

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY  
**Nineteenth Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 10 - Monday, October 12, 2015**  
**Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center**  
**Atlanta, GA**

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**Facilities, Accommodations, and Registration:**

All sessions will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center, Atlanta, GA. Overnight accommodation rates are available at the hotel for the conference rate of \$ 129.00 for a single or double occupancy. \$10 each additional guest per room, per night for triple and quad occupancy (up to 4 per room). All guestrooms are subject to the city's and state's 8% sales tax, an 8% per room, per night occupancy fee, and a \$5.00 per room, per night State Hotel Fee. To make a reservation, call [888-855-7441](tel:888-855-7441), or go to:

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**Because of the nature of the arrangement, to qualify for this rate participants should identify themselves as attending the *SPEP* conference (rather than IAEP) and make their reservations no later than September 16, 2015.**

Conference registration will take place on Saturday evening outside the Ponce de Leon room on the Terrace Level, and Sunday and Monday outside the Heritage Ballroom in the Conference Center.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015**

**8:00 p.m.**

**IAEP KEYNOTE**

Ponce de Leon

**NANCY TUANA**

Penn State University

**“From a Lifeboat Ethic to an Anthropocene Sensibility”**

Introduced and Moderated by Ladelle McWhorter, University of Richmond

**9:30 p.m.**

**IAEP RECEPTION**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015**

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: Invited Session: *Sensing and Thinking Complexity and Process***

**Dahlonga**

Moderator: Margret Grebowicz, Goucher College

“Speaking With Things: A Symposium of Media,” Katie King, University of Maryland

“Green in Other Epochs: Whitehead and the Color of Ecology,” Nicholas Gaskill, Rutgers University

**Session 2: *Invasion, Resistance, Conatus***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Stephanie Jenkins, Oregon State University

“Spinoza’s Immanent Ontology,” Oli Stephano, Stony Brook University

“Re-placing Reason with / in Soliphilic Materialism,” Molly Sturdevant, Saint Xavier University

\*Note Change: Rebekah Sinclair is unable to attend the conference.

**Session 3: *Anthropocentrists against Anthropocentrism***

**Marietta**

Moderator: Brian Treanor, Loyola Marymount University

“What is the Original Face? Buddhism, Levinas, and Animality,” Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Contributions of Levinas’ Ethical Phenomenology to the Development of a Phenomenological Theory of Ecological Responsibility,” Robert Scott, University of Georgia

“The Emergency of Thought,” Yong Dou (Michael) Kim, Villanova University

**SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m., Coffee Break**  
**In front of Heritage Ballroom**

**SUNDAY MORNING 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.**

**Session 1: Panel on *Bridging Bioethics***

**Dahlonga**

Moderator: Tom Weidemeyer, Florida Atlantic University

“Re-Conceptualizing Bioethics: Public, Individual, and Environment,” Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

“Public Health Ethics: Bridging Medical, Public Health, and Environmental Ethics,” Lisa M. Lee, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

“Ecological Health and New Frontiers for Environmental Ethics,” Bruce Jennings, Center for Humans and Nature

“Aging and Environment: Ethical Issues at the Interface of Aging Demographics and Environmental Challenges,” Peter Whitehouse, Case Western Reserve University

**Session 2: Invited Book Session: Bryan Bannon’s *From Mastery to Mystery***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Ladelle McWhorter, University of Richmond

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

David Wood, Vanderbilt University

Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

**Session 3: *Hermeneutics, Language, and Art***

**Marietta**

Moderator: Robert Melchior Figueroa, Oregon State University

“Prejudice, Science, and Aesthetic Appreciation of Nature: Gadamer and Carlson on Science, Aesthetics, and Understanding,” M. Joseph Aloï, University of North Texas

“Natural Understanding: The Environmental Relevance of Gadamer’s ‘World’ and ‘Environment,’” Nathan Bell, University of North Texas

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:00—3:30 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Agency, Temporality, Freedom***

**Dahlonga**

Moderator: David Wood, Vanderbilt University

“A Few Good Men, A Few Hungry Lizards: Emancipating Nature with Sartre and Deleuze,” Billy Dean Goehring, University of Oregon

“Considering Unprecedented Challenges,” Eva Maria Raeppe, College of DuPage

“Affectivity and Plants: A Consideration of the Middle Voice,” Marjolein Oele, University of San Francisco

**Session 2: Invited Book Session: Cynthia Willett's *Interspecies Ethics***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Margret Grebowicz, Goucher College

Stephanie Jenkins, Oregon State University

Cynthia Willett, Emory University

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**Session 3: *Vulnerability, Hospitality, and Gardens***

**Marietta**

Moderator: Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

“Sovereignty, the Earth and an (In)Hospitable Future to Come,” Blake Scott, Concordia University

“Cultivating the Garden: Object-oriented Ontology and New Materialism as Environmental

Philosophies,” Brian Onishi, University of North Texas

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m., Coffee Break**

**In front of Heritage Ballroom**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Rethinking Environmental Philosophy with Merleau-Ponty: Aesthetics, Imagination, Perception***

**Dahlonge**

Moderator: Chaone Mallory, Villanova University

“Intertwinings: Rethinking Environmental Ethics through Aesthetics with Merleau-Ponty,” Joe Balay, Christopher Newport University

“Modeling Environmental Imagination with Notions from Merleau-Ponty,” Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

“Dogen and Leopold: Toward a New Ecology,” Gerard Kuperus, University of San Francisco

**Session 2: Panel on *De/Naturalization and Biopolitics: Unsettling “Life Itself”***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

“If the Earth Should Turn Upon Herself: Irigaray and the ‘New’ Feminist Materialisms,” Rachel Jones, George Mason University

“Vulnerability and Elemental Difference,” Emily Parker, Towson University

“Queer Ethics as Geological Frottage: Rethinking Eros in Anthropocene Feminism,” Lynne Huffer, Emory University

**Session 3: Invited Session in Honor of David Seamon: *25 Years of the Newsletter on Environmental and Architectural Phenomenology***

**Marietta**

Moderator: William Edelglass, Marlboro College

Robert Mugerauer, University of Washington

Dylan Trigg, University of Memphis

David Seamon, Kansas State University

**IAEP BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Sunday 5:30 p.m.**  
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015**

**MONDAY MORNING 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: *Ethics of Food and Wine***

**Dahlonaga**

Moderator: Barbara Muraca, Oregon State University

“Valorizing What is Natural,” Kristina Gehrman, University of Tennessee

“Ecological Feminism, Food Ethics, and the Problem of Incorporation,” Anne Portman, University of Georgia

“The Viticulture of Virtues: Organic, Biodynamic, and Sustainable,” Julie Kuhlken, Misericordia University/Pedernales Cellars

**Session 2: Invited Session: *Environmental Philosophy and Critical Disability Studies***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Steven Vogel, Denison University

“Rethinking the Land Ethic, Crippling Environmentalism,” Kim Hall, Appalachian State University

“Autism and Environmental Identity: Neurodiversity, Interspecies Empathy, and Environmental Justice,” Robert Melchior Figueroa, Oregon State University

“Accessible Environments: Does Disability Studies Matter for Environmental Philosophy?”

Stephanie Jenkins, Oregon State University

**Session 3: *New Perspectives on Aldo Leopold***

**Marietta**

Moderator: Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University

“Aldo Leopold’s Integrative and Mundane Phenomenology,” Charles Brown, Emporia State University

“Norton vs. Callicott on Interpreting Aldo Leopold: A Jamesian View,” Piers Stephens, University of Georgia

**MONDAY MORNING 10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m., Coffee Break**

**In front of Heritage Ballroom**

**MONDAY MORNING 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Reconsidering “Nature”***

**Dahlonaga**

Moderator: Steven Vogel, Denison University

“Critique, Myth, and the Hermeneutic of Nature,” Bryan Smyth, University of Mississippi

“General Economy and Nature’s Gift (Mauss, Bataille, Derrida),” Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University

“Cinema as EcoDharma: *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...and Spring*,” William Edelglass, Marlboro College

**Session 2: Panel on *John P. Clark and The Impossible Community***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Barbara Muraca, Oregon State University

“Social *Ethos* and Value Theory in John Clark’s Ecocommunitarian Anarchism,” Keith Peterson, Colby College

“Ecofeminist Political Philosophy and Clark’s *Impossible Community*,” Chaone Mallory, Villanova University

“‘That which situates all situations’: World, Ontology, and Realism at the Limits of *The Impossible Community*,” Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University

Response, John Clark, Loyola University (Emeritus)

**Session 3: Satellite Group Session: SOCIETY FOR NATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

**Marietta**

Moderator: James Hatley, Salisbury University

“Nature as Created Order in *The Brothers Karamazov*,” Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College

“Nature as a Manifestation of the Divine: The Divine Energies in Creation,” David Bradshaw, University of Kentucky

**MONDAY AFTERNOON 1:45 p.m.—3:15 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Ecology and Ethics***

**Dahlonaga**

Moderator: David Craig Alexander, University of Colorado (Denver)

“Getting a Feel for Life: The Ethical Moment of a Subversive Subject,” Jake Greear, Johns Hopkins University

“The Concept of an Ecosystem,” Darrell Arnold, St. Thomas University

“Is Hans Jonas an Ecological Thinker?” Bob Sandmeyer, University of Kentucky

**Session 2: *Plants and Animals***

**Oglethorpe**

Moderator: Piers Stephens, University of Georgia

“Synchronicity: An Ideal for an Interspecies Compositionist Ethics,” Zachary Piso, Michigan State University

“The Displeasure in Meat: Vegetarianism, Moral Sentimentalism, and the Aesthetics of Disgust,” Brendan Mahoney, University at Albany

“Ethical Extensionalism and Ontological Veganism,” Jessica Polish, Vanderbilt University

**Session 3: Satellite Group Session: SOCIETY FOR NATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

**Marietta**

Moderator: Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College

"Modern Art and the Problem of Beauty," Joseph Aziz, University of Dallas

"Henry Bugbee, Wilderness and the Omni-relevance of the 10,000 Things," James Hatley, Salisbury University