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FRIDAY, NOV. 8 TO SATURDAY, NOV. 9

*(All sessions are in the Hogan Campus Center, 4th Floor,
except for the Keynote on Friday & the Plenary on Saturday,
which are in Rehm Library, 3rd Floor Smith Hall)*

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FRIDAY, NOV. 8TH

UNDERGRADUATE SESSION | 9-12 P.M. | HOGAN 406

Chair: Paul McNamara, University of New Hampshire

“Modern Animal Sacrifice:
Why We are so Willing to
Sacrifice Animals and an
Ecofeminist Solution”

Jennifer Gallagher '19
University of New Hampshire

“On the use of Drones in War”

Evan Lichter
Wheaton College

“Embracing Death with
Zhuangzi and Epictetus”

Thomas J. Dzwonczyk
College of the Holy Cross

“Epictetus and Zhuangzi:
On the Emotions”

Mitchell Baker
College of the Holy Cross

“An Evaluation of Punishment
and the Utility Calculus”

Piper Gibson
University of New Hampshire

SESSION 1 | 1-2:20 PM

1A | HOGAN 406 | UNDERDETERMINATION AND MODAL LOGIC

Chair: Peter Marton, Framingham State University

“The Underdetermination of Moral Beliefs
by Experience”

Charle André Terrault
University of Montreal

“Sider’s ‘Semantic’ Validity Proofs in
Modal Logic”

Jeff Buechner
Rutgers University-Newark

1B | HOGAN 408 | PHENOMENOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS

Chair: James Kintz, Saint Joseph’s College of Maine

“Bachelard and Technoscience Studies”

Robert C. Scharff
University of New Hampshire

“Basing without Deviant Causal Chains”

Chris Blake-Turner
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

SESSION 2 | 2:30-3:50

2A | HOGAN 406 | CAUSATION AND PSR

Chair: Lauren Ashwell, Bates College

“Thing Causation and the Problem of
Fineness of Grain”

Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt
MIT

“Leibniz’s Argument for the Principle of
Sufficient Reason from Necessary and
Sufficient Conditions”

Jonathan Westphal

2B | HOGAN 408 | ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

Chair: Mark Okrent, Bates College

“Three Sartrean Motivation
for Environmentalism”

Kiki Berk & Joshua Tepley
Southern New Hampshire
University & St. Anselm College

“An Approach to Environmental
Ethics Worth Mulling”

C. Wesley DeMarco
Clark University

SESSION 3A | 4-5:20

3A | HOGAN 406 | HOPE AND HAPPINESS

Chair: Herman Tavani, Rivier University

“The Passion of Hope in Modern
Philosophy: A Reassessment”

Joe Forte
Rivier University

“The Evaluative Nature of Happiness”

Michael & Jennifer Mulnix
Salem State University & University
of Massachusetts Dartmouth

SESSION 3B | 4-4:40

3B | HOGAN 408 | PHENOMENOLOGY

Chair: Jessica Heine, MIT

“Phenomenologically Rich Thought”

Willem A. DeVries
University of New Hampshire

RECEPTION | 5:30-6 P.M. | (HOGAN 401)

Welcome: Professor Mary Ebbott, Dean of Faculty, College of the Holy Cross

BANQUET | 6-7:30 P.M. | (HOGAN 401)

KEYNOTE | 7:40-9:30 P.M. | REHM LIBRARY, SMITH HALL 3RD FLOOR

Chair: May Sim, College of the Holy Cross

“Death, Deprivation, and Rational Regret”

Shelly Kagan, Clark Professor of Philosophy at Yale University

SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH

PLENARY ON SHELLY KAGAN

9-10:30 | REHM LIBRARY, SMITH HALL | 3RD FLOOR

Chair: May Sim, College of the Holy Cross

“Two Questions for Shelly Kagan”

Timm Triplett

University of New Hampshire

“The Limits of Consequentializing.”

David Cummiskey

Bates College

Response: Shelly Kagan, Clark Professor of Philosophy at Yale University

SESSION 4 | 10:45-12:05

4A | HOGAN 406

VIRTUE, POLITICS AND LAW: EAST-WEST COMPARISONS

Chair: Chris Blake-Turner, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Human Nature, Virtue Ethics and Law
in East and West Philosophy”

Ambrose DeMarco '18

College of the Holy Cross

“Confucian Meritocracy, Political Legitimacy,
and Constitutional Democracy”

Zhuoyao (Peter) Li

St. John's University

4B | HOGAN 408 | LOGIC AND LANGUAGE

Chair: Charle André Terrault, University of Montreal

“Reinterpreting Two-Dimensional Semantics
to Avoid Illogical Commitments”

Jessica Anne Heine

MIT

“A New Theory of Propositions”

David Kaspar

St. John's University

LUNCH | 12:10-1:20

BUSINESS MEETING | 1:20-1:50

SESSION 5 | 2:00-4

5A | HOGAN 406 | SCIENCE AND LOGIC

Chair: Aja Watkins, Boston University

“Anecdotal Experiments: Evaluating Evidence
with Small Sample Size”

Mike Dacey
Bates College

“Two Concepts of Knowing and the
Skeptic’s Scenarios”

Peter Marton
Framingham State University

“Exceptions to Certain Rules of Logic
in the Uncertainty Principle”

G. E. Tetrault
Westfield State University

5B | HOGAN 408

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

Chair: Karsten Stueber, College of the Holy Cross

“Analyzing Acknowledgement”

Matt Waldschlagel
Anna Maria College

“Seeking a Foundation for Morality in
Second-Personal Address”

Paul Schofield
Bates College

“Being Responsible and Making Reparations”

Susan Stark
Bates College

5C | HOGAN 402 | MENTAL STATES: PLANTS VS. HUMAN BEINGS

Chair: David Cummiskey, Bates College

“The Dual-Aspect Competence Theory of Self-Knowledge”

Jordan Ochs
University of Connecticut

“Does the Thesis of Animal Mentality Rest on a Mistake?: In Defense of a Cosmopolitan Cognitive Science.”

Brendan Lalor
Castleton University

“Consciousness, Selfhood and the Innate You”

James Kintz
Saint Joseph’s College of Maine

SESSION 6 | 4:10-6:10

6A | HOGAN 40 | MORAL PERCEPTION, RESPECT AND DEROGATION

Chair: Wes DeMarco, Clark University

“Losing Your Scruples”

Kathleen Hintikka
MIT

“Is There a Right to Respect?”

Sara Ellenbogen
MIT

“The Varieties of Derogation”

Lauren Ashwell
Bates College

6B | HOGAN 408 | AUTONOMY, SEX AND GENDER

Chair: Jordan Ochs, University of Connecticut

“Gendering, Misgendering & the Semantics of Natural Kinds”

Christopher Healow
Southern New Hampshire
University

“Relational Autonomy and Ameliorative Inquiry”

Emily McGill
Keene State College

“A New Defense of the Grandmother Hypothesis”

Aja Watkins
Boston University

