

**Diverse Lineages of Existentialism Conference**  
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North American Sartre Society  
PhiloSOPHIA  
Roundtable on Latina Feminism  
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**THURSDAY, 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Session PL1 **Welcome and Conference Opening**  
Sterling 3 Margaret A. Simons, Beauvoir Society and DLE Committee Chair  
Jane Anna Gordon, President, Caribbean Philosophical Association  
Matt Eshleman, President, North American Sartre Society  
Kathryn Gines, Collegium of Black Women Philosophers  
Kyoo Lee, PhiloSOPHIA  
Bryan Lueck, Diverse Lineages of Existentialism Committee  
Mariana Ortega, Roundtable on Latina Feminism  
Gail Weiss, Merleau-Ponty Circle

**THURSDAY, 9:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Session 1A **Otherness and Feminist Decolonization**  
Sterling 3 Moderator: Christine Daigle (Brock University, Canada)  
A/V Emily Anne Parker (Towson University)  
“Naturalizing Existential Singularity:  
Beauvoir and the Disclosure of the Other as Other”  
(Best Beauvoir Paper by a Junior Scholar)  
Tracey Nicholls (Lewis University)  
“Fighting Otherness, ‘Ambiguity,’ and Rape Culture: A Beauvoiran  
Mapping of Feminist Decolonization”  
Gwendolyn Dolske (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)  
“Addressing ‘Otherness’ in ‘Work-family Balance’ Discourse

Session 1B Caribbean Philosophical Association  
Sterling 8 **Africana Existentialism I**  
Moderator: Paget Henry (Brown University)  
Chelsea R. Binnie (Duquesne University)  
“Aimé Césaire and the Paris Years: Négritude as a Form of Existential  
Humanism”  
Nahum Dimitri Chandler (University of California, Irvine)  
“W. E. B. Du Bois and C. L. R. James in Dialogue: Posthumous  
Reflections”  
LaRose T. Parris (LaGuardia Community College/CUNY)  
“Being Apart: Existential Thought in Africana Literature”

Session 1C Collegium of Black Women Philosophers  
Sterling 6 **Author Meets Readers: Moments of Disruption: Sartre, Levinas, and the  
Question of Transcendence (SUNY Press)**  
Moderator: Saba Fatima (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)  
Readers: Diane Perpich (Clemson University)  
Michael Paradiso-Michau (North Central College)  
Rónké Oke (Pennsylvania State University)  
Author: Kris Sealey (Fairfield University)

- Session 1D  
Sterling 4
- Merleau-Ponty Circle  
**(Re)Negotiating the Ontic and the Ontological**  
Moderator: Kym Maclaren (Ryerson University, Toronto)  
Randall Johnson (Psychiatry, Private Practice)  
    “Non-philosophy, the ‘No’ Button, and a Brief Philo-fiction”  
Katie Hurrelbrink (George Washington University)  
    “Condemned to Non-Sense: A Merleau-Pontian Critique of Victimhood  
in Heideggerian Thought”  
Donald Landes (Concordia University, Montreal)  
    “Bergson, Merleau-Ponty, Simondon – Ontology as Expression”
- Session 1E  
Sterling 2
- Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Roundtable on Decolonizing Political Theory**  
Moderator: E. Çetin Gürer (Villanova University)  
Jakeet Singh (Illinois State University)  
George Ciccariello-Maher (Drexel University)  
Glen Coulthard (University of British Columbia)
- Session 1F  
Sterling 5
- The Adventures of Liberal Travel**  
Moderator: Denis Durmus (Pennsylvania State University)  
Danielle M. LaSusa (Bard High School Early College, Queens)  
    “Live or Tell: Bad Faith and the Adventure of Travel”  
Lokangaka Losambe (University of Vermont)  
    “The Colonial Stranger as Globalist Agent: The Congo Narrative”  
Kenneth W. Stickers (Southern Illinois University Carbondale/Autonomous  
University of Sinaloa, Mexico)  
    “Irony or Hypocrisy? Richard Rorty and the Haitian Revolution”
- Session 1G  
Sterling 7
- Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Gender, Race, Indigeneity and the Law**  
Moderator: Rosario Torres-Guevara (BMCC/CUNY)  
Erika Soto (SUNY Stony Brook)  
    “Whose Right Is It Anyway? Rethinking Equality and Rights Through  
Intersectionality”  
Marinella Machado Araujo (Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais)  
    “The Symbolic Dimension of Law and Feminism: A Critical  
Perspective from Brazil”  
Egbert R Higinio (San Jose State University)  
    “A Phenomenological Approach to the Belizean/Guatemalan Territorial  
Claim”
- Session 1H  
Sterling 9  
A/V Room
- North American Sartre Society  
**Revolutionary Hope:  
A Celebration of the Work of William L. McBride**  
Moderator: Michael Monahan (Marquette University)  
Matthew Abraham (University of Arizona)

“William McBride and the Enduring Commitment to Intellectual Freedom”  
Nathan J. Jun (Midwestern State University)  
“William McBride, Anarchist”  
Shane Wahl (IVY Tech)  
“Reviving Sartrean Political Philosophy”  
William McBride (Purdue University)  
“Response”

**THURSDAY, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m**

Sterling 9      **Caribbean Philosophical Association  
Business Meeting**

Sterling 3      **North American Sartre Society  
Business Meeting**

**THURSDAY, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Session 2A      North American Sartre Society  
Sterling 4      **Thomas Flynn’s Legacy**  
Moderator: Steve Hendley (Birmingham Southern College)  
Bruce Baugh (Thompson Rivers University)  
“Dialectical nominalism and the ‘third’: Flynn on Sartre’s theory of  
revolution”  
Paul Gyllenhammer, (St. Johns University, New York)  
“The Practico-Inert and Transubstantiation: Flynn on the ‘Force of  
Circumstance””  
Tom Flynn (Emory University)  
“Response”

Session 2B      **Beauvoir and Lorde: Women, Slaves, Eros, and Privilege**  
Sterling 6      Moderator: Yomaira Figueroa (University of California, Berkeley)  
Debra Bergoffen (George Mason University/American University)  
“Of Women and Slaves: The Legacy of the Analogy’s Failure”  
Qrescent Mali Mason (Temple University)  
“The Erotic and Ethics: Simone de Beauvoir and Audre Lorde in  
Conversation”  
Jina Fast (Temple University)  
“The Ambiguities of Privilege and Identity in the Work of Simone de  
Beauvoir”

Session 2C      PhiloSOPHIA  
Sterling 2      **May Be: Existential Mutability, Probability, Uncertainty**  
Moderator: John Pittman (John Jay College, CUNY)  
Kyoo Lee (John Jay College, CUNY)

“On Becoming Who You Are: What the Second of *The Second Sex* Is & Does In & After Beauvoir”

Dorothea Olkowski (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs)

“Existentialism and Probability”

Ada Jaarsma (Mount Royal University)

“Existentialism in a Post-Genomic World”

Session 2D  
Sterling 1

Caribbean Philosophical Association

**Modern Subaltern Conditions**

Moderator: Chelsea R. Binnie (Duquesne University)

Eddy Souffrant (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

“The Modern Condition”

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (Birkbeck College of Law, University of London)

“Only Amerindians Can Save Our Modern Soul: On Perspectivism as Existentialism”

Kojo Koram (Birkbeck School of Law, University of London)

“Can the Subaltern Lead? Towards a New Geo-episteme in the Age of Crisis”

Session 2E  
Sterling 5

**Islam and the West: Al Hakim, Beauvoir, and the Quartiers**

Moderator: Catherine Naji (Independent Scholar, Ireland/Morocco)

Shereen H. Shaw (University of Liverpool, UK)

“Al Hakim’s Attempt to Consolidate the East and the West”

Saba Fatima (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

“Beauvoir’s Analysis of the Muslim Woman”

Diane Perpich (Clemson University)

“Beauvoir’s Legacy to the Quartiers: French Feminism with a Different Face”

Session 2F  
Sterling 7

**Exploring Questions of Influence and Misrepresentation**

Moderator: Larry Busk (University of Oregon)

Christine Daigle (Brock University, Canada)

“Unweaving the Threads of Influence: the Intellectual Becoming of Beauvoir and Sartre”

Jo Bogaerts (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

“Sartre’s and Beauvoir’s Acclaim of the American Novel: An Ambiguous Influence”

Ruth Miller (University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK)

“In Defense of ‘Senile’ Sartre”

Session 2G  
Sterling 9  
A/V Room

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**Marxism, Existentialism and Liberation**

Moderator: James B. Haile, III (Dickinson College)

Michael Paradiso-Michau (North Central College)

“Existential Phenomenology and the Ethical-Politics of Liberation”

H. Alexander Welcome (LaGuardia Community College, CUNY)

“The Dynamics of Disconcern, an Important Component of Black Philosophies of Existence”

Supriya M. Nair (Tulane University)

“‘We are because we is’: Existentialism and Marxism in Earl Lovelace’s Fiction”

Session 2H  
Sterling 3  
A/V Room

Caribbean Philosophical Association

**Black Bodies**

Moderator: Tommy Curry (Texas A & M University)

Max Hantel (Rutgers University)

“Fanon, Bergson, and the (Revolutionary) Body-in-Time”

Taryn Jordan (Georgia State University)

“The Politics of Impossibility: The Spiral of Love and Rage”

Joseph Smith (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)

“The Niggarization of Black Bodies”

**THURSDAY, 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

Session 3A  
Sterling 3  
A/V Room

Caribbean Philosophical Association

**Caribbean Sexualities: Existence, Desire and Power in Decolonial Contexts**

Moderator: Lisa Anderson (Arizona State University)

Jacqueline M. Martinez (Arizona State University)

“Questions Regarding the Coloniality of Sexuality and the Possibilities of Cultivating Decolonial Sexualities”

Lyndon K. Gill (University of Texas, Austin)

“In the Realm of Our Lorde: Eros & the Poet Philosopher”

Adriana Garriga-López (Kalamazoo College)

“Undoing The Possessive Investment In Heterosexuality: Queerness Is Calling Out To You”

Calvin Warren (George Washington University)

“Onticide: Afro-pessimism, Queer Theory, and Ethics”

Session 3B  
Sterling 1

**Existential and Decolonial Ecologies**

Moderator: Elisa Cecchinato (Paris Est Marne-La-Vallée, France/Boston College)

Tanya Jeffcoat (University of the Ozarks)

“Disappearing Islands: Existentialism, Environmental Racism, and Ecological Collapse”

Sally Fischer (Warren Wilson College)

“Reading Marcel in an Eco-feminist Light”

Stephen Haymes (DePaul University)

“Decolonizing Environmental Ethics: Toward a Philosophical Anthropology of Africana Ecopedagogy”

Session 3C  
Sterling 2

**Critical Existential Theories of Race and Criminalization**

Moderator: Matthew Abraham (University of Arizona)

Gail Weiss (George Washington)  
“Racism Day by Day: Beauvoir’s and Merleau-Ponty’s Existential Contributions to Critical Race Theory”  
Erich Christiansen (University of Georgia)  
“Sartre: Race, Essence, and the Universal”  
Jerry Miller (Haverford College)  
“Strange Liberty: Sartre and Criminal Responsibility”

Session 3D  
Sterling 4

**Critical Comrades in Conversation**

Moderator: Bill Martin (DePaul University)  
Aurora Laybourn-Candlish (University of Oregon)  
“Reciprocity: Between Beauvoir and Lévi-Strauss”  
Larry Busk (University of Oregon)  
“Critics and Comrades: Sartre and Merleau-Ponty on Koestler’s Dilemma”  
Matthew Ally (CUNY/BMCC)  
“Hybrid Materialities: Bataille and Sartre at the Threshold of Speculative Realism”

Session 3E  
Sterling 7

Roundtable on Latina Feminism  
**Discursivity, the Self, and Latinidad**

Moderator: Elisabeth Paquette (York University)  
Andrea Pitts (Vanderbilt University)  
“‘The Becoming of New Origins’: Writing the Self through Nationalism and Sexuality”  
Elena Flores Ruíz (Florida Gulf Coast University)  
“Beyond Hybridity: Multiplicitous Selfhood and the Problem of Hermeneutic Injustice”  
Gabriela Alejandra Veronelli (SUNY Binghamton)  
“Being Mestiza: Rodolfo Kusch on the Project of Decolonizing *Mestizaje*”

Session 3F  
Sterling 5

North American Sartre Society  
**Sartre and Pre-Reflective Consciousness**

Moderator: Lior Levy (Haifa University)  
Clara Bravo Morando (University of Porto)  
“Sartre between Kant and Fichte: Self-Consciousness as a Power-to-Act”  
Iker Garcia (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)  
“Kierkegaard and Sartre on Pre-Reflective Consciousness”  
Matt Eshleman (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)  
“Sartre’s Error Theory: Towards an Highly Revisionary Account of Pre-Reflective Consciousness”

Session 3G  
Sterling 8

Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Theorizing the Possibility of the New**  
Moderator: Lokangaka Losambe (University of Vermont)

Justin Fugo (Temple University)  
“Sartre and Postcolonial Humanism”  
Doug Ficek (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)  
“Ubuntu and Liberation: From Fanon to Biko”  
Greg A. Graham (University of Oklahoma, Norman)  
“Political Tragedy in the Postcolony”

Session 3H  
Sterling 6

**An Autochthonous Black Women's Existentialism?**

Moderator: Meryl Altman (DePauw University)  
Kathryn T. Gines (Pennsylvania State University)  
“Simone de Beauvoir, Existentialism, and the Negro/Woman  
Question: Insights and Oversights on Race and Gender  
Oppression”  
James B. Haile (Duquesne University)  
“Blackness and the Hermeneutics of Oppression; or Where is Black  
Women’s Existential Interpretation?”  
Abdul R. JanMohamed (Emory University)  
“Beauvoir, Wright, and Black Feminist Existentialism”

Session 3I  
Sterling 9

North American Sartre Society  
**Emotion, Empathy, Imagination**  
Moderator: Michael Paradiso-Michau (North Central College)  
Kimberly Engels (Marquette University)  
“Sartre, Emotions, and ‘Stand Your Ground’”  
Nick Wernicki (Peirce College)  
“Sartre’s Empathetic Comprehension: Forwarding a Moral Aesthetics”  
Greg Trotter (Marquette University)  
“Inaugurating a Tradition: The Sartrean Imagination as Merleau-Pontian  
Expression”

**Thursday, 8:00 p.m.**  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Session PL2  
Gateway East  
Introduced and Moderated by  
Margaret Simons (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

**“Existential Philosophy as World Philosophy”**

Lewis Gordon  
University of Connecticut/Toulouse University, France/ Rhodes University, South Africa

**Thursday, 10:00 p.m.**  
**CONFERENCE RECEPTION**  
Gateway Terrace





“Against Negativity: Wahl, Deleuze, and Postwar Existentialism”  
Matthew Schunke (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)  
“Marion and Heidegger on the Phenomenology of Religious Life”

Session 4E  
Sterling 6  
**Violence and Existential Psychoanalytic Therapy**  
Moderator: Kyoo Lee (John Jay College, CUNY)  
Tal Correm (Temple University)  
“Violence and Liberation, Revolution and Freedom: Engaging Frantz Fanon with Hannah Arendt”  
Nigel Gibson (Emerson College)  
“Fanon and Decolonial Psychiatry”  
Marilyn Nissim-Sabat (Lewis University)  
“Violence and its Glorification: Transcending Incommensurable Psychoanalytic Paradigms”

Session 4F  
Sterling 3  
A/V Room  
North American Sartre Society  
**Sartre after Badiou**  
Moderator: E. Çetin Gürer (Villanova University)  
Yong Dou (Michael) Kim (Villanova University)  
“Transcendental Love”  
John Bova (Villanova University/University of New Mexico)  
“Pure Reflection and Diagonalization”

Session 4G  
Sterling 8  
Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Existential Self-Constituting**  
Moderator: Saba Fatima (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)  
Matthew Kos (SUNY Binghamton)  
“The Existential Phenomenological Commitments of Frantz Fanon and Philosophical Anthropology”  
Lior Levy (Haifa University)  
“The Art of Becoming One’s Self: Imagination, Narrative and the Constitution of Selfhood”  
Lisa Anderson (Arizona State University)  
“Looking through the Middle Passage: Population Genomics, Genealogy, and Race”

Session 4H  
Sterling 4  
**Beauvoir and Butler**  
Moderator: Kris Sealey (Fairfield University)  
Deniz Durmus (Penn State University)  
“The Congruence between Beauvoir and Butler’s Ethics”  
(Best Beauvoir Paper by a Graduate Student, Co-Winner)  
Djamila Ribeiro (São Paulo Federal University, Brazil)  
“Is the Universal Exclusionary? Beauvoir and Butler on Feminist Political Action”

**FRIDAY, 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

- Session 5A  
Sterling 1      Simone de Beauvoir Society  
**Beauvoir's *Feminist Writings* (2015): A Contributors' Roundtable**  
Margaret A. Simons (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)  
Nancy Bauer (Tufts University)  
Debra Bergoffen (George Mason University/American University)  
Shannon M. Mussett (Utah Valley University)  
Marybeth Timmermann (Independent Scholar)
- Session 5B  
Sterling 4      Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Existential Reflection in Havana and Santo Domingo**  
Moderator: Araceli Hernández-Laroche (University of South Carolina, Upstate)  
Anthony Ramos (Purdue University)  
    "Salvar La Patria Desde Su Raíz: Interrogating the Decolonial Existentialism of José Martí"  
Luis Ramos (New York University)  
    "Liberating the Past: Alejo Carpentier and the Invention of New World Fiction"  
Francis Watlington (University of Texas, Austin)  
    "In Lacay Polanco's Mist: Postcolonial Angst and the Void of Identity in the Dominican Context"
- Session 5C  
Sterling 3      **Philosophy in Literature**  
Moderator: Lauren Du Graf (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)  
Kevin Aho (Florida Gulf Coast University)  
    "Recognition and Alterity: On the Political Value of an Anti-Systematic Existentialism"  
Barbara Klaw (Northern Kentucky University)  
    "Presence in Beauvoir's Student Diary"  
Kellye Byal (Université Paris 8)  
    "Beauvoir's Metaphysical Novel: What Can Philosophical Literature Do?"
- Session 5D  
Sterling 6      PhiloSOPHIA  
**Lines of Differentiation: Double, Dual, Reproduction**  
Moderator: Ada Jaarsma (Mount Royal University)  
John Pittman (John Jay College, CUNY)  
    "Double-Consciousness and the Color Line"  
Devonya Havis (Canisius College)  
    "Hearing Auditory Identities"  
Pat Goodin (Howard University)  
    "Africana Existence, Afro-Modernity, 'Continent(s) of Black Consciousness' and the Politics of Memory"

- Session 5E  
Sterling 5
- Vulnerability, Listening, and Authentic Emotion**  
Moderator: Lior Levy (Haifa University)  
Vincent Beaver (Rowan University/West Chester University)  
    “A Critique of Existential Vulnerability”  
Carolyn M. Cusick (California State University, Fresno)  
    “Listening, Neither Tolerance Nor Hospitality”  
Anna Shevchenko (Ryerson University)  
    “Authentic Emotion in Merleau-Ponty”
- Session 5F  
Sterling 9  
A/V Room
- Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Africana Existentialism II**  
Moderator: Max Hantel (Rutgers University)  
Percy Mabogo More (University of KwaZulu-Natal)  
    “Douglass and Biko on Death and Freedom”  
Lawrence O. Bamikole (University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica)  
    “Agency and the Afro-Caribbean Existential Discourse”  
Devon Johnson (Temple University)  
    “Black Nihilism and Black Youth”
- Session 5G  
Sterling 2
- North American Sartre Society  
**David Detmer: Sartre, Freedom and the Problem of Relativism**  
Moderator: Greg Trotter (Marquette University)  
Taylor Smith (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)  
    “*Freedom as a Value*: Debunking Sartrean Relativism”  
Peter Jones (Independent Scholar)  
    “Inconsistencies in Sartre’s Theory of Freedom(s)”  
Mike Butler (University of Memphis)  
    “There Is No Good Answer: The Role of Responsibility in Sartre’s Ethical Theory”  
David Detmer (Purdue University, Calumet)  
    “Response”
- Session 5H  
Sterling 8
- Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Existential and Methodological Anzaldúa**  
Moderator: Rosario Torres-Guevara (BMCC/CUNY)  
Tom Meagher (University of Connecticut, Storrs)  
    “La Facultad: Anzaldúa’s Existential Phenomenology and the  
    Coloniality of Being”  
Emma D. Velez (SUNY Stony Brook)  
    “‘Moral Love’ through an Ethics of Ambiguity: Cultivating  
    Mestiza Ears to Listen to Subaltern Voices”  
Jose Haro (BMCC/CUNY)  
    “Anzaldúa’s Borderlands and Methodological Mestizaje”
- Session 5I  
Sterling 7
- On Agential Women**  
Moderator: Erika Ruonakoski (University of Helsinki)  
Cassandra King (Rutgers University)

“Towards a New Consciousness: ‘Woman’ as an Agent of Political Action and Change”

Edyta Niemyjska (Concordia University, Montreal)

“Redefining Immanence in de Beauvoir: On Young’s Female Body Comportment and the Eu-Appearing Body”

Hanétha Vété-Congolo (Bowdoin College)

“Caribbean Douboutism”

**FRIDAY, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Session 6A  
Sterling 9  
A/V Room

**Embodiment and Objectification**

Moderator: Kate Ince (University of Birmingham, UK)

Sonia Kruks (Oberlin College)

“Embodiment, Gender, and Styles of Judgment”

Sara Cohen Shabot (University of Haifa)

“Recovering Subjectivity through Pain: A Beauvoirian Analysis of Pain in Childbirth”

Céline Leboeuf (Harvard University)

“Alienation and Objectification in the Works of Beauvoir and Fanon”

Session 6B  
Sterling 2

**Simone and Jean-Paul in the Non-Western World**

Moderator: Russell Ford (Elmhurst College)

Bill Martin (DePaul University)

“Simone de Beauvoir’s *Long March*”

Ofelia Schutte (University of South Florida)

“Sartre and Beauvoir: The Cuban Connection”

Araceli Hernández-Laroche (University of South Carolina, Upstate)

“Sartre’s Resonance: Beyond the Old World to an Emerging Global South”

Session 6C  
Sterling 1

**The Responsibility of Resisting Oppression**

Moderator: Leonard Harris (Purdue University)

Elisabeth Paquette (York University)

“On Freedom and Political Responsibility in Beauvoir’s *The Ethics of Ambiguity*”

Colena Sesanker (University of Connecticut, Storrs)

“Resisting Oppression as a Form of Self-Respect”

Víctor Figueroa (Wayne State University)

“Condemned to Struggle for Freedom: Manuel Zapata Olivella’s *Changó el gran putas* and the Struggle for Liberation”

Session 6D  
Sterling 4

**Reappraising Aging, Commitment, and Forgetting**

Moderator: Chelsea R. Binnie (Duquesne University)

Tristana Martin Rubio (Duquesne University)

“‘Old Age is Life’s Parody’: Style, Embodiment, and Death in *The Coming of Age*”

Jo Bogaerts (University of Antwerp)

“A Reappraisal of Commitment? Sartre’s 1947 Kafka Lecture”

Robert Vaughan (Washington State University)

“On the Negative in Forgetting: Sartre Contra Heidegger on Memory”

Session 6E  
Sterling 5

North American Sartre Society

**Sartrean Religious Values**

Moderator: Dane Sawyer (University of LaVerne)

Chris Calvert-Minor (University of Wisconsin, Whitewater)

“The Conscious God: A Sartrean Theology”

Elizabeth Butterfield (Georgia Southern University)

“Religious Values, Atheism, and the Project”

Session 6F  
Sterling 6

Caribbean Philosophical Association

**The Black Radical Tradition in Dialogue**

Moderator: Gabriela Alejandra Veronelli (SUNY Binghamton)

Chike Jeffers (Dalhousie University)

“After Blyden and Thomas: Rediscovering Frederick Alexander Durham and T.E.S. Scholes for Afro-Caribbean Philosophy”

Elisa Cecchinato (Paris Est Marne-La-Vallée, France/Boston College)

“Conflicts, Migrations, and Desires Adapting to 1920s Harlem: A Tentative Genealogy of Black Urban Intellectual Tensions within US Segregation”

Corey McCall (Elmira College)

“Melville’s World: Albert Camus and C.L.R. James on *Moby-Dick*”

Session 6G  
Sterling 3  
A/V Room

Caribbean Philosophical Association

**Nothingness, Subjectivity and Power**

Moderator: Devon Johnson (Temple University)

Jacob Meeks (Oak Park & River Forest High School)

“The Indifference of Love”: Nishitani’s Religious Worldview against the Nationalistic Reactions to Nihilism”

Adlai Murdoch (Tufts University)

“Creolization and the Representation of Caribbean Subjectivity”

Ricardo Sanín Restrepo (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia)

“Nothingness and Its Shadow: From the Simulacra of Democracy to Power at its ’nth potency”

Session 6H  
Sterling 7

Simone de Beauvoir Society

**The Life of a Sentence: *On ne naît pas femme: on le devient***

Moderator: Jina Fast (Temple University)

Sheila Malovany-Chevallier and Constance Borde (Independent Scholars, Paris)

“Found in Translation”

Anna-Lisa Baumeister (University of Oregon)

“French Women Become, German Women Are Made? Beauvoir, Schwarzer, Translation, and Quotation”

Megan M. Burke (University of Oregon)

“Becoming A Woman: Simone de Beauvoir’s Response to the Woman Question”

Bonnie Mann (University of Oregon)

“One Becomes (a) Woman: The Philosophical Roots of the Conflict”

Session 6I  
Sterling 8

Philosophy Born of Struggle

**Black, Male and Silent: How the Death of Black Men and Boys Challenges the Territories of Critical Thought**

Moderator: Minkah Makalani (University of Texas, Austin)

Tommy J. Curry (Texas A&M University)

“Eschatological Dilemmas: How Anti-Blackness Over-Determines the Relationship Between Not Writing About the Lives of Black Men and Thinking the Death of the Nigger”

Ronald Neal (Wake Forest University)

“Death and Beyond: Black Men, Black Boys, and the Ethics of Life”

James Haile (Dickinson University)

“The Poetics of Death and Dying”

### **FRIDAY, 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.**

#### **PLENARY: AWARDS CEREMONY**

Session PL3

Regency EF

Moderator: Lewis Gordon

Margaret Simons conferring the Beauvoir Paper Prizes

Simone de Beauvoir Society Awards to Yolanda Astarita Patterson and Liliane Lazar

Mireille Fanon-Mendès-France conferring the Fanon Award

Lewis Gordon conferring the Guillén Award

Panel Discussion (moderated by Lewis Gordon) of Fanon and Guillén Awardees:

Frieda Ekotto, Leonard Harris, Abdul JanMohamed, and Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o

### **SATURDAY, 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.**

Session PO2 **Opening Poem**  
Sterling 9

### **SATURDAY, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Session 7A **Liberation Crisis: Latin American Philosophy**  
Sterling 6 Moderator: Michael Paradiso-Michau (North Central College)

Elena Flores Ruíz (Florida Gulf Coast University)  
“Nietzsche and the Politics of Liberation”  
Jesús H. Ramírez (University of South Florida)  
“An Existential Crisis in Latin American Liberation Philosophy:  
Understanding Martin Heidegger’s Aletheia in Enrique Dussel’s  
Encounter between the Center and Periphery”  
Eduardo Mendieta (SUNY Stony Brook)  
“Latin American Existentialisms:  
From Phenomenology to Feminist Philosophy of Liberation”

Session 7B  
Sterling 3  
A/V Room

**Animal Life, Bad Faith, and Angst**  
Moderator: Rònké Oke (Pennsylvania State University)  
Erika Ruonakoski (University of Helsinki)  
“Human Existence and Animal Life in Beauvoir’s Philosophy”  
Dane Sawyer (University of LaVerne)  
“Playing Seriously with Bad Faith”  
Nicole Bojko (SUNY Buffalo)  
“Topographical Angst: Existential Space and Architecture”

Session 7C  
Sterling 7

North American Sartre Society  
**Ronald Aronson: Keeping Commitment Alive**  
Moderator: Steve Hendley (Birmingham Southern College)  
Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College)  
“Ronald Aronson, Existentialism, and the Politics of Everyday Life”  
Beck Pitt (The Open University, UK)  
“What Does it Mean to Transform the World? Ron Aronson, Hope and  
Revolution”  
Ronald Aronson (Wayne State University)  
“Response”

Session 7D  
Sterling 1

**Sexual Matters**  
Moderator: Russell Ford (Elmhurst College)  
Michael A. Deere (Salem State University)  
“Being Sexual: Existence, Erotism, Death”  
Anique John (Arizona State University)  
“A ‘Successful’ Import? The Hyper-sexualization of Caribbean Black  
Women in the US”  
Raquelle K. Bostow (Vanderbilt University)  
“Frigidity According to Beauvoir: *Le deuxième sexe* as a Precursor to  
Second Wave French Feminism”

Session 7E  
Sterling 8

Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Theorizing Violence Through and With Fanon**  
Moderator: Kris Sealey (Fairfield University)  
Michael Ward II (Temple University)  
“Colonial Violence, Revolutionary Violence: Understanding the  
Role of Violence in Frantz Fanon’s Work”



E. Çetin Gürer (Villanova University)  
“Political Ramifications of a Theory of Violence-Free Politics: The  
Arendt-Fanon Debate on Gezi Resistance”  
Adrienne M. Girone (Vanderbilt University)  
“Reading *The Hunger Games* through Fanon”

Session 7F  
Sterling 5  
Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Living Death and Other Possibilities**  
Moderator: Carolyn M. Cusick (California State University, Fresno)  
Rosario Torres-Guevara (BMCC/CUNY)  
“I Will Say Again that I Am Alive”  
G. Oty Agbajoh-Laoye (Monmouth University)  
“Taking ‘the Crooked with the Straight:’ Existential Meanderings in  
African Diaspora Literary Renditions”  
Alfred Frankowski (Northeastern Illinois University)  
“Departures: On Genocide Denial and Necro-Politics”

Session 7G  
Sterling 9  
A/V Room  
Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Creolizing Political and Aesthetic Thought and Practice**  
Moderator: Paget Henry (Brown University)  
Neil Roberts (Williams College)  
“Glissant, Marronage, and the Creolizing of Political Theory”  
Jacqueline Lazu (DePaul University)  
“José Rivera’s Millenarian Dramas: Creolization, New  
Cosmopolitanism and Diaspora Aesthetics”  
Michael Monahan (Marquette University)  
“Whither Creolization? On the Aims and Ends of Creolizing as *Praxis*”

#### **SATURDAY, 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

Session 8A  
Sterling 4  
North American Sartre Society  
**Scholar Session: Ronald Santoni**  
Moderator: Elizabeth Butterfield (Georgia Southern University)  
Bill Martin (DePaul University)  
“Sartre and Political Violence: A Response to Ronald Santoni”  
Matt Eshleman (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)  
“Santoni’s Legacy of Peace: Is all Violence in Bad Faith?”  
Ron Santoni (Denison University)  
“Response”

Session 8B  
Sterling 1  
**Racial Blindness and Purposeful Unveiling**  
Moderator: Corey McCall (Elmira College)  
Shannon M. Mussett (Utah Valley University)  
“American Abstraction and the Death of the Present”  
Joseph Drexler-Dreis (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Netherlands)

“‘Going behind the white man’s definitions’: James Baldwin’s Praxis of Unveiling as a Praxis of Liberation”  
John Drabinski (Amherst College)  
“Baldwin, Memory, History”

- Session 8C  
Sterling 5  
Caribbean Philosophical Association  
**Southern Marxisms**  
Moderator: Jacob Meeks (Oak Park & River Forest High School)  
Kate Gordy (San Francisco State University)  
“Neither Local nor Universal: José Carlos Mariátegui and the Task of Theory”  
Steven Manicasteri (University of Connecticut, Storrs)  
“Connecting the Subaltern”  
Rozena Maart (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)  
“An Anti-Colonial Marxism”
- Session 8D  
Sterling 2  
North American Sartre Society  
La Liberté en jeu  
Moderator: Liliane Lazar (Hofstra University)  
Kavita Daby (Université de Maurice)  
“La vie de café dans les romans de Sartre”  
Christophe Perrin (Université catholique de Louvain, FNRS)  
“Inconditionnelle liberté conditionnelle”
- Session 8E  
Sterling 7  
North American Sartre Society  
**Sartre and Psychoanalysis**  
Moderator: Doug Ficek (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)  
Paul Gyllenhammer (St. John’s University, New York)  
“The Taste of Being: Existential Psychoanalysis, the Need to Write and Virtue”  
Adrian Mirvish (California State University, Chico) and Lissa Rechten, (Autism Spectrum Disorders Evaluation Clinic, San Francisco)  
“Consciousness & Intentionality Derailed: Sartre on Insanity”
- Session 8F  
Sterling 6  
Merleau-Ponty Circle  
**Ethics, Freedom, and Violence**  
Moderator: Tim Isley (Psychiatry, Private Practice)  
Gayle Salamon (Princeton University)  
“Unknowing the Other: The Ethics of Gender Ambiguity”  
Kym Maclaren (Ryerson University, Toronto)  
“Freedom and the Ethics of Intimacy”  
Ann Murphy (University of New Mexico)  
“A ‘solemn complement’ of violence: Merleau-Ponty on the Conscience of Existential Phenomenology”

**SATURDAY, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Closing Plenary: Subversive and Emancipatory Existential Theory**

Session PL4

Regency EF

Moderator: Jane Gordon (University of Connecticut, Storrs)

Nancy Bauer (Tufts University)

“Simone de Beauvoir’s Subversive Existentialism”

Robert Bernasconi (Pennsylvania State University)

“‘The Smell of Hatred in the Air’: Simone de Beauvoir’s Account of  
Anti-Black Racism in the United States”

Paget Henry (Brown University)

“Sylvia Wynter, Simone de Beauvoir and Intersectionality Theory”

Mireille Fanon-Mendès-France (Fondation Fanon, Paris)

“The Role of Existentialism in the Construction of Emancipation”