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Featured Speakers:

Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya, University of Hawai'i
Dr. Chris Cuomo, University of Georgia



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20th Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

February 8-9, 2019 • Laurel Forum, Karpen Hall



Event Schedule

Friday, February 8, 2019

4-4:15 pm ••• Registration and Welcome
4:15-4:30 pm ••• Opening remarks: Dr. Melissa Burchard,
Philosophy Department Chair, UNCA

Session I, 4:30-5:30 pm

4:30-5 pm ••• Andrew Swann, University of Tennessee,
Knoxville: “Analytic-Synthetic Distinction in Immanuel
Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*”
5-5:30 pm ••• Mary E. Brown, Western Carolina University:
“Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz, as Simone De Beauvoir’s
Feminist Hero”

5:30-5:45 pm ••• Break

Session II, 5:45-7 pm, Moderator: Dr. Keya Maitra,
Thomas Howerton Professor of Humanities,
Department of Philosophy, UNCA

5:45-7 pm ••• Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya, University of Hawai'i:
Title- “On the Epistemic Love of Ignorance”

Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:15-9 am ••• Registration and Breakfast
9-9:15 am ••• Welcome: Dr. Karin Peterson, Acting
Provost, UNCA

Session III, 9:15-10:15 am

9:15-9:45 am ••• Holly Cooper, Mercer University: “The
Fires of Change: Kirk, Popper, and the Heraclitean
Debate”
9:45-10:15 am ••• Eli Simmons, Furman University: “The
Mystery of Hope: A Phenomenological Investigation with
Gabriel Marcel”

Session IV, 10:30-12 pm

10:30-11 am ••• Hope Carrane, University of Kentucky:
“The Ethical Dilemma Posed by DNRs, Advance
Directives, and Suicide”
11-11:30 am ••• Karyol Majtenyi, Appalachian State
University: “Moral Relativism in Normative Ethics”
11:30-12 pm ••• Nathanael Pierce, Arizona State University:
“The Incompatibility Between Diachronic Responsibility
and Remorse”

Lunch, 12-1 pm

Session V, 1:15-2:15 pm

1:15-1:45 pm ••• Jordan Venditelli, Appalachian State
University: “Marx, Lenin and Intersectional Feminism: The
Potential for a Material Revolution Led by an Intersectional
Feminist Vanguard”

1:45-2:15 pm ••• Isabella Jackson, UNCA: "Why Leaning In to Capitalism is Not an Option for Feminists"

2:15-2:30 pm ••• Break

Session VI, 2:30-3:30 pm

2:30-3 pm ••• Ben Lang, Furman University: "On Artificial Intelligence: Questions of Supervenience, Ontological Irreducibility, and Cognitive Simulation"

3-3:30 pm ••• Lane R. Hepburn, UNCA: "Bullshit and Simulation: On the Commonality of Baudrillard and Frankfurt"

Session VII, 3:45-5 pm, Moderator: Dr. Melissa Burchard, Chair of Philosophy, UNCA

3:45-5 pm ••• Dr. Chris Cuomo, University of Georgia:
Title- "Global Environmental Crisis, Rogue Polluters, and the Sabotage Imperative"

Awards Ceremony, 20th Anniversary Reception for Alumni, and Closing, 5-6:30 pm

