

SIAP 2026 Extended Draft Program

Monday, July 6th

4:00-5:00 pm

Conference Check-In

5:00 pm

Welcome from Local Hosts

Somewhere around 5:30 pm

Walk or Caravan to Swing Barrel Brewing

6:00 pm

Happy Hour Lecture with Markus Krueger, Research Historian for the Clay County Historical and Cultural Society

“History on Tap - Booze and the Borderland: 1890 - the Present”

(Dinner included; Drinks on your own)

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00 am

Coffee, light fare, and conversation

9:30-11:00 am

Keynote Address: “What the Trees Remember: Land Memory Across Enslavements”

Esme Murdock, San Diego State University

11:00-11:15 am

Break

11:15-12:45 pm

Part One: “Sex, Race, Fire and Land: Teaching American Philosophy in Dangerous Times”

Scott Pratt, University of Oregon and Erin McKenna, University of Oregon

12:45-2:00 pm

Lunch Buffet

2:00-3:00 pm

Regional History Session:

“Sin City:

Brothels, Business, and the Birth of a Border Town”

Historian, Angela Smith, North Dakota State University

3:00-3:15 pm

Break

3:15-3:30 pm

Transportation to Plains Art Museum

3:30-5:00 pm

Guided Tour, Plains Art Museum

“Wiwahokichiyani: They Promised Things to Each Other”

5:00 pm - (You may stay downtown or return to campus in vans. You are invited to join an informal gathering at Rustica Tavern upon returning to campus.)

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 am

Coffee, light fare, and conversation

9:30-11:00 am

Concurrent Sessions:

- *Session A: Indigenous Justice*
 - The Boundaries of Play: Meliorism, Indigenous Futurity, And Ehdrigohr – Albert Spencer
 - Teddy Roosevelt, Indigenous Sovereignty, And the National Park System or The Pluralism of Empire in The Context of Public Conservation – Audrey Brown
 - Building Beyond Colonial/Indigenous Boundaries: Reparations and Reconciliation through Deeply Affordable Housing – David Woods

- *Session B: Dialectics and Duality Among Early American Philosophers*
 - When Spirit Came to The Comstock: The Letters and Reflections of Horatio Jones Nevada’s First Hegelian Early American – David Beisecker
 - Dialectic and Parallax in Emerson and Peirce – Richard Gilmore
 - Black Elk’s Conversion: Is Dual Religious Participation Possible? – Judith Green

11:00-11:15 am

Break

11:15-12:45 pm

Plenary Session – Re-Reading the Canon

"An Aesthetics of Epistemology: Charles S. Peirce on Logic, Metaphysics, and Education"

Kenneth Driggers, Minnesota State University, Moorhead and Deron Boyles, Georgia Tech

12:45-2:00 pm

Lunch Buffet

2:00-3:30 pm

Keynote Address

“Remembering to Remember:

Constellations of Co-resistance in the Face of Cosmological Epistemic Injustice”

Andrea Clarke-Sullivan, Indiana University

3:30 pm and on

Excursions

Organized:

- Kayak the Red River of the North or Walk the River Trail
- Brewery Tour (Junkyard, Ice Wind, Drekker)
- Hike at Buffalo River State Park

Independent Options:

- Hjemkomst Historical and Cultural Museum, Visit Wild Terra Cidery, Visit the Troll Lounge at the Sons of Norway, Play Pickleball at Courts and Pints, and more ideas to come!

Thursday, July 9th

9:00 am

Grab and go breakfast

Load vans for Long Lake Biological Field Station in Detroit Lakes, MN

9:15-10:30 am

Drive to Long Lake

10:30-12:30 pm

Papers Pragmatist Reconstructions of Nature

- Sedimented Selves: Identity, Experience, and Philosophy in Delta Pragmatism – Jessica Soester
 - Innocence and Wildness; A Thoreauvian Undertaking of Living Well – Sam Morse
 - The Biotic Community and Its Problems – David Henderson
- (Short Break)**
- Camping and Philosophy – David O’Hara

12:30-1:30 pm

Boxed lunches and Enjoy Long Lake

1:30-2:45 pm

Part Two: Sex, Race, Fire and Land: Teaching American Philosophy in Dangerous Times

Erin McKenna, University of Oregon and Scott Pratt, University of Oregon

Afternoon

Enjoy lakes area and drive back to campus

5:30 pm

Gather to walk/caravan to Rourke Art Gallery and Museum

6:00-7:30ish pm

Art Exhibit, Wine Reception, and Plenary Conversation

“Art on the Borderline: Aesthetic Experience and the Making of Public Art”

Noni Brynjolson, Minnesota State University

Jonathan Rutter, Curator and Museum Director, Rourke Art Gallery and Museum

Friday, July 10th

9:00 am

Coffee, light fare, and conversation

9:30-11:00 am

Concurrent Sessions

- *Session A: Pragmatist Aesthetics and Phenomenology*
 - Against Transcendence: Pragmatist Meliorism, Aesthetics, and Commitment – TJ Bonnet
 - Flow, Fear and the Borders We Build: A Case for Embodied Philosophy – Hallie Thompson
 - AI, Death Drive, and the Colonialism of Consciousness – Nathan Wood
- *Session B: Becoming In and Through Relationships*
 - Friendship, Disability, And Dewey's Philosophy of Experience: Companionship as Mutual Reconstruction – Sarah Woolwine
 - Zappa, Arendt, and the Paradox of Parenting for Open Futures – Adam Oriola
 - Burnout, Experience, and Nature: Deweyan Criticism as Restorative – Justin Bell

11:00-11:15 am

Break

11:15-12:45 pm

Plenary Session

“Disciplining and Instituting: Pragmatisms Beyond Philosophy”

Daniel Brunson, Morgan State University

12:45-2:15 pm

Lunch Buffet

2:15-4:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

- *Session A: Dissertations in Progress*
 - Reconceptualization Experience in Environmental Philosophy: A Pragmatic-Relational Philosophy of Peirce and Whitehead – Muhammad Jalil Arif
 - Borders, Boundaries, and Breakthroughs in Political Philosophy: How Hannah Arendt and John Dewey can help us in reinvigorating our Democracy – Julian Tobias Klar
- *Session B: Books in Progress*
 - Pragmatism, Genealogy, and Normativity – Paul Showler
 - Democratic Powers: Deliberation, Inquiry, and Meliorism – John Min
 - The Redemption of God – Dwight Welch

PM –

Dinner on your own

Saturday, July 11th

9:00 am

Coffee, light fare, and conversation

9:30-11:00 am

Concurrent Sessions

- *Session A: Temporality and Identity*
 - A Pragmatist Reflection on Medical Paternalism: Taking Care of Future Me – Dennis Lunt
 - The Unreliable Narrator: Mnemic Causation and the Reconstructive Self – Zimy Le
 - Contesting the Borders between Past and Present: Pragmatist Reflections on ‘Temporal Governance’ in Transitional Justice – Gary Calore

- *Session B: Public Philosophy and Lived Philosophy*
 - The Kidnapping of Pragmatism: How a Philosophy of Action Became a Philosophy of Resignation – Tadd Ruetenik
 - How Virginia Woolf Advances American Philosophy: A Common Reader Tells All– Jennifer Ristau
 - Exploring The Borders, Boundaries, And Breakthroughs of Bilingual Philosophy Courses in The South Texas Borderlands – Alex Stehn

11:00-11:15 am

Break

11:15-12:45 pm

Concurrent Session

- *Session A:*
 - Against Workplace Marketable Skills and AI-Capitulating Pedagogies
 - Exercising and Cultivating Human Capacities: Reasons to Sideline AI – Lee A. McBride III
 - Keeping the Conversation Going: Liberal Arts at the Neoliberal University – Zachary Piso
 - Taking the Long Way: Immersive, Embodied, and Aimless Philosophical Inquiry – Tess Varner

12:45-2:30 pm

Lunch Buffet

2:30-4:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

- *Session A: Science, Values, and Justice*
 - A Peircean Path to a Feminist Epistemology – Jordan Davis
 - Values-in-Science: Recognizing and Responding to the Mundane Science Dilemma – Kenny David
 - The Problem of Climate Change: International Paretianism, Indigenous Injustice and Metaepistemic Injustice – Taylor Hunter

- *Session B: Justice, Law, and Freedom*
 - The Rights and Duties of the Individual in Relation to Government: A Return to Thoreau – Adam Hasbargen
 - Challenges American Hegemony poses for the Republican Conception of Freedom – Morgan Dignowity
 - Taxing The Whole Part: Due Process as the Logic of Social Contribution – Michael Seidel

3:45 pm

Break

6:00 pm

Closing Gathering at Bear Creek Winery