Room)

Speaker: Kenny Boyce, Notre Dame University
Commentator: Kevin Sharpe, Saint Cloud State University

10:00 A. "In Defense of Nonsocratic Skepticism" (Oak Room)

Speaker: Philip Swenson, University of California-Riverside
Commentator: Tim Mosteller, California Baptist University

B. "Geachianism: A Short Introduction" (Centennial Room)

Speaker: Patrick Todd, University of California-Riverside
Commentator: Andrew Moon, University of Missouri

11:00 A. "A Critique of the Relational Theory of the Individuation of Trinitarian Persons" (Oak Room)

Speaker: Sanjay Merchant, Claremont Graduate University
Commentator: Harriet Baber, University of San Diego

B. "Against Multiverse Theodicies" (Centennial Room)

Speaker: Bradley Monton, University of Colorado-Boulder
Commentator: Brian Kierland, Boise State University

12-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 Outings: Mesa Verde or Alpine Hike (weather permitting).

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