

“The Virtue of Justice”

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 22

Check-In and Registration – 12:00 (Mills Building Lobby)

1:00-1:15 – General Welcome and Greetings (Mills A)

J. Aaron Simmons (Furman University) and John Sanders (Hendrix College)

1:30-2:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) John Rawls I: Autonomy and Public Reason

Moderator: Nicholas Meriwether (Shawnee State University)

- a. Dong An (Baylor University) – “An Independent Political Autonomy in Kant’s Liberalism: A Support for Rawls’s Separatist View in *Political Liberalism*”
- b. Pete Younger (Baylor University) – “Let’s Do This Together: Migration’s Effects on Public Reason”

(B) Non-Voluntarism and Moral Particularism

Moderator: Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)

- a. Karl Aho (Baylor University) – “Justice for Persons as Persons: Audi, Particularism, and Everyday Moral Experience”
- b. Thomas Jared Farmer (Emory University) – “Relational Obligations: Defending a Non-Voluntarist Argument for Special Responsibilities”

(C) Divine Command Theory

Moderator: TBA

- a. Blake McAllister (Baylor University) – “Escaping Murphy’s Trilemma”

- b. Chris Tweedt (Baylor University) – “Grounding Moral Obligations in Divine Command Theory”

2:45-4:15 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *Models of God 1: Timelessness and Causation*

Moderator: Daniel Cheung (Indiana University)

- a. Chad Meeks (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “Divine Timelessness and Robust Divine Personhood”
- b. Seth Daves (University of Arkansas) – “Going the Distance: Senor, Rowe and God’s Libertarian Freedom”
- c. Benjamin H. Arbour (University of Bristol) – “When Does God Learn What He Learns?: Open Theism and Simultaneous Causation”

(B) *Epistemology and Virtue*

Moderator: Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)

- a. David H. Leonard (North Central University) – “What is an Intellectual Virtue? A Modified Internalist Approach”
- b. Kraig Martin (Baylor University) – “Epistemic Justification and Closure of Inquiry”
- c. Stewart D. Clem (Duke University Divinity School) – “Where is Justice? A Thomistic Addendum to Virtue Epistemology”

(C) *Just War Theory*

Moderator: Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University)

- a. Stephen D. Lake (Trinity Christian College) – “Justice in War: Wolterstorff and the Just War Tradition”
- b. David S. Faber (Tabor College) – “Wolterstorff on the Sermon on the Mount and Pacifism”
- c. Hadassa A. Noorda (University of Amsterdam) – “Self-Defense by States against Non-State Actors - Discriminating between Non-State Combatants and Civilians”

(D) *Cognitive Science and the Philosophy of Religion*

Moderator: James Dow (Hendrix College)

- a. Kim Lockwood – “The Neurology of Spirituality”
- b. David Barrett (University of Arkansas) – “The Neurological Substrates of Virtuous Action: Why Aristotle’s Virtues Probably Arise Within Us”
- c. Rob Byer (University of Oklahoma) – “Debunking Debunking Arguments”

4:30-6:00 - **Plenary Session 1** – “All Justice is Social, but It’s Not All Social Justice”

Nicholas Wolterstorff (Yale)

*** Dr. Wolterstorff will be introduced by John Sanders (Hendrix)

6:15 until . . . – Dinner and Drinks at ZaZa’s

Friday, March 23

8:30-9:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *The Ethics of Sex*

Moderator: Lance Richey (University of St. Francis)

- a. Jack Mulder, Jr. (Hope College) – “Sex: A Traditional View”
- b. Erik A. Anderson (Furman University) – “The ‘Sterility Objection’ to New Natural Law Theory”

(B) *Wolterstorff and Forgiveness*

Moderator: Stephen D. Lake (Trinity Christian College)

- a. Ben Arbour (University of Bristol) and John B. Howell III (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “Justice, Obligations, Rights, and Forgiveness: A Kierkegaardian Response to Wolterstorff”
- b. Court Lewis (University of Tennessee) – “Nicholas Wolterstorff’s Eireneism and the Moral vs. Religious Obligation to Forgive”

(C) *Double Effect*

Moderator: Gregory S. Poore (Baylor University)

- a. Danny Marrero (University of Arkansas) – “Is the Appeal of the Doctrine of Double Effect ‘Illusory’?”
- b. T.A. Cavanaugh (University of San Francisco) – “The Trouble *is* Double: Acts, Agents, and the Intended/Foreseen Distinction”

(D) *Democracy and Civic Virtue*

Moderator: David Scott (Harvard University Law School)

- a. Bradford S. Hadaway (Georgetown College) – “Kantian Civic Virtue”
- b. Nicholas Meriwether (Shawnee State University) – “Liberal Democracy and Nationhood”

9:45- 11:15 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *Wolterstorff, Rights, and Justice*

Moderator: TBA

- a. Joel A. Schwartz (Baylor University) – “Wojtyla and Personalism’s Rights: An Alternate Proposal”
- b. Jonathan Sands Wise (Georgetown College) – “Wolterstorff’s *Justice* and Eudaimonism”
- c. Aron Reppmann (Trinity Christian College) – “Love and Justice: A Hermeneutical Approach to the Unity of the Agapist Tradition”

(B) *Morality: Free Will, Constructivism, and Egoism*

Moderator: TBA

- a. Justin Leonard Clardy (University of Arkansas) – “Morality and Free Will”
- b. Dan Padgett (Baylor University) – “Constructivism and Objectivity”

- c. H.E. Baber (San Diego) – “Transworld Egoism, Empathy and the Golden Rule”

(C) Religious Pluralism

Moderator: David H. Leonard (North Central University)

- a. Chad Bogosian (University of Arkansas) – “Rowe’s ‘Friendly Atheism’ and the Epistemology of Religious Disagreement”
- b. C. Donald Smedley (Rivendell Institute) – “Objective Pluralism: A Response to the New Religious Pluralism”
- c. James F. Sennett (Brenau University) – “Does God Play Fair? The Logic and Modality of Christian Exclusivism”

(D) Philosophy of Law

Moderator: Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)

- a. Philip Antin (University of Arkansas) – “Collective Persons and Religious Guilt”
- b. Chong Un Choe (Georgetown University) – “The Right to Due Process: An Underexplored Basis of Current and Future Systems of International Law”
- c. Joyce Konigsburg (Duquesne University) – “Fair (or Foul) Play: Is the Individual Mandate Within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Just?”

11:15-12:45 – Lunch on your own

12:45-2:15 – (Mills A) **Plenary Session 2** – “*Religion in the Public Square After 16 Years*”

Moderator: J. Aaron Simmons (Furman University)

- a. Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University) – “Religion, and Not Just Religious *Reasons*, In the Public Square”
- b. Erik A. Anderson (Furman University) – “Under-Explored Paths in the Public/Secular Reason Debate”
- c. Responses by Nicholas Wolterstorff (Yale) and Robert Audi (Notre Dame)

2:30-3:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) Design Arguments 1: Newton and the Philosophy of Biology

Moderator: Fred Ablondi (Hendrix College)

- a. Christopher Lilley (Princeton Theological Seminary) – “Biological Agnosticism: Is Intelligent Design Viable in the Philosophy of Biology?”
- b. Michael Granado (Emory University) – “Newton and the Birth of the Scientific Teleological and Cosmological Argument”

(B) John Rawls 2: Unjust Actions and Mimetic Violence

Moderator: David Scott (Harvard Law School)

- a. J. Frank Holmes (Baylor University) – “When is a Liberal Democratic Society Acting Unjustly?”

- b. Clint Jones (University of Kentucky) – “Justice is Not About Fairness: Rene Girard, John Rawls, and Mimetic Violence”

(C) *Ancient Philosophy*

Moderator: TBA

- a. Mark William Westmoreland (Villanova University) – “Justice at the Limits of Democracy: A Heterodox Plato”
- b. Gregory S. Poore (Baylor University) – “Aristotelian Compassion”

(D) *Models of God 2: Hate, Love, and the Trinity*

Moderator: Chad Meeks ((Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

- a. John B. Howell, III (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “God’s Hatred and Natural Human Rights”
- b. Tom Senor (University of Arkansas) – “A Critique of the Constitution Model of the Trinity”

3:45-4:45 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *Pieper and Hutcheson on Justice*

Moderator: TBA

- a. Lance Byron Richey (University of St. Francis) – “The Virtue of Injustice: *Religio* and the Roots of Justice in Josef Pieper’s Philosophy”
- b. Fred Ablondi (Hendrix College) – “Hutcheson, Benevolence, and the Personal Virtue of Justice”

(B) *Design Arguments 2: Beauty and Function*

Moderator: James F. Sennett (Brenau University)

- a. Alina Beary (Baylor University) – “Two Sources of Design? A Critique of an Etiological Account of Function”
- b. Brian Ribero (Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga) – “The Theistic Argument from Beauty: A Philonian Critique”

(C) *Continental Philosophy of Religion*

Moderator: Seth Daves (University of Arkansas)

- a. Michael Barnes Norton (University of Dallas) – “The Aporias of Justice and the Virtue of Un-Inheritance”
- b. Peter Capretto (Vanderbilt University) – “The Wonder and Spirit of ‘Phenomenology and Theology’: Rubenstein and Derrida on Heidegger’s Formal Distinction of Philosophy from Theology”

(D) *Moral and Religious Education*

Moderator: TBA

- a. J. Carroll Smith (Gardner-Webb University) – “The Sabbath of Learning: Viewing Education Through the Lenses of Jürgen Moltmann’s *God in Creation*”
- b. Kyla Ebels-Duggan (Northwestern University) – “Moral Education in the Liberal State”

5:00-6:30 - (Mills A) **Plenary Session 3** – “Dispositions of the Will”

Jean Porter (Notre Dame)

***Dr. Porter will be introduced by Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University)

6:45-9:00 - Banquet and Awards – Michelangelo’s Restaurant

Saturday, March 24

8:30 – 10:00 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *God and Freedom*

Moderator: Annette Neblett Evans (Lynchburg College)

- a. Geoffrey A. Meadows (University of St. Thomas) – “The Problem of Evil or is God a Consequentialist?”
- b. Kelly Gallagher (University of Arkansas) – “The Best, The Good, and God’s Will: A Defense of Divine Freedom”
- c. Allison Thornton (Baylor University) – “Theistic Modal Realism and the Less-than-Best Problem”

(B) *Mercy, Justice, and The Historical Jesus*

Moderator: J. Carroll Smith (Gardner-Webb University)

- a. Alex Tuckness (Iowa State University) and John Parrish (Loyola Marymount University) – “The Mercy-Justice Paradox in Historical Perspective”
- b. Ross David Baron (Brigham Young University) and Derek Christian Haderlie (Brigham Young University) – “Can Mercy Rob Justice?: A Critique on Four Conceptions of the State from the Book of Mormon within a Christian Meta-Narrative”
- c. Tim Perrine (Indiana University) – “Testimony, Evidence, and Miracles: A Response to Law”

(C) *The Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas*

Moderator: Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)

- a. Brandon Isaac Dahm (Baylor University) – “A Metaphysics of Finality is Not the End of the Explanation: A Thomistic Response to Lisska’s Account of Obligation”
- b. Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas) and Benjamin Huff (Randolph Macon College) – “Justice, Benevolence, and Liberality: A Confucian Revision to Thomistic Ethics?”
- c. Stephen Chanderbhan (Canisius College) – “Does Empathy Have Any Place in Aquinas’s Account of Justice?”

(D) *The Public Square*

Moderator: TBA

- a. Nicholas Read Brown (Fuller Theological Seminary) – “The Ground on Which We Stand: Rereading the Virtue of Justice Through the Territorial Lens of Israel’s Covenant”
- b. Raymond Hain (Providence College) – “Justice in the Public Square: An Architectural Exploration”
- c. Puran Agrawal – “Religious Beliefs, Public Arena, and the So-Called Neutrality of Liberalism and Liberal Democracy”

10:15-11:45 (Mills A) – **Plenary Session 4** – “Religious Diversity, Democratic Citizenship, and Christian Ethics” - Robert Audi (Notre Dame)

***Dr. Audi will be introduced by Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)

11:45-12:00 (Mills A) – Concluding Remarks