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**Note: “C4” refers to Chenango Champlain Collegiate Center building**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:00-3:30: Conference Registration – Newing College Lobby**

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**4:00-5:30: Student Essay Prize Plenary Panel – Lecture Hall 10**

Jill Peters, VU University of Amsterdam, “Princess Miao-shan and the Queen of Heaven: A Cross-Cultural Hermeneutical Comparison of the Mediatorship of the Virgin Mary and the Bodhisattva Quanyin.” (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner)

Gino Signoricchi, University of New Mexico, “Hegel and Indian Philosophy: ‘Deadening of Consciousness,’ Collapsing Specificity and an Advaita Response.” (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner)

Thomas McConochie, University of New South Wales, “Traversing Zhuangzi’s ‘Great Thoroughfare’ in Sitting and Forgetting.” (1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner)

Chair, Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, SACP President

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**6:00-8:00: Dinner -- C4 Chenango Room**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00-10:30: Concurrent Sessions**

**Universality, Particularity and Methods of Cross-Cultural Thought – C4, 114D**

Ilana Maymind, Ohio State University, “Reading Eastern / Western Texts: A Case Study Comparison.”

Dean F. Oostaveen, VU University of Amsterdam, “Universality in the Model of Ulrich Libberchi’s Comparative Philosophy.”

(Chair) Jim Behuniak, Colby College, “Zhang, Dewey and the Comparative Situation.”

**Buddhist Approaches to Universal and Particular -- C4, 114F**

(Chair) Michael Barnhart, Kingsborough Community College—CUNY. “The Case for Particularism in Buddhist Ethics.”

John W.M. Krummel, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, “Comparative Philosophy in Japan: Nakamura Hajime and Izutsu Toshihiko: Universalism or Particularism?”

Andre van der Braak, VU University of Amsterdam, “Śūnyatā as a Central Feature in Intercultural Philosophy and Inter-Faith Theology.”

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**10:30-10:45: Coffee/Tea Break**

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**10:45-12:15 Concurrent Sessions**

**The People in Classical Chinese Thought -- C4, 114D**

Nicholas Hudson, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, “The People as Eyes and Ears in the *Mengzi* and the *Huainanzi*.”

(Chair) Sydney Morrow, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, “Ideal Presentations of ‘the people’ in Philosophical Daoism and Their Real Limitations.”

Brandon Underwood, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, “Confucius’ Men: A Duality of *Min* in the *Lunyu*.”

**Universal and Particular Selves -- C4, 114F**

Richard Reilly, St. Bonaventure University, “Me, Myself and I: The Spiritual Quest.”

Clinton Carl, Loyola Marymount University, “Becoming an Authentic Self: Zhuangzi and David Hume.”

(Chair) Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, “Particularity in Jainism and Sāṃkhya.”

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**12:15-2:00 Lunch**

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**2:00-3:30 General SACP Member Meeting --**

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**3:30-3:45 Coffee/Tea Break**

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### **3:45-5:00: Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Human and Divine Ideals in Cross-Cultural Perspectives – C4, 114D**

Thorian Harris, Notre Dame de Namur University, “Sharing Lives: Using Exemplars to Cultivate Common Moral Culture.”

Jason Giannetti, “Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy*: Hellenism, Hinduism, Buddhism and a Pessimism of Strength.”

(Chair) Peter S. Groff, Bucknell University, “The Imitation and Death of God: A Comparative Reading of Ibn Tufayl’s *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan* and Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*.”

#### **Universal and Particular Dimensions of Ethics and Justice – C4, 114F**

Jifen Li, Nanyang Technological University and DePaul University, “Virtuous Human Being in Light of Xunzi’s *Li Yi*.”

Mary I. Bockover, Humboldt State University, “Birds, Beasts, and Women in the *Analects*.”

(Chair) Kusumitra P. Pederson, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, “Universality of Human Rights and Particularity of Religions: The Problem of Religious Freedom.”

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### **5:00-6:30 Dinner – C4 Chenango Room**

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#### **6:30-9:30 Plenary Panel – Lecture Hall, 10 Universality and Particularity in Buddhist Philosophy**

Parimal Patil, Harvard University

Gordon Davis, Carleton University, “Buddhist Conceptions of Normativity in Ethics and Epistemology.”

Emily McRae, University of Oklahoma, “Equanimity and the Moral Virtue of Open-Mindedness.”

Chair: Charles Goodman, SUNY-Binghamton

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00-10:30: Concurrent Sessions**

**Particularist and Universalist Traditions in South Asia -- C4, 114D**

H.V. Visweswaran, "ThirukkuRaL\_aRam - Philosophy of Peninsular India: Comparative Study of ThirukkaRal and the Bhagavad Gītā."

Ida Bagus Putu Suamba, Politeknik Negei Bali, Indonesia, "Ethics of Javanese Śaivism and Śaiva-Siddhānta: A Comparative Study."

(Chair) Kim Skoog, University of Guam, "The Jaina Doctrine of Multi-Perspectivism: A Means to Sustain the Simultaneity of Universality and Particularity."

**Philosophy of Consciousness and Mental Cultivation – C4, 114F**

Thill Raghunath, College of Southern Nevada, "Soul-Unity and the Scourge of Divisive Identity."

Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology, "Buddha-Nature and the Singularity of Mind."

(Chair) Bongrae Seok, Alvernia University, "The Moral Psychology of Buddhist Meditation."

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**The Dignity of Particularity in Tradition -- C4, 114D**

Maria Imalda Pastrana Nabor, Aklan State University, Philippines, "The Quest of the Ati's of Borocay and the Dignity of their Religious Heritage."

(Chair) Gail M. Presbey, University of Detroit Mercy, "A Study of Moral Ambivalence (as Described by David Wong) Regarding Individualism and Communitarian Values as Articulated in the Works of African Philosophers."

Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, Western Connecticut State University, "Vietnamese Palace Examinations and the Development of a Particularist Historiography."

## **Issues of Knowing and Communication in Confucian Thought -- C4, 114F**

(Chair) John Ramsey, Scripps College, "Reflecting *Zhi*: Towards a Mengzian Conception of Autonomy."

Chan Lee, Hallym University, Korea, "The Art of Speaking Universally: How to Establish Universal Morality in Zhu Xi's Philosophy."

Zemian Zheng, Wuhan University, China, "The Antinomy of Integrity: The Question of Moral Certainty and Self-Deception in Neo-Confucianism."

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**2:00-3:30: Concurrent Sessions**

## **Environmental Thought: Particular Traditions, Universal Demands -- C4, 114D**

Johnathan Flowers, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, "Expansion of the Possibility of Imagination: The Eco-Ontology of Dōgen."

(Chair) Kevin Taylor, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, "Living in Two Worlds: Popularizing Rinzai Zen."

T. Yamauchi, Osaka University of Education, "Towards a Global Environmental Philosophy of World Peace: Combining Eastern and Western Traditions."

## **Realist Engagements with Universals and Particulars -- C4, 114F**

Itsuki Hayashi, University of Kyoto, "Are Buddhists Perdurantists? – Buddhist Philosophy in Contemporary Discussion of Persistence."

(Chair) Malcolm Keating, University of Texas at Austin, "From Talking about Particular Things to Reasoning about their General Names: The Realist-Nominalist Debate in Uddyotakara, Kumārila and Śāntarakṣita."

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**3:30-3:45 Coffee/Tea Break**

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### **3:45-5:15: Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Issues in Madhyamaka Thought -- C4, 114D**

Szymon Bogacz, Jagiellonian University, Poland, "There is no Truth Beyond Justification: Nāgārjuna's Universal Emptiness and Anti-Realism."

Joseph John, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, "Nāgārjuna's Theory of Time."

(Chair) Charles Goodman, SUNY-Binghamton, "The Two Conventional Truths: How to Make Sense of Śāntidevas Arguments."

#### **Universality and Particularity in Ritual Practice -- C4, 114F**

Mohammad Monib and Mohammad Sadegh Amindin, International Institute for Islamic Studies, Qom, Iran, "The Universality of Devotional Aspects of Religious Congregational Ritual."

(Chair) Hwa Yeong Wang, SUNY-Binghamton University, "Korean Ritual Controversy and Universality/Particularity."

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### **5:30-7:00 Dinner -- C4 Chenango Room**

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### **7:00-8:30: 2014 SACP Keynote Address -- Lecture Hall, 10**

Chenyang Li, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore  
"Comparative Philosophy and Global Patterns."

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**

### **10:00-11:30 Concurrent Sessions --**

#### **Aesthetic and Holistic Frameworks in East Asian Thought -- C4, 114D**

Peimin Ni, Grand Valley State University, "Holism as an Art."

(Chair) Marthe Chandler, DePauw University, "Expressing the Heart's Intent: Politics, Emotion and Morality in Chinese Aesthetic Theory."

Yuzhou Yang, University of New South Wales, "The Transformation of Aesthetic *Ren* to Moral *Ren*: A Practical and Contextual Perspective."

**Political and Economic Dimensions of Universality and Particularity -- C4, 114F**

Karsten J. Struhl, John Jay College of Criminal Justice—CUNY, “On the Path to Universality: Buddhist Compassion and Marx’s View of Communism.”

(Chair) David Slakter, Independent Scholar, “Mātsyanyāya and the Social Contract: The State of Nature and the Nature of the State.”

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**12:00-2:00 Farewell Lunch – Restaurant to be Announced**

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