Society for Mexican American Philosophy Annual Conference

Cultivating Philosophical Space Towards the Future of Philosophy

May 19th-20th, 2017

Melbern G. Glasscock Center
History Building, Room 311

Texas A&M University | College Station, TX
Keynote Addresses

José-Antonio Orosco, Ph.D.
“César Chávez and the Civic Integration of the Undocumented”

José-Antonio Orosco is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. His primary area of specialization is social and political philosophy with an emphasis on democratic theory, social movements, the philosophy of the Americas (North and South) and Chicanx/Latinx thought. He is the co-editor of the journal Philosophy in the Contemporary World and the author of Cesar Chavez and the Common Sense of Nonviolence and Toppling the Melting Pot: Immigration and Multiculturalism in American Pragmatism. He also directs the OSU Peace Studies Program and is co-editor of the Anarres Project for Alternative Futures at OSU.

José Jorge Mendoza, Ph.D.
“Two American Myths: The Melting Pot and the Minority-Majority Nation”

José Jorge Mendoza is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell and co-editor of Radical Philosophy Review. His areas of specialization are in moral and political philosophy, philosophy of race, and Latin American philosophy. His articles can be found in the Journal of Speculative Philosophy, Public Affairs Quarterly, Critical Philosophy of Race and Philosophy in the Contemporary World. His new book, The Moral and Political Philosophy of Immigration: Liberty, Security, and Equality, is focused primarily on making a philosophical case for immigrant rights and arguing against unjust forms of immigration enforcement.
Friday, May 19th, 2017

8:00 - 8:30 AM  Registration and Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 AM  Conocimiento
   Felix J. Alvarez, Founder and Director of El Teatro de los Pobres & The Center for Community Cultural Activism
   Gregory F. Pappas, Texas A&M University
   Moderator: Rocio Alvarez, Texas A&M University

9:00 - 10:00 AM  Intersections with Continental Philosophy
   Francisco Salinas Paz, “Geneology of Liberation,” Universidad de Guadalajara
   Moderator: Patrick Anderson, Texas A&M University

10:00 - 11:00 AM  The Intersections of Mexican Philosophy and Mexican American Philosophy
   Amy A. Oliver, “Philosophical Intersections: Mexican-American and Mexican Thought,” American University
   Robert E. Sanchez, Jr. “What Can We Salvage from La Raza Cosmica for Mexican-American Philosophy?”
   Mount Saint Mary’s University
   Moderator: John C. O’Day, Texas A&M University

11:00 - 12:00 PM  Critiques on the Appropriation of Indigenous Thought and Identity
   James Maffie, “Decolonizing Nepantla,” University of Maryland
   Workshop: Julio Covarrubias, “Not Hispanic, Not Latino?: Mexican Americans and the Claim to Indigeneity,” University of Washington
   Moderator: Patrick Anderson, Texas A&M University

12:00 - 1:00 PM  Lunch
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<td><strong>Disrupting Western Paradigms and its Effects on Mexican Americans</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Alejandro Santana</strong>, “Reflections on Teaching Indigenous Mesoamerican Thought,” University of Portland&lt;br&gt;<strong>Adebayo Ogungbure</strong>, “Homoeroticism, Phallicism and the Racialization of Black/Brown Masculinity: The Historiography of Sexual Racism in America,” Texas A&amp;M University&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Dalitso Ruwe</strong>, Texas A&amp;M University</td>
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<td><strong>TAMU Undergraduate Student Panel: “Entonces Quien Soy?: Ni de Aquí, Ni de Aya”</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Emilio Bernal</strong>, Sociology&lt;br&gt;<strong>Christopher Chapple</strong>, Philosophy&lt;br&gt;<strong>Ivan Garcia</strong>, Sociology&lt;br&gt;<strong>Noe Mendoza</strong>, Philosophy&lt;br&gt;<strong>Karen Edith Simental</strong>, Philosophy&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Andrew Soto</strong>, Texas A&amp;M University</td>
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<td><strong>What is Mexican American Philosophy?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Manuel R. Vargas</strong>, “What Mexican American Philosophy Is,” University of California, San Diego and University of San Francisco&lt;br&gt;<strong>Francisco Gallegos &amp; Lori Gallegos</strong>, “Toward a Program for Mexican-American Philosophy: Beginning with the Concerns and Institutions of Mexican-Americans,” Georgetown University &amp; Texas State University&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Diana Yarzagaray</strong>, Texas A&amp;M University</td>
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| 8:30 - 9:00 AM | **Mexican American Philosophy in the 21st Century**                                               | **Grant Silva**, “On the Politics (and Duties) of Doing Mexican American Philosophy in the 21st Century,” Marquette University  
**Moderator:** **Rocio Alvarez**, Texas A&M University |
| 9:00 - 10:00 AM | **Mexican American Philosophy & Pluralism**                                                      | **Elena Ruíz**, “The Hermeneutics of Mexican-American Political Philosophy,” Michigan State University  
**Daniel G. Campos**, “Resilient Loving: An Immigrant-Philosopher’s Ethic of Love,” Brooklyn College of the City University of New York  
**Moderator:** **Andrew Soto**, Texas A&M University |
| 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **Liberatory Praxis & Mexican American Thought**                                                 | **Dalitso Ruwe**, “Two Ways to Think about Race: Richard Delgado’s Intervention in Critical Race Theory,” Texas A&M University  
**Manuel Chávez, Jr.**, “Towards an Ethics of Resistance,” Monmouth University  
**Moderator:** **Abebayo Ogungbure**, Texas A&M University |
| 11:00 - 12:00 AM | **Latin American Philosophy**                                                                    | **Aaron Alvarez**, “Latin American Philosophy and its Dialogical Core,” El Paso Community College  
**Moderator:** **John C. O’Day**, Texas A&M University |
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**Rocio Alvarez,** “Towards a New Chicano History: An Interrogation of the Postcolonial and Intersectional Methodologies in Chicano History,” Texas A&M University  
**Andrew Soto,** “Chican@ Sociogenics, Chican@ Logics and the Development of Chican@ Philosophy: Rupturing the Black-White Binary and Western Anti-Latin@ Logic,” Texas A&M University  
**Moderator:** **Dalitso Ruwe,** Texas A&M University |
| 2:00 - 3:00 PM | **Workshop:** **Alejandro Santana,** “Future SMAP Activities,” University of Portland |
| 3:00 - 3:15 PM | **Break** |
| 3:15 - 4:15 PM | **Panel:** “**Educating Mexicans, Mexican Americans and Chicanos on the U.S.-Mexico Border: A Critical Analysis of Language, Textbooks and Teaching Practices**”  
**Issac Ceniceros,** “In Word We Trust,” El Paso Community College  
**Manuela A. Gomez,** “Border Students and Philosophy: A Look at Textbook Multicultural Content,” El Paso Community College  
**Kim Diaz,** “With Fog in Our Eyes: Sharing Philosophy and Mindfulness With Our Sendero and Adelante Students,” United States Department of Justice  
**Moderator:** **Diana Yarzagaray,** Texas A&M University |
| 4:15 - 5:15 PM | **Chicano Art & Philosophy**  
**Yesenia Gonzalez,** Texas A&M University, Philosophy Undergraduate  
**Felix J. Alvarez,** “Orale Raza: One Voice for Justice,” Founder and Director of El Teatro de los Pobres & The Center for Community Cultural Activism  
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