

## **SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY 2005 to 2017**

The Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy was co-founded in 2005 by Mary Domski of the University of New Mexico and Don Rutherford of the University of California - San Diego.

Following the model of similar seminars around the U.S. and Canada, the Seminar was formed to foster interaction among scholars who work in various topics in the history of early modern philosophy, a period ranging, roughly, from Montaigne to Kant.

Thanks to the effort of various local organizers, program organizers, and referees, and generous financial support from various academic departments, programs, and schools, ten meetings of the Seminar were held between 2006 and 2017.

For each meeting, there were, on average, roughly fifty-eight abstract submissions from which between five and seven were selected for the program based on a process of blind review.

Summary details of the Seminar meetings, including their programs, are listed below.

• **FIRST MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 25 & 26 February 2006  
Location: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM  
Local Organizer: Mary Domski  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: Nicholas Jolley, University of California – Irvine  
Abstract Deadline: 1 November 2005  
Submissions/Acceptances: 66 total abstracts submitted / 7 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of New Mexico Department of Philosophy and Undergraduate Student Philosophy Club

Program:

All talks presented in Acoma A/B of the University of New Mexico Student Union.

Saturday 25 February 2006

“Descartes on the Non-status of Colors”

Larry Nolan, California State University – Long Beach

“Descartes on the Epistemic Responsibility of the Will”

Lex Newman, University of Utah

“Spinoza's Critique of Wonder”

Amanda Parris, DePaul University

“Continuous Creation and Created Substances in Leibniz's Mature Metaphysics”

John Whipple, University of California - Irvine

“Must Primary Qualities be Inseparable for Locke?”

Derek Kern, University of Colorado – Boulder

“Lockean Abstractionism versus Cartesian Innatism”

Nicholas Jolley, University of California - Irvine

Sunday 26 February 2006

“Hume's Consequent Skepticism”

Mark Collier, University of Minnesota – Morris

“Self-Perfection in Kant's Theory of Virtue”

Anne Margaret Baxley, Washington University – St. Louis

Associated Event: Talk from Don Rutherford, University of California – San Diego  
“Freedom as a Normative Ideal: Nietzsche and His Antecedents”  
Monday 27 February 2006, 2 to 4pm in Dane Smith Hall 123

• **SECOND MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 24 and 25 February 2007  
Location: University of California - San Diego, San Diego, CA  
Local Organizer: Don Rutherford  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: James Van Cleve, University of Southern California  
Abstract Deadline: 1 November 2006  
Submissions/Acceptances: 44 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of California - San Diego Department of Philosophy

Program:

All talks presented in the UCSD Philosophy Seminar Room (Room 7077, Humanities and Social Sciences Building).

Saturday 24 February 2007

“What the problem of other minds really tells us about Descartes”  
Gideon Manning, The College of William and Mary

“Reid's Answer to Molyneux's Question”  
James Van Cleve, University of Southern California

“Representation in Spinoza's Theory of the Imagination”  
Michael LeBuffe, Texas A&M University

“Malebranche on the Passions: Biology, Morality, and the Fall”  
Sean Greenberg, Johns Hopkins University

“Moral Phenomenology in Hume and Hutcheson”  
Michael Gill, University of Arizona

Sunday 25 February 2007

“Locke and Berkeley on Real Knowledge”  
Margaret Atherton, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

“The Relation Between Anti-Abstractionism and Idealism in Berkeley's Metaphysics”  
Samuel Rickless, University of California – San Diego

• **THIRD MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 23 and 24 February 2008  
Location: San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA  
Local Organizer: Alice Sowaal  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: Michael Friedman, Stanford University  
Abstract Deadline: 1 November 2007  
Submissions/Acceptances: 57 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The San Francisco State University Department of Philosophy

Program:

All talks presented in Room 386 of the San Francisco State University Humanities Building.

Saturday 23 February 2008

“Descartes & Galileo: Copernicanism & the Metaphysical Foundations of Physics”  
Michael Friedman, Stanford University

“The Role of the Passions in Descartes”  
Shoshana Brassfield, Colgate University

“The Significance of the Newtonian refutation of Spinoza”  
Eric Schliesser, Leiden University

“Causality and Temporality in Spinoza’s Philosophy”  
Karolina Huebner, University of Chicago

“The Historical Roots of Kant’s Concept of Experience”  
Courtney David Fugate, American University in Cairo

Sunday 24 February 2008

“Reflection in Locke and Hume”  
Donald Ainslie, University of Toronto

“Hume on Space, Time and Mathematics”  
Graciela De Pierris, Stanford University

• **FOURTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 28 February and 1 March 2009  
Location: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA  
Local Organizer: Gideon Manning  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: Daniel Garber, Princeton University  
Abstract Deadline: 1 November 2008  
Submissions/Acceptances: 62 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The California Institute of Technology Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Program:

All talks presented in the Treasury Room in Dabney Hall on the Caltech campus.

Saturday 28 February 2009

“The Challenging Patient: Medicine in the Correspondence between Descartes and Princess Elisabeth”

Susan Mills, Grant MacEwan College

“Malebranche on Knowing One’s Own Mind”

Matthew Shockey, Indiana University - South Bend

“Hume on Continnence and Virtue”

Kate Abramson, Indiana University

“Explanation, Newtonianism, and the Way of Ideas: Philosophical Method on the Scottish Enlightenment”

Ryan Nichols, University of Kansas

“Leibniz, Body and Monad”

Daniel Garber, Princeton University

Sunday 1 March 2009

“Locke’s Familiar Substratum”

Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado – Boulder

“Inherence-Causation-Conceivability in Spinoza, or On the Delicate Art of Bullet-Biting”

Yitzhak Melamed, Johns Hopkins University

Associated Event: Talk from Daniel Garber, Princeton University  
“Remarks on the Pre-History of the Mechanical Philosophy”  
Friday 27 February 2009, 4 to 6pm, Einstein Papers Project

• **FIFTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 27 and 28 February 2010  
Location: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM  
Local Organizer: Mary Domski  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Abstract Deadline: 1 November 2009  
Submissions/Acceptances: 40 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of New Mexico Department of Philosophy

Program:

All talks presented in the library of the UNM Philosophy Department, located on the fifth floor of the Humanities Building.

Saturday 27 February 2010

“The Modernity of Descartes’s Moral Theory”  
Joel Schickel, University of Dayton

“The Distinction between Reason and Intuitive Knowledge in Spinoza’s Ethics”  
Sanem Soyarslan, Duke University

“The Metaphysical Fact of Consciousness in Locke’s Theory of Personal Identity”  
Shelley Weinberg, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

“Psychologism, Sensibilism, and Kant’s Debt to Hume”  
Brian Chance, University of Oklahoma

“Spinoza, Maimonides, and Prophecy”  
Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sunday 28 February 2010

“Where men judge of things by their natural, unprejudiced reason’: Hume and His Contemporaries on the Virtues”  
Colin Heydt, University of South Florida

“Good Sense, Art, and Morality in Hume’s “Of the Standard of Taste””  
Reed Winegar, University of Pennsylvania

• **SIXTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 3 and 4 December 2011  
Location: Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, CA  
Local Organizer: Ericka Tucker  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Don Rutherford  
Invited Speaker: Ursula Goldenbaum, Emory University  
Abstract Deadline: 9 September 2011  
Submissions/Acceptances: 70 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The Cal Poly Pomona Department of Philosophy and College of Liberal Arts

Program:

All talks presented in the Collins College on the Cal Poly Pomona campus.

Saturday 3 December 2011

“Authorization and Punishment in Hobbes”  
Michael Green, Pomona College

“Challenging Narratives of Early Modern Philosophy through its Controversies”  
Ursula Goldenbaum, Emory University

“The Theodicean Aspects of Anne Conway’s *Principles*”  
Marcy Lascano, California State University – Long Beach

“Descartes on the Will, the Intellect, and Freedom”  
Marie Jayasekera, Colgate University

“Malebranche on the Role of the Will in the Direction of the Mind”  
Matthew Shockey, Indiana University – South Bend

Sunday 4 December 2011

“Hume’s Theory of Mental Representation”  
David Landy, San Francisco State University

“Kant on Newton, Relativity, and the Riddle of Rotation”  
Marius Stan, California Institute of Technology

• **SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 16 and 17 February 2013  
Location: Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, CA  
Local Organizers: Kristen Irwin and Ericka Tucker  
Program Organizer: Mary Domski  
Invited Speaker: Thomas Lennon, University of Western Ontario  
Abstract Deadline: 19 October 2012  
Submissions/Acceptances: 78 total abstracts submitted / 6 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The Cal Poly Pomona Department of Philosophy and College of Liberal Arts

Program:

All talks presented in the Collins College on the Cal Poly Pomona campus.

Saturday 16 February 2013

“Pure Love: The Impossible Supposition?”

Thomas M. Lennon, University of Western Ontario

“Descartes on the Moral Guidance of the Passions”

Matt Kisner, University of South Carolina

“The Susceptibility of Intuitive Knowledge to *Akrasia* in Spinoza’s Ethical Thought”

Sanem Soyarslan, Boston University

“The Subsuming Consciousness: A Model for Reconciling Personal Identity in Locke and Hume”

Louis Gularte, Northern Illinois University

“Converting Demea: Demea’s Role in Hume’s *Dialogues concerning Natural Religion*”

Tim Black and Robert Gressis, Cal State - Northridge

Sunday 17 February 2013

“Leibniz on Infinite Numbers, Infinite Wholes, and Corporeal Substances”

Adam Harmer, University of Toronto

“Rationalism and the Foundational Role of Empirical Knowledge Within Wolff’s German Metaphysics”

Veronica Muriel, University of Pennsylvania

• **EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 22 February 2014  
Location: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM  
Local Organizer: Mary Domski  
Program Co-Organizers: Mary Domski and Ericka Tucker  
Invited Speaker: Margaret Atherton, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
Abstract Deadline: 26 September 2013  
Submissions/Acceptances: 70 total abstracts submitted / 5 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of New Mexico Department of Philosophy

Program:

All talks presented in Santa Ana A&B of the UNM Student Union Building.

Saturday 22 February 2014

“Why to Get Rid of the Small Flitting Images: Descartes’s Optics and Some Medieval Theories of Vision”

Zita Toth, Fordham University

“Berkeley and Skepticism”

Margaret Atherton, University Wisconsin - Milwaukee

“Descartes’s Extemporaneous Ethics in the *Discourse on Method*”

Daniel Collette, University of South Florida

“Master in my own Domain: Leibniz on Voluntary Agency”

Julia Jorati, The Ohio State University

“Hedonism and Natural Law in Locke’s Moral Philosophy”

Elliot Rossiter, University of Western Ontario

“Catharine Trotter Cockburn’s Moral Sense theory and the Internalist Tradition”

Patricia Sheridan, University of Guelph

Associated Event: Talk from Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado – Boulder  
“Ideas as Objects of Perception: Where Did That Mistake Come From?”  
Friday 21 February 2014, 3:30 to 5pm, Mitchell Hall 102

• **NINTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 27 February 2016  
Location: University of California – Riverside, Riverside, CA  
Local Organizer: Adam Harmer  
Program Organizer: Mary Domski  
Invited Speaker: Maria Rosa Antognazza, King’s College London  
Abstract Deadline: 30 July 2015  
Submissions/Acceptances: 58 total abstracts submitted / 5 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of California - Riverside Department of Philosophy

Program:

All talks presented in the UC-Riverside, Center for Ideas and Society.

27 February 2016

“Self-Creation in Descartes”

Andreea Mihali, Wilfrid Laurier University

“Philosophy and Science in Leibniz”

Maria Rosa Antognazza, King's College London

“Necessitarianism in Leibniz's *Theodicy*”

Chloe Armstrong, Lawrence University

“Shared Parts and Political Authority: Groups as Individuals in Spinoza”

Christopher Fruge, University of Houston

“Flourishing without the Good: Hobbes on Eudaimonism”

Ericka Tucker, Marquette University

“Hume's Analogy of True Judgments in Colors and Morals”

Jason Fisette, University of Nevada - Reno

Associated Event: Talk from Don Rutherford, University of California - San Diego  
“Wisdom for Moderns”  
Friday 26 February 2016, 3 to 5pm, Room 1500, Humanities and Social Sciences Building

• **TENTH MEETING OF THE SOUTHWEST SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Dates: 18 February 2017  
Location: University of Nevada – Reno, Reno, NV  
Local Organizer: Jason Fisette  
Program Organizer: Mary Domski  
Invited Speaker: Jacqueline Taylor, University of San Francisco  
Abstract Deadline: 15 July 2016  
Submissions/Acceptances: 34 total abstracts submitted / 5 selected based on blind review  
Financial Support From: The University of Nevada – Reno Department of Philosophy

Program:

18 February 2017

“Discrimination and the body politic in Spinoza’s philosophy”  
Francesca di Poppa, Texas Tech

“Soldier, Sailor: The Significance of Character Types in Early Modern Texts”  
Jacqueline Taylor, University of San Francisco

“Leibniz’s Moral Problem of Free Will”  
Samuel Murray, University of Notre Dame

“The metaphysics of Emilie du Châtelet’s *Institutions de physique*”  
Marius Stan, Boston College

“Berkeley’s Modal Epistemology”  
Thomas Holden, UC – Santa Barbara

“John Gay and the Birth of Utilitarianism”  
Getty Lustila, Boston University

Associated Event: Talk from Helen Hattab, University of Houston  
“Origins of the Modern Concept of a Law of Nature”  
Friday 17 February 2017, 4-6pm