

## **NASS 2016 – PROGRAM DRAFT**

\* Please note: Times are tentative and may change slightly before the final program.

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 4**

12:00-1:30 Registration  
1:30-1:45 Welcome  
2:00-3:45 Session One  
4:00-5:45 Session Two  
(Time TBA) Reception, *Holiday Inn*

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 5**

8:15-8:55 Coffee and Bagels  
9:00-10:45 Session Three  
11:00-12:45 Session Four  
1:00-2:15 Lunch Break  
2:30-4:15 Session Five  
4:30-5:45 Session Six  
6:00-7:00 Keynote  
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### **2:00-3:45 – SESSION ONE**

#### **1A. Freedom, Determinism, and Agency**

- Moderator: Dane Sawyer, University of LaVerne
- “Existentialism is a Pedagogy: An Existential Approach to Teaching Agency,” Edward O’Byrn, Pennsylvania State University
- “Sartre’s Incompatibilism,” Joshua Tepley, Saint Anselm College
- “Being and Nothingness in Somethingness: Sartre’s Freedom in Situation. Can Being Be Doing Not Done?” Peter Jones, Independent Scholar

### 1B. Authenticity, Bad Faith, and Self-Deception

- Moderator: Jake Jackson, Temple University
- “Correcting for Practices: Existentialism and Social Development,” Daniel Garro, Temple University / Rider University
- “The Authentic Person’s Limited Bad Faith,” Sarah Horton, Boston College
- “Self-deception and Intentionality: A Sartrean Alternative,” Maiya Jordan, McGill University

### 1C. New Approaches to the *Critique of Dialectical Reason*

- Moderator: Matthew Ally, City University of New York
- “The Practico-Inert and our Possibilities: Social and Historical Subjectivity,” Kimberly Engels, Marquette University
- “The Specter of the Sartrean Subject in Derrida and the Deconstructive Space of the Practico-Inert,” Matthew Fellows, University of Utah
- “Toward a Hypo-logical Reading of Sartre’s *Critique of Dialectical Reason*,” Austin Smidt, University of Dundee

## **4:00-5:45 – SESSION TWO**

### 2A. Literature as Praxis

- Moderator: Craig Vasey, University of Mary Washington
- “The Form and Logic of *What is Literature*,” Ian Rhoad, The New School for Social Research
- “Literature and Imagination,” Cameron Bassiri, American University
- “Names by themselves may be empty, but the act of naming...”: Sartrean Speech Acts,” Kevin Spencer, Duke University

### 2B. Political Philosophy I: Earthly Engagements: Sartrean Interventions on the Planetary Crisis

- Moderator: Austin Smidt, University of Dundee
- “Of Farmers, Forests, and Folly: Ecologies of Destruction and Deliverance in *Critique of Dialectical Reason*,” Matthew Ally, City University of New York
- “The Serialized Individual in the Anthropocene, or, Lessons from and for Sartre’s Social Theory in a Time of Ecological Ruin,” Damon Boria, Our Lady of the Lake College
- Commentary: Ron Aronson, Wayne State University

### 2C. *Le Conflit, la Solidarité, et la Politique*

- Moderator: John Ireland, University of Illinois Chicago
- “Le Tribunal Russell: Sartre en surveillant les génocides à l’Amérique Latine,” Andrea M. Motta Arciniega, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- “Sartre, joueur de Cassandre,” Hiroaki Seki, University of Tokyo

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### **9:00-10:45 – SESSION THREE**

#### **3A. Political Philosophy II: Existentialism and Social Engagement**

- Moderator: Damon Boria, Our Lady of the Lake College
- “Sartre’s Anarchist Political Philosophy – A Draft for a Diverse Society?” Alfred Betschart, Independent Scholar
- “‘There is much here that the theologian can use.’ Existential Themes in the Vietnam Sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Peter Huff, University of Mary
- “Sartre on Voting Rights and the Complicit Relation between the Colonized and the Colonizers,” Nathalie Nya, John Carroll University

#### **3B. Nihilism, Absurdity, and Optimism in Sartrean Existentialism**

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- “Sartre on Death and the Absurdity of Life,” Kiki Berk, Southern New Hampshire University
- “A Nihilistic Defense of ‘Existentialism is a Humanism,’” Devin Shaw, University of Ottawa
- “Sartre’s Optimistic Existentialism,” Eric Hamm, Lynn University

#### **3C. Is Everything Permitted? Reflections on Sartrean Ethics**

- Moderator: Stanley Konecky, Hartwick College
- “‘Everything is Permitted’: Sartre and the Charge of Ethical Subjectivism,” Dylan Bailey, University of South Florida
- “Existentialism and Dostoevsky’s Thesis,” Stephen Sullivan, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
- “Sartre on the Perils of Being Moral,” Chris McCord, Kirkwood Community College

### **11:00-12:45 – SESSION FOUR**

#### **4A. Psychoanalysis, Psychotherapy, and Emotions**

- Moderator: Kimberly Engels, Marquette University
- “Psychoanalytic Fantasy and the Sartrean Imaginary,” Gregory Trotter, Marquette University
- “Existential Psychotherapy and the Therapeutics of Activism,” Rebecca Greenslade, Psychotherapist
- “Sartre against Wallowing: Emotions and Moody Responsibility,” Jake Jackson, Temple University

#### 4B. Political Philosophy III: Torture, Terrorism, and the Middle East

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- “Tortured Logic,” David Detmer, Purdue University Northwest
- “Counter-violence and Terrorism. Is liberation without freedom possible? A Sartrean Argument against Islamic Fundamentalism,” Maria Russo, San Raffaele University Milan
- “Existentialism and the Collapse of Values in the Middle East,” Hamid Andishan, University of Ottawa

#### 4C. Sartre as Dramatist

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Image and the Act: Sartre on Dramatic Theater,” Lior Levy, University of Haifa
- “‘One is not born a dramatist’: The Genesis of Sartre’s Theatrical Career in Writings to, with, and by Beauvoir,” Dennis Gilbert, University of Massachusetts, Boston

### **2:30-4:15 – SESSION FIVE**

#### 5A. Political Philosophy IV: Sartrean Approaches to Race and Gender

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- “Existentialism and the Concept of Ignorance: Towards a Sartrean Agnotology,” Blake Scott, University of Windsor
- “The Politics of Being and the Politics of Shame,” Paul Gyllenhammer, St. John’s University
- “The Form of the Content: Sartre, Walker, Existence, and Negation,” Michelle Dacus Carr, University of North Carolina Wilmington

#### 5B. *The Critique of Dialectical Reason* and Post-War Politics

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- “When Past is Prologue: Absurdity and Contingency in Sartre’s Dialectical Phenomenology,” Andrew Dobbyn, SUNY Stony Brook
- “Sartre on Subjectivity and Non-Knowledge: A Bridge between Existentialism and Marxism,” Curtis Sommerlatte, Concordia University
- “Existentialism in Post-War Austria,” Juliane Werner, Universitaet Wien

#### 5C. Biography and Literature

- Moderator: Dennis Gilbert, University of Massachusetts Boston
- “Biography Good, Autobiography Bad: Reflections on a Fundamental Sartrean Paradox,” John Ireland, University of Illinois Chicago
- “Sartre on Baudelaire: the Dandy Imagination,” Noel Sauer, Marquette University
- “She heard the silence moving: Notes Toward Reading Clarice Lispector as (an) Existentialist,” Thomas Mann, University of Memphis

## **4:30-5:45 – SESSION SIX**

### **6A. Book Session: *The Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre*, by Noreen Khawaja**

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- Elizabeth Butterfield, Georgia Southern University
- Matthew Eshleman, University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- Author's Response: Noreen Khawaja

### **6B. Meditation, Consciousness, and the Ego**

- Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_
- "Samadhi and Sati: What Meditation Reveals About Consciousness," Dane Sawyer, University of LaVerne
- "The Elusive Boundary between Consciousness and Ego in Sartre's Transcendence of the Ego," Marco Dozzi, McGill University

## **6:00-7:00 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Sarah Bakewell, "How to stop worrying and enjoy Sartre"  
(Time TBA) Saturday Evening Reception**

## **SUNDAY, NOV. 6**

**9:00-9:45 General Business Meeting**

## **10:00-12:00 – SESSION SEVEN**

### **7A. Round Table Discussion on "It is Right to Rebel"**

- Moderator: Adrian van den Hoven, University of Windsor
- "It is Right to Rebel. The Three-way Discussion in its Political, Philosophical, and Economic Context," Adrian van den Hoven, University of Windsor
- "Age and Ethics in 'It is Right to Rebel,'" William McBride, Purdue University
- "A Left to the Left of the Communist Party," Craig Vasey, University of Mary Washington
- "Mao, Sartre and the Alternative to the Stalinist Model: It is Right to Rebel," Bill Martin, DePaul University

## 7B. Sartrean Approaches to the Body

- **Moderator:** \_\_\_\_\_
- “Disability and the Truth of Innocence,” Ken Anderson, Oxford College of Emory University
- “An Abbreviated Analysis of Sartre’s Phenomenological Essay on Ontology,” Stanley Konecky, Hartwick College
- “Existentialism and Listening,” Craig Matarrese, Minnesota State University
- “Existentialist Ears,” T Storm Heter, East Stroudsburg University