THE THOMAS D. SULLIVAN MEDAL IN PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy invites UST undergraduate students to participate in a prize competition for the best essay in philosophy.

Essays — 3500 words or less on any philosophical topic — must be submitted by midnight, JANUARY 30, 2017.

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BIOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Characterizing Possibilities: Thought Experiments and Exploratory Experimentation in Biology (and Philosophy)

Thursday, September 29, 2016
Dr. Alan Love
University of Minnesota

A Public Lecture, 4:00 pm
Owen Science Center (OWS) 251

A STUDENT PIZZA LUNCH discussion
with Dr. Love at 12:00 noon, ASC 341.
Sponsored by the Philosophy and Biology Clubs.
All students invited.

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PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

C. S. Lewis’s Battle Against Cultural Relativism

Thursday, October 13, 2016  12:00-1:00 pm JRC 126

Dr. Philip Rolnick (Department of Theology)

In the mid-twentieth century, C. S. Lewis already recognized the growing threat of cultural relativism. His combat against this cultural and spiritual threat began with reasoned argument and illuminating examples that point toward a universal law, a law which ends up pointing to something and someone even higher.

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PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Intervention, Bias, Responsibility... and the Trolley Problem

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Dr. Justin Sytsma
Victoria University of Wellington

A Public Lecture
4:00 pm
John Roach Center (JRC) LL62

A STUDENT PIZZA LUNCH discussion
with Dr. Sytsma at 12:00 noon, the Library Leather Room (LIB 108).
Sponsored by the Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience Clubs.
All students welcome.

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PHILOSOPHY

OUTSIDE SPEAKER SERIES

Thurs., Nov. 17, 2016    12:00-1:00 pm    JRC 126

SHOULD JUDGES ENFORCE THE NATURAL LAW?

Dr. Christopher Wolfe  (Politics Department–University of Dallas)

In this talk, Professor Wolfe will argue that in general they should not – that that task should largely be left to the legislatures (except to the extent that natural law is actually embodied in the constitutional text).

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PHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY

On the “Interpretation” of Physical Theory

Friday, December 2, 2016
Dr. Nicholas Teh
University of Notre Dame

A Public Lecture
4:00 pm
Owens Science Center (OWS) 251

A STUDENT PIZZA LUNCH discussion
with Dr. Teh at 12:00 noon, Library Leather Room (LIB 108).
Sponsored by the Philosophy Club and Physics Department.
All students welcome.

PHILOSOPHY & THE SCIENCES?

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PHILOSOPHY
OUTSIDE SPEAKER SERIES
Dr. Meghan Sullivan  *(Philosophy Dept.–Univ. of Notre Dame)*

**Moral Saints and Moral Failure**

How hard is it to live a good life?

Is it ever a good thing to be immoral?

Would someone who was trying as hard as possible to be moral live a better life than someone who often devotes herself to non-moral projects?

Thurs., March 9, 2017  12:00-1:00 pm  JRC 126

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PHILOSOPHY OUTSIDE SPEAKER SERIES
Dr. Thomas Hibbs (Baylor)

Breaking Bad: Evil in Popular Culture
What can we learn from the horrors that pass before our eyes, especially on screens of various sorts, in our popular culture? What intellectual resources might be drawn from the philosophical and theological tradition to help us respond more adequately?

Thurs., April 6, 2017  12:00-1:00 pm  JRC 126

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PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

Descartes’s Emotional Problems – and Ours

What are the emotions?
What are they for?

And what should we do about them?

Dr. Peter Distelzweig (Dept. of Philosophy)

Seventeenth century scientist and philosopher René Descartes answers these questions, integrating physiological, ecological, psychological, metaphysical, and moral perspectives. His ambitious attempt to provide a multifaceted, integrated, and practical account of the emotions is worthy of reflection today.

12:00-1:00 pm
JRC 126
Tues., April 25, 2017

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TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017  12:00-1:15pm
MHC 205 (Murray-Herrick Center)

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ELLIOIT POLSKY
FIRST PRIZE
What to Make of Modes of Names: Filling an Important Hole in Aristotle’s On Interpretation

CONNOR McGINNIS
SECOND PRIZE
The Indeterminacy of the Physical: Metaphysical or Epistemological?

PATRICK FISHER
THIRD PRIZE
The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science
(Patrick is not available to present. Congratulations, Patrick!)