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Program

Howdy, Y'all!

The Local Arrangements Committee would like to welcome you to College Station, Texas, the home of Texas A&M University. Whether you are new to Texas, native-born, or returning as a visitor, you will enjoy the bright sunshine, big blue skies and warm breezes of central Texas.

Founded in 1876, Texas A&M University is the oldest publicly supported institution of higher learning in the state of Texas. Designated a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant institution, Texas A&M University comprises ten separate Colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences; Architecture; George Bush School of Government and Public Service; Dwight Look College of Engineering; Education and Human Development; Geosciences; Liberal Arts; Mays Business School; Science; and Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In addition to the main campus in College Station, the University also supports branch campuses in Galveston and in Doha, Qatar. Enrollment figures for the Fall Semester of 2009 identify 39,153 undergraduates and 9,913 graduate or professional students, for a total enrollment of 49,066. Dr. R. Bowen Loftin is the interim president of Texas A&M University, having been selected to serve in that capacity on June 15, 2009.

Texas A&M University is the flagship institution of the Texas A&M System, which presides over ten universities and seven state agencies. The College Station campus is widely identified with its iconic Corps of Cadets, whose members are known for their commitment to leadership, discipline, and selfless service. The University is also popularly identified with the spirit exemplified by the "12th Man," who, as legend has it, volunteered from the grandstands to take the place of an injured football player. Students who embody the spirit of the "12th Man" are said to be prepared at any time to lend a hand if needed. Finally, don't be surprised if students, staff, and faculty members greet you with a cheery "Howdy!" This is how

Aggies (as current and former students are known) let you know that you are welcome in their company.

The Philosophy Department at Texas A&M University offers three degrees: B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. The twenty-three members of the faculty represent a rich, pluralistic diversity of philosophical interests and traditions of scholarship. The faculty maintains teaching and research concentrations in four areas of specialization: history of philosophy, social and political philosophy, applied and professional ethics, and history and philosophy of logic. In addition, various members of the faculty conduct advanced research in the areas of American philosophy, Continental philosophy, ethics, epistemology, feminist philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of biology, philosophy of mathematics, and philosophy of religion.

Twenty-seven students are currently enrolled in the two graduate programs: 13 Ph.D. students and 14 M.A. students. The Ph.D. program, which was established in 2002, uniquely emphasizes interdisciplinary study and research. Students enrolled in the Ph.D. program are required to earn an M.A., an M.S., or some other approved graduate degree (e.g., JD, MD, MFA, etc.) in a related field of study.

The main campus of Texas A&M University is located in College Station, Texas (population 89,570), which is located ninety-five miles northwest of Houston, one hundred miles northeast of Austin, one hundred sixty miles south of Dallas, and one hundred fifty miles east of San Antonio. Industry, commerce, and economic development in the sister cities of College Station and Bryan (population 67,266) are dominated by the University and the various businesses that support its faculty, staff, clients, and students. College Station is also home to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, which is located on the Texas A&M University campus, not far from Easterwood Airport.



General Information

Conference Hotel

Hilton College Station and Conference Center: (979) 693-7500

Conference Registration Desk Hours

Thursday, February 18: 2:00 to 5:00 PM
 Friday, February 19: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Book Exhibit Hours

Friday, February 19: 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
 Saturday, February 20: 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM

Banquet

Saturday, February 20: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM, to be followed by music from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM.

Advance purchase of dinner Friday and Saturday's banquet ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the registration desk.

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Convention Schedule

Thursday, February 18, 2010

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Registration (Prefunction Area)

3:30 - 5:30 – Campus Tour

5:30 – 7:30 – Reception at Faculty Club

Friday, February 19, 2010

8:00 am - 5:00 pm – Registration (Prefunction Area)

8:30 – 8:45 Opening Remarks (Brazos Amphitheater)
 John J. McDermott (Texas A&M)

8:45 - 10:15 - Concurrent Sessions 1, 2

1. Pragmatism and Argentina (Ingenieros, Emerson, Borges and James) (Brazos Amphitheater)
 Manuela Gomez (Texas A&M), "Jose Ingenieros and Emerson"

Aurelia Di Berardino (Universidad Nacional de La Plata- Argentina) "A Pragmatic Reception: about Crisis, Ideals and Values"

Evelyn Vargas (Universidad Nacional de La Plata- Argentina) "Pragmatism in *Orbis Tertius*, J.L. Borges's Reading of James"

Chair: Juliana Acosta Lopez de Mesa (SIU)

2. William James and Peru (Zullen, Iberico and Gutierrez) (Mockingbird room)

Raúl Zegarra (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima Peru) "Theological minimalism. On praxis as a common ground between William James and Gustavo Gutiérrez"

Richard Antonio Orozco (PUCP– UNIFE, Lima, Perú) "Moral romanticism in William James and Mariano Iberico".

Cesar Escajadillo (Universidad Catolica, Peru) "Readings of Experience: William James and Pedro Zulen on Idealism"

Chair: Oak DeBerg (Texas A&M)

10:15 – 10:25 Refreshment Break

10:25 – 11:35 – Concurrent Sessions 3, 4

3. Santayana and Pragmatism (Brazos Amphitheater)

Angel M. Faerna (University of Castilla la Mancha, Toledo Spain) “Santayana and Pragmatism”

Chris Skowronsk (Opole University, Poland) “Santayana as a Hispanic-American Philosopher”

Chair:

4. Pragmatism and Mexico (Portilla, Villoro) (Mockingbird room)

Carlos Alberto Sanchez (San Jose State University California) “‘*Huaraches* on Aristotle’: The pragmatic tendency in the philosophy of Jorge Portilla”

Kim Diaz (Texas A&M University) “Luis Villoro and Dewey on Democracy”

Chair: Alejandro Strong (SIU)

11:35 – 11:45 Refreshment Break

11:45 – 1:00 - Plenary Session 1 (Brazos Amphitheater)

Dr. Jeffrey R. Seemann, Vice President for Research at TAMU: Welcoming remarks

Pragmatism as a Resource for Hispanics/Latinos:

Eduardo Mendieta (SUNY at Stony Brook) “Pragmatism and the Ethics of Global Citizenship: Latinos and Transnationalism”

Derrick Darby (University of Kansas) “Educational Inequality in Brazil: Can Pragmatism Show Us the Way Forward?”

Chair: Alan Milam (Texas A&M)

1:00 – Bus ride to lunch

1:15 – 2:30 Lunch at the House of John J. and Patricia A. McDermott

2:30 – Bus ride back to Hotel

3:15 – 4:50 Concurrent Sessions 5, 6

5. Pragmatism and Cuba (Brazos Amphitheater)

Rosa Mayorga (Miami Dade College) “Hispanic Philosophy, American Pragmatism, and Cuba”

Antonio Armas (Universidad de Cienfuegos, Cuba) “Presencia de John Dewey en Cuba”

Alejandro Strong (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) “Finding Place And History In José Martí’s *Patria*”

Chair: Sylvia Morin (University of Houston)

6. Pragmatism and the Latin American Philosophy of Liberation (Mockingbird room)

Alex Stehn (Penn State, PA) “Towards an Inter-American Philosophy: From Pragmatism to the Philosophy of Liberation”

Jose Jorge Mendoza (University of Oregon) “Transformation and Reconstruction: A Political Conversation Between Enrique Dussel and John Dewey”

Chair: Ernesto Rosen Velasquez (University of Dayton)

4:50 – 5:00 Refreshment Break

5:00 – 6:15 - Plenary Session 2 (Brazos Amphitheater)

Transactions of Philosophy in the Americas

Guillermo Hurtado (UNAM, Mexico) “The Promise of an Inter-American Philosophical Dialogue about Democracy”

Gregory Fernando Pappas (Texas A&M) “Hispanics, Jazz, and Pragmatism.”

Launching of the online resource: *Transactions of Philosophy in the Americas*.
(Kim Diaz, Assistant Editor, Ronald Chichester, IT and Assistant Editor)

7:00 – Bus ride to Los Molcajetes

7:35 – Dinner

8:45 – Music: Los Vigilantes

10:30 – Bus ride back to Hotel

Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:30 - 10:05 Concurrent Sessions 9, 10

9. Pragmatism and Moral-Political Philosophy in the Americas (Brazos Amphitheater)

Grant Silva (University of Oregon) "Towards a Latin American Political Philosophy of/for the United States: From the Discovery of America to Immigrant Encounters"

Gabriel Palumbo (CEFIP/UBA, Argentina) "Other Voices, a Pragmatist's Reading of the Political Works of Octavio Paz: The weather is still cloudy"

Anna Malavisi (Michigan State University) "Pragmatism and Development Ethics"

Chair: Paul Shockley (Texas A&M)

10. Charles Santiago Peirce and the Hispanic Experience (Mockingbird room)

Daniel Campos (Brooklyn College – CUNY) "Understanding Immigration as Lived Personal Experience: a Peircean Approach"

Jeffrey S. Edmonds (Vanderbilt University) "Experience and the Production of Hispanic / Latino Pragmatisms"

Stacey E. Ake (Dept. of English & Philosophy, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA) "Barábas nos llegó por vía marítima: The Pragmatism of Magical Realism"

Chair: Robert Burch (Texas A&M)

10:05 – 10:20 Refreshment Break

10:20 – 11:55 Concurrent Sessions 11, 12

11. Pragmatism and Spain (Ortega, Unamuno, Gaos) (Mockingbird room)

Craig Hanks (Texas State University San Marcos) "Ortega and Dewey"

Ramón del Castillo Santos (UNED, Dpto. de Filosofía, Madrid, Spain) "Jose Gaos on Dewey's Experience and Nature"

Mariana Alesandri (Penn State, PA) "Miguel de Unamuno and Pragmatism"

Chair:

12. Pragmatism and Law in Brazil (Brazos Amphitheater)

George Browne Rego (Faculty of Law Universidad Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil (UFPE)) "Pragmatism and Phenomenology: Dewey and Heidegger"

Clovis Falcao (Faculty of Law Universidad Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil (UFPE)) "The William James' Pragmatic Interpretation of Hegel and Skepticism in Brazilian Philosophy of Law"

Commentary: Frederic Kellogg (The George Washington University, Washington DC)

Chair: Kristi Sweet (Texas A&M)

11:55 – 12:10 Refreshment Break

12:10 – 1:25 Plenary Session 3 (Brazos Amphitheater)

Pragmatism in South America

Carlos Pereda (UNAM, Mexico) "Carlos Vaz Ferreira and William James"

Pablo Quintanilla (Universidad Católica, Peru) "Peru's early pragmatism: Jorge Polar and Pedro Zulen"

Federico Penelas (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina) "The Reception of Neo-Pragmatism in Argentina"

Chair:

1:25 – 2:55 Lunch on your own

2:55 – 4:05 Concurrent Sessions 13, 14

13. John Dewey and the Philosophy of Education in Latin America (Colombia, Brazil). (Brazos Amphitheater)

Julio Santiago Cubillos Bernal (Universidad del Valle, Cali Colombia) “Agustín Nieto Caballero y su apropiación de la Pedagogía y Filosofía de John Dewey”

Roberto Cavallari Filho (Teachers College Columbia University) "The old debate regarding Dewey's Pragmatism in the book *Escola e Democracia*"

Chair: Jennifer Gaffney (Texas A&M)

14. Race, Hispanics, and Pragmatism. (Mockingbird room)

Tommy J. Curry (Texas A&M) "Illuminated in Black: Arthur Schomburg's Revolt against Colonial Historicization"

Joseph Orosco (Oregon State University) "Jose Vasconcelos, White Supremacy and the Silence of American Pragmatism"

Chair: Jose Jorge Mendoza (University of Oregon)

4:05 – 4:20 Refreshment Break

4:20 – 5:20 Plenary Session 4 (Brazos Amphitheater)

Feminism, Pragmatism, and Latin American Philosophy

Amy A. Oliver (American University) “Varieties of Pragmatism: Carlos Vaz Ferreira and the ‘Cash-Value’ of Feminism”

Barbara J. Lowe (St. John Fisher College) “Maria Lugones and Pragmatism: Attenuated Subjectivity and the Pragmatist Moral Agent”

Chair: Linda Radzik (Texas A&M)

5:20 – 5:35 Refreshment Break

5:35 – 6:35 Plenary Session 5 (Brazos Amphitheater)

The Reception and Impact of Pragmatism in the Hispanic World

Ruben Flores (University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas and Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas) "The Impact of Dewey in Mexico and the Southwest-USA"

Jaime Nubiola (Universidad de Navarra, Spain) "The Reception of Charles Peirce in the Hispanic World: New Developments"

Chair: Olga Gerhart (Texas A&M)

6:35 -6:45 Refreshment Break

6:45 – 7:20 Plenary Session 6 (Brazos Amphitheater)

Latin American Philosophy and the Pragmatists

Douglas Anderson (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) "Three Blind Gringos: James, Dewey, and Peirce"

John J. McDermott (Texas A&M) “Concluding remarks”

Chair: Derrick Darby (University of Kansas)

Dinner (Oakwood Ballroom) 7:30-8:30

Music: Henry Brun and the Latin Playerz 8:30-10:30

