



**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: October 11-14, 2012**

**Student Center  
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
Carbondale IL**

**Theme: “Comparative Perspectives on Ethical Practice”**

**Co-sponsored by  
The Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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2:00-3:30: **Welcome and Registration: Cambria Room**

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4:30-5:45 **SACP and SIUC: Cross-Cultural Traditions Cross Paths: Cambria Room**

Rita Cheng, SIUC Chancellor

Roger Ames, SACP President

Thomas Alexander, Professor of American Philosophy, SIUC

Anthony Steinbock, Director of the SIUC Phenomenology Research Center

Douglas Berger, Professor of Indian, Chinese and Cross-Cultural Philosophy, SIUC

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6:00-7:30 **Dinner: Renaissance Room**

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7:30-8:00 **Executive Board Meeting, Part I**

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8:00-9:30 **Plenary Session I: Renaissance Room**

**2012 Graduate Student Essay Prize Panel**

James Garrison, University of Vienna, (Third Prize Winner) “Socratic *Parrhesia* and Confucian Remonstrance.”

John Ramsey, University of California Riverside, (Second Prize Winner) “The Role Dilemma and Confucianism.”

Stephen Harris, University of New Mexico, (First Prize Winner) “Mahayana Ethics and the Demandingness Objection.”

Chair: Roger Ames, University of Hawai’i, SACP President

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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9:00-10:15 **Concurrent Sessions**

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**Resistance and Normativity in Asian Practices: Activity A/B Room**

Jonathan Flowers, SIU-Carbondale, "Buddhism on Permissible Violence."

Kevin DeLapp, Converse College, "Letting Sleeping Dragons Lie: Hanfeizi on the Ethics of Political Deception."

David Kim, University of San Francisco, "Confucian Shame: Propitiation, Hegemony, and Resistance."

Chair: Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

**American and Asian Thought on Ethics and Community: Activity C/D Room**

Steven Miller, SIU-Carbondale, "Consonances between Indian Thought and Josiah Royce's Developing Absolute."

Judy D. Saltzman, California Polytechnic University, "Community and Social Ethics in Royce, Natorp and Shinran Shonen."

Matt Stefon, Boston University, "The *Junzi* and the Hermit at Walden Pond: Some Observations on Henry David Thoreau's Interpretation of Confucianism."

Sam Marquez, Birmingham Southern College, "*Zhuangzi*'s Inner Chapters and the *Dao De Jing*: A Process Perspective."

Chair: Sor Hoon Tan, National University of Singapore

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10:15-10:30 **Coffee and Tea Break: Activity Room A/B**

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10:30-11:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

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## **Bridging the Ultimate and Experience: Activity A/B Room**

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, "Incommensurability of Two Conceptions of Reality in the Nagarjuna's MMK."

Ludovica Gallinaro, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, "*Cheng*: Polysemic Translations in the Context of *Mengzi* IVA12."

Christian Pereyda, Birmingham Southern College, "Spinoza's *Dao*: A Comparative Approach to Spinoza's Ethics Interpreted through the Lens of the *Dao De Jing*."

John W.M. Krummel, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, "World, Nothing, and Globalization in Nishida and Nancy."

Chair: Douglas Berger, SIU-Carbondale

## **Philosophies of Practice and Social Transformation: Activity C/D Room**

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California Berkeley, "A Philosophy in the Making: Gandhian *Satyahagraha* and the Creation of African-American Civil Resistance"

Hwa-Yeong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton, "Learning the Rites (*lixue*) in Mid-Choson Korea and Women."

Li Huoyi, Renmin University, Beijing, "On the Ethical Practice of Eastern Nationalities and the Significance of Philosophical Field Research."

Andrew Colvin, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, "Yin-Yang and the Ethics of Gender Essentialism."

Chair: Steven Miller, SIU-Carbondale

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11:45-1:30    **Lunch**

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1:30-2:45    **Concurrent Sessions**

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### **Theories of Mind and Mind Cultivation: Activity A/B Room**

Joseph Johnson, Kennesaw State University, "Modularity of Mind: A Surprisingly Old Buddhist Idea."

Stephanie Theodorou, Immaculata College, "Mind as Plasticity: Dharmakirti, Hegel, and Neuroscience in a Conversation on Consciousness."

Chan Chi-Keung, Chinese University of Hong Kong, "Comparing the Confucian Concept of Reflection (*si*) and Introspection."

Chair: Douglas Berger, SIU-Carbondale

### **Cross-Cultural Hermeneutics and Ethics of Self and Other: Activity C/D Room**

Veena Howard, University of Oregon, Eugene, "Dara Shikoh: Exploring the Hermeneutics of the Hindu Other."

Irfan Omar, Marquette University, "Inter-Religious Hermeneutics: Dara Shikoh's 'Islamic' View of the Other."

Steven Stegeman, Leeward Community College, Pearl City, Hawai'i, "The Epistemological and Ethical Subjects: Philosophy's Cain and Abel."

Chair: Michael Barnhart, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY

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2:45-3:00      **Coffee and Tea Break: Activity A/B Room**

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3:00-4:15      **Concurrent Sessions**

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### **Religious Practice and Ethics: Activity A/B Room**

Chen Zhiyuan, Beijing University, "Vegetarianism and Emperor Liang Wudi's Religious Reform."

Curtis Rigsby, University of Guam, "Nothingness and Action: The Kyoto School's Account of the Relationship between Religion and Ethics."

Douglas S. Duckworth, East Tennessee State University, "Fact and Value, or (How) Can Religious Pluralism be Legitimately Hierarchical?"

D. Marthe Chandler, DePauw University, "Ethics and Aesthetics in Li Zhehou."

Chair: Mary I Bockover, Humboldt State University

**Ethical Practice Today: Contemporary Discussions of Key Hindu and Buddhist Texts**  
**Activity C/D Room**

Michael Barnhart, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY: "Impermanence, Anatta, and the Ethical Stability or Instability of Egocentrism"

Douglas Allen, University of Maine: "Gandhi's Unusual Interpretation of the Karmayoga Approach in Bhagavad-Gita and Recent Research on What Motivates Us and Makes Life Meaningful"

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles: "A Gandhi-Levinas Dialogue and Ethical Practices Today "

Discussant: Fred Dallmayr, University of Notre Dame

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**Nature, Ethics and Beauty: Activity A/B Room**

Zhong Xiao, Renmin University, Beijing, "A Comparative Study of Confucian and Tibetan Ecological Ethics and Practice."

Nicholas S. Brasovan, University of Central Arkansas, "A Neo-Confucian Model of Philosophical Ecology."

Jung-Yeup Kim, Kent State University, "Confucian Ethical Practice as a Way of Creating Whiteheadian Beauty."

Suk Choi, Towson University, "A Neo-Confucian Criticism of Art and Contemporary Moralism."

Chair: Roger Ames, University of Hawai'i

## Practices Uniting the Sacred and Worldly: Activity C/D Room

Kim Skoog, University of Guam, "Sexual Morality in Transition: The Intersection between Sacred and Secular."

Matthew Williams, SIU-Carbondale, "Experiencing the Sacred in the Profane: Abhinavagupta's Implementation of *Samsara* as a Means to Liberation."

Mary I. Bockover, Humboldt State University, "Confucian Ritual as Body Language of Self, Society and Spirit."

Matthew Izor, University of Hawai'i, "Intimacy with The World Just As It Is: Dogen on the Human-Nature Relationship and the Implications for Subjectivity and Significance." (Winner of the Uehiro Graduate Student Essay Award in East Asian Philosophy, University of Hawai'i)

Chair: John W.M. Krummel, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

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6:00-7:30     **Dinner: Old Main Room**

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7:30-8:00     **Executive Board Meeting, Part 2: Old Main Room**

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8:00-9:30     **Plenary Session**

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## Conference Keynote Address: Old Main Room

Professor David Wong, Duke University, "What We Can Learn from Early Confucian Philosophy about Moral Development."

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

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9:00-10:15     **Concurrent Sessions**

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**Language and Practice: Activity A/B Room**

Laura Specker Sullivan, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, "Dogen and Wittgenstein: Transcending Language through Practice."

Zhang Min, Chinese University of Hong Kong, "*Qing Ming* and *Zhuo Ming* in the *Xunxi*."

Dennis Arjo, Johnson County Community College, "*Zhengming* and Standards of Linguistic Practices: Some Considerations."

Chair: Matthew Williams, SIU-Carbondale

**Comparative Perspectives on Institutional Injustice: Activity C/D Room**

Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida, "Confucian Role Ethics in the 21st Century: Wife Beaters, Gay Marriage, and Family Values."

Aaron Creller, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, "Philosophy's Responsibility to Cultural Diversity: Xenophobia in Higher Education."

Carl B. Becker, Kyoto University, "A Buddhist Perspective on Ethical Practices in Modern Medicine."

Leah Kalmanson, Drake University, "Rethinking Reparations: Buddhist Perspectives on Restorative Justice."

Chair: Sor Hoon Tan, National University of Singapore

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**Truth and Skepticism in Practice: Activity A/B Room**

Jeremy Henkel, Wofford College "The Ethics of Truth in the *Mahabharata*."



Ethan Mills, University of Arizona, "Rejecting Epistemology: Nagarjuna's *Pancakoti* and Agrippa's Trilemma."

Mathew Varghese, Toho Gakuin, Tokyo, "Philosophy After Reason and Faith: Discerning the Technique of Denial and Denial of Denial."

Chair: Steven Miller, SIU-Carbondale

### **Personal Cultivation and Ethics: Activity C/D Room**

Charles Goodman, SUNY-Binghamton University, "Well-Being and Practice in the *Training Anthology*."

William Keli'i Akina, Hawai'i Pacific University, "The Classical Confucian Link between Self-Cultivation in the *Junzi* and Universal Humane Treatment."

Daniel Coyle, Birmingham Southern College, "Confucian Ethical Practice and the Balancing of Circumstances."

Chair: Michael Barnhart, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY

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### **Comparative Perspectives on Ethical Theory: Activity A/B Room**

Roopan Majithia, Mount Allison University, Canada, "The Nicomachean Ethics and the *Bhagavad Gita* on the relation between *Theoria* and Praxis."

Victor Forte, Albright College, "Why Pali Buddhism is Not Virtue Ethics."

Paulina Rivero-Weber, National Autonomous University of Mexico, "The Ethical Implications of Desire in Plato's Symposium and the *Laozi*."

Richard Reilly, St. Bonaventure University, "Moral Agency in Aristotelian, Confucian and Buddhist Ethics."

Chair: Mary I Bockover, Humboldt State University

### **Pragmatism in Asian Thought and Practice: Activity C/D Room**

Kevin Taylor, SIU-Carbondale, "Bridge Over Samsaric Waters: Pragmatism in Skillful Means."

Wonsuk Chang, Academy of Korean Studies, "Correlative Moralities: Pragmatism and Confucianism on Moral Reasoning."

Tom Jackson, Birmingham, Southern College, "Dewey and the Daoists: The Roles of Starting Point and Method in Accessing Chinese Philosophy."

Joseph John, SIU-Carbondale: "What is the Point of Theory? Nagarjuna and Whitehead on the Scope and Purpose of Metaphysics."

Chair: Matthew Williams, SIU-Carbondale

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2:45-3:00      **Coffee and Tea Break: Activity A/B Room**

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### **Conceptions of Obligation in Asian Thought: Activity A/B Room**

David Slakter, University of Central Oklahoma, "A Political Solution to the Problem of Competing *Dharmas* In the *Bhagavad Gita*."

Andy Lambert, Smith College, "Reading the *Analects*: A Confucian Account of Ethical Obligation."

Stephen Rowe, Grand Valley State University, "Obedience and Non-Action: Some Comparative Observations and the Wish for a Post-Traditional Ideal of Practice

Chair: Mary I Bockover, Humboldt State University

## Evil and its Transformation in Comparative Perspectives: Activity C/D Room

T.K. Chu, Princeton University, "Applying Kant's Theory of Human Evil to Annotate the Confucian Concept of "the Core of One's Own Individuality (*du*)."

Kin Cheung, Temple University, "Transforming 'Do No Evil' into 'Non-Production of Evil': Shift from Ethical Precept to Description of the Changed Agent in Dōgen's *Shoakumakusaa*."

Christina Lebedeva, DePaul University, ""The *Mozi*'s Opposition to Fate with Regard to the Question of Evil."

Chair: Carl B. Becker, Kyoto University

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4:30-5:45     **SACP General Meeting: Activity A/B Room**

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## Self, Others and Ethical Practice Old Main Room

Dhammadipa Sak, Chuang Yen Monastery, Carmel, NY, "Beyond the Buddha's Speculation of Non-Self (*anatta*)."

Bina Gupta, University of Missouri, Columbia, "Freedom and Self in Advaita Vedanta."

Sor Hoon Tan, National University of Singapore, "Confucian *Yi*: Justice or Relational Appropriateness."

Chair: Douglas Berger, SIUC

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

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9:00-10:15     **Concurrent Sessions**

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### **New Directions in Confucian Ethics: Activity A/B Room**

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University-Bloomington, "Mastery and Dependence in Early Confucianism."

Michael Ing, Indiana University-Bloomington, "A Tragic Theory of Confucian Ritual."

Cheryl Cottine, Indiana University-Bloomington, "Roles, Relationships and Chinese Ethics: A Comparative Study."

Respondent: Amy Olberding, University of Oklahoma

Chair: Douglas Berger, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

### **Emotions in Ethical Practice: Activity C/D Room**

John C. Maraldo, University of North Florida, "Ethics as a Matter of Practice: Another Look at 'Ethical Theory.'"

Lu Yinghua, SIU-Carbondale, "The Confucian Notion of *Ren* as Love and Sympathy."

Jason Giannetti, Stonehill College, "Kagen and Buddhism on Self and Truth."

Chair: Victor Forte, Albright College

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