

Asilomar, California

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Annual Conference

Friday, June 18th - Monday, June 21st, 2010

**Asilomar Conference Grounds,
Pacific Grove, California, U.S.A**

Theme: "Philosophy and Our Common Future"

2010 SACP Student Essay Awards winners:

First Prize: Emily McRae, University of Wisconsin, "Eliminating Bias through Equanimity"

Second Prize: Joseph John, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, "Pragmatic Aspects of Nyaya Realism: C.S. Peirce and the Nyaya Concept of Doubt"

Third Prize: Andrew Lambert, University of Hawaii, "The Analects as an Ethics of Personal Relationships"

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

2:30 pm: Registration [Phoebe A. Hearst Social Hall; look for SACP table]

3:30-4:00 pm: Opening Welcome:
Peimin Ni, President of SACP: "Philosophy and Our Common Future":
Heather

4:00-6:00 pm: Plenary Session I: A 100th anniversary celebration of Gandhi's Hind Swaraj: Heather

Chair: Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles

- **Fred Dallmayr**, University of Notre Dame: "Gandhi's Political Thought for Our Time."
- **Doug Allen**, University of Maine: "A Very Strange and Significant Text: Hermeneutical Moves, Mythic Constructions, and a Radical Paradigm Shift"
- **Chris Chapple**, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles:

- **Joseph Prabhu**, California State University, Los Angeles, discussant,

6:00-7:00 pm: Dinner [Crocker Dining Hall: all meals are served here]

7:00-8:00 pm: Executive Board Meeting, part I: Heather

8:00-9:30 pm: Plenary Session II: Keynote Address: Heather

Chair: Fred Dallmayr, University of Notre Dame

Speaker: Gerry Larson, Tagore Professor Emeritus, Indiana University, Bloomington and Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara: "Yoga's Atheistic-Theism: An Answer to the Never-Ending Problem of God in Comparative Philosophy of Religion."

9:30-10:30 pm: Social Hour: Heather

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

7:30-8:30 am: Breakfast

8:30-10:30 am: Concurrent Sessions

Panel ONE: Translation and Cross-cultural Dialogue: Heather

Chair: Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa Sak, Abbot of Chuang Yen Monastery

- **Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa Sak**, Abbot of Chuang Yen Monastery: "Transmission critique: Is the Buddha the author or interpreter?"
- **Chris Chapple**, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles: "Bending English into the Flow of Dharma"
- **Valerie Oved**, Graduate Student, Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles: "The Problem of Naming: A Case for Philosophy of Language in the *DAODEJING*"

Panel TWO: Confronting the Ecological Crisis: Acacia

Chair: Hwa Yol Jung, Moravian College

- **Karsten J. Struhl**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY): "Can Our Species Survive? A Buddhist-Marxist Approach to the Ecological Crisis"
- **Elizabeth McAnally**, California Institute of Integral Studies: "Religions, Ethics, and the Global Water Crisis"
- **Sam Mickey**, University of San Francisco: "Anthropocosmic Environmental Ethics: Integrating Religious, Philosophical, and Scientific Perspectives"

10:30-10:45 am: Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 am: Concurrent Sessions

Panel THREE: The Other and Our Shared Future: Heather

Chair: Mary Jeanne Larrabee, DePaul University

- **Amy Donahue**, Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii at Manoa: "The 'Other' of Philosophy and Prospects for a Shared Future: Arguments from Butler and Diñnāga against Illusions of Common Subjectivity"
- **Mary Jeanne Larrabee**, DePaul University: "So I Don't Need Ethics If I'm Enlightened? Kierkegaard and Bankei on the Ethics of the Other"
- **Steven A. Stegeman**, Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: "Intersubjectivity and Nondualism: Rival Paradigmatic Solutions to the Problems of Subject-Object Dualism"

Panel FOUR: Emptiness and Weakness: Acacia

Chair: Amod Lele, Stonehill College

- **Amod Lele**, Stonehill College: "The Metaphysical Foundations of Political Quietism in Śāntideva"
- **Bret W. Davis**, Loyola University, Maryland: "Conversing with/in Emptiness: The Kyoto School and Dialogue"

Panel FIVE: Violence and Our Future: Toyon

Chair: Veena Rani Howard, University of Oregon

- **Michael G. Barnhart**, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY: "Philosophy and Our Common Future: Identity, Politics, and Violence"
- **Veena Rani Howard**, University of Oregon: "Gandhi's Interpretation of War Narratives in Religious Texts: A Hermeneutics for Nonviolent Activism and Our Common Future"
- **Rick Schubert**, Cosumnes River College: "Ahimsa, Buddhism, and the Martial Arts,"

12:15-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Panel SIX: Impartiality in Asian Traditions and Our Common Future: Heather

Chair and commentator: Craig Ihara, California State University, Fullerton

- **Emily McRae**, Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin, **Winner of SACP Student Essay Prize**: "Eliminating Bias Through Equanimity (The Concept of Equanimity presented by the Tibetan Buddhist Thinker Patrul Rinpoche)"
- **Donna Dorsey**, Grant MacEwan University: "Impartiality, Indifference and Moral Equivalence"

Panel SEVEN: The Role of Woman, Body, and the Logic of Domination: Acacia

Chair: Ann A. Pang-White, The University of Scranton

- **Kris Escobar**, Graduate Student, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles: “Zhuangzi’s Perspectivism and Ecofeminism: Dissipating the Logic of Domination”
- **Cody Bahir**, Graduate Student, California Institute of Integral Studies: “Sexual Metaphor and Universal Love in the Chinese *Classic of Change (Yi Jing)*”
- **Ann A. Pang-White**, The University of Scranton: “The Role of Woman and the Body Politic of the Family: A Comparative Analysis of Neo-Confucian and Aristotelian Metaphysics”

Panel EIGHT: Christianity and Asian Traditions in Dialogue: Toyon

Chair: Michael G. Barnhart, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY

- **Tim Helton**, Graduate Student, Drew University: “Finitude in Tillich: Talking Points for Jain-Christian Dialog”
- **Huang Yun**, Jiangxi Normal University: “Comparative Study of the Political Implications of Perfectibility in Xunzi and Augustine”

3:30-3:45 pm: Tea Break

3:45-5:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Panel NINE: Striking the Balance and Good Governance: Heather

Chair: A.T. Nuyen, National University of Singapore

- **A.T. Nuyen**, National University of Singapore: “Balancing Rights And Trust: Towards A Fiduciary Common Future”
- **Yi Zhao**, Grand Valley State University: “Taking the ‘Two Ends’ Seriously: A Rereading of the *Zhongyong*”
- **Pravin Kumar Jha**, University of Delhi, India: “Democratising Good Governance — A Peoples Perspective”

Panel TEN: Rethinking Environmental Ethics: Acacia

Chair: Karsten J. Struhl, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)

- **Seth DeVere Clippard**, Graduate Student, Arizona State University: “*Zhu Xi and the Instrumental Value of Nature*”
- **Kim Skoog**, University of Guam: “Jaina Views on Environmental Responsibility”
- **Adrienne Cochran**, Green River Community College: “If everything is Ultimately Empty, What is the Basis of Environmental Action?”

Panel ELEVEN: Confucian Personhood and Relatedness: Toyon

Chair: Mary Bockover, Humboldt State University

- **Andrew Lambert**, Graduate Student, University of Hawai'i, **Winner of SACP Student Essay Prize**: “The *Analects* as an Ethics of Personal Relationships”
- **Mary Bockover**, Humboldt State University: “Confucianism and Ethics in the Western Philosophical Tradition: A Comparative Analysis of Personhood”

- **David Kim**, University of San Francisco: “Pluralism and the Future of Rites”

5:15-6:15 pm: Members’ Business Meeting: Heather

6:15-8:00 pm: Dinner

8:00-9:30 pm: **Plenary Session III: Gerry Larson’s Book *India's Agony Over Religion*: Heather**

Chair: Doug Allen, University of Maine

- **Fred Dallmayr**, University of Notre Dame
- **Joseph Prabhu**, California State University, Los Angeles
- **Nandini Iyer**, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara
- **Respondent: Gerry Larson**, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University, University of California Santa Barbara

9:30-10:30 pm: Social Hour

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

7:30-8:30 am: Breakfast

8:30-10:30 am: Concurrent Sessions

Panel TWELVE: Religion and Philosophy : Heather

Chair: Gerry Larson, Indiana University, University of California Santa Barbara

- **Tinu Ruparell**, University of Calgary: “The Golden Mean: Religion and the Role of Counter-Intuition”
- **Stephen Tyman**, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: “1Religion and *Ressentiment*”

10:30-10:45 am: Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 am: Concurrent Sessions

Panel THIRTEEN: Comparative Philosophy Problematicized: Heather

Chair: Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

- **Douglas L. Berger**, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: “Overlapping Worlds: Reflections on J.N. Mohanty’s Cross-Cultural Phenomenology”
- **David Alvarado**, Graduate Alumni, San Diego State University: “Deconstruction as Method: Comparisons, Controversy, Amalgamations in a Global Atmosphere”

Panel FOURTEEN: Philosophy and Practice: Acacia

Chair: Rick Schubert, Cosumnes River College

- **André van der Braak**, Radboud University, Nijmegen: “Nietzsche and Zen: Philosophy as Spiritual practice”
- **Stephen Rowe**, Grand Valley State University: “Metaphysics and Practice”
- **Peimin Ni**, Grand Valley State University: “What Praxiology, Action Theory, and Pragmatism all fall short of: Introducing ‘Gongfu’ as a Philosophical Concept”

Panel FIFTEEN: Inner and Outer Development in Philosophical Traditions: Toyon

Chair: Doug Allen, University of Maine

- **Susan Gordon**, Southbury Clinic for Traditional Medicines: “Existential Time and the Meaning of Human Development”
- **P. G. Misty Sheehan**, Grand Valley State University: “Monism in Kashmir Saivism: A Unique Theological Development”
- **David Heise**, Humboldt State University: “The Vedantic Phenomenological Argument for *Turiya*: a Response to Puligandla”

12:15-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Panel SIXTEEN: The Development of Consciousness: Comparative Perspectives: Acacia

Chair: Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles

- **T. R. Raghunath**, College of Southern Nevada: “Philosophy and Human Consciousness Development: A Comparative Approach”
- **Judy D. Saltzman**, Professor Emerita, California Polytechnic State University: “Consciousness and Sleep in Yoga and Vedanta”
- **Sean Winkler**, Graduate Student, Loyola Marymount University: “Finding Our Way Back: The Problematization of Daoist ‘Falleness’ through Husserlian Phenomenology”

Panel SEVENTEEN: Cultivation and Moral Ideals in Confucianism: Toyon

Chair: Mary Bockover, Humboldt State University

- **Min Zhang**, Graduate Student, Chinese University of Hong Kong: “Can Men be Educated? —The Notion of Hua Xing in *Xunzi*”
- **Zheng Ze-mian**, Graduate Student, Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong: “Dai Zhen’s Criticism and Misunderstanding of Zhu Xi’s Moral Theory”

3:30-3:45 pm: Tea Break

3:45-5:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Panel EIGHTEEN: Philosophers as Public Intellectuals and Educators: Heather

Chair: Stephen Rowe, Grand Valley State University

- **Peter J. Vernezze**, Weber State University: "The Dao of Aristotle"
- **Al Albergate**, Independent Scholar: "The Need for the Philosopher to serve as Public Intellectual: Socrates, where have you gone?"

Panel NINETEEN: Comparing Asian and American Philosophy: Acacia

Chair: Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

- **Robert Mullen**, Graduate Student, California Institute of Integral Studies: "Ralph Waldo Emerson and Comparative Vedantic Thought, With Emphasis on the Wisdom of Rāmānujāchārya"
- **Joseph John**, Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, **Winner of SACP Student Essay Prize**: "Some Pragmatic Aspects of Nyāya Philosophy: C.S. Peirce and the Theory of Doubt"
- **Amit Chaturvedi**, Graduate Student, University of Hawaii: "Mencius and Dewey on Moral Perception, Deliberation, and Imagination"

5:15-6:15 pm: Executive Board Meeting, Part 2: Heather

6:15-7:30 pm: Dinner

7:30-9:30 pm: **Plenary Session IV: Author Meets Critics: *The Way of Ecopiety: Essays in Transversal Geophilosophy*, by Hwa Yol Jung, Moravian College: Heather**

Chair: Kim Skoog, University of Guam

- **Elizabeth McAnally**, California Institute of Integral Studies: "Reflections on Geophilosophy at the Intersection of Religion and Ecology"
- **Sam Mickey**, University of San Francisco: "Ecopiety in Deleuze and Guattari: Some Problems and Promises"
- **Adrienne Cochran**, Green River Community College: "Reconsidering Interbeing"
- **Hwa Yol Jung**, Moravian College: Respondent

9:30-10:30 pm: Social Hour: Heather

MONDAY, JUNE 21ST

7:30-8:30 am: Breakfast

8:30-9:45 am: **Plenary Session V: Heather**

Chair: Judy D. Saltzman, Professor Emerita, California Polytechnic State University

- **Doug Allen**, University of Maine: "Mahtama Gandhi: Contemporary Violence, Philosophical and Ethical Unity, and Our Common Future"

9:45-10:00 am: Coffee Break

10:00-11:30 am: Panel TWENTY : Futural Frameworks for Asian and Comparative Dialogue: Heather

Chair: Peimin Ni, Grand Valley State University

- **SeongWon Park**, Graduate Student, University of Hawaii at Manoa: "The Frameworks of the Future: Aesthetic Sensibility v. Rational Thought"
- **Johnathan Charles Flowers**, Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: "Quantum Mechanics and Buddhism: Towards the future of Buddhist thought"
- **Kusumita P. Pedersen**, St. Francis College: "*Global Ethics and the Interreligious Movement*"

11:30-12:00 am: Check-Out

12:00 pm: Farewell Lunch
