**22st Annual Meeting of the North American Sartre Society**

**Hosted by University of North Caroline Wilmington**

**November 4-6, 2016**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4**

12:00-1:30 Registration

1:30-1:45 Welcome

2:00-3:45 Session One

4:00-5:45 Session Two

(6:30-9:00) Reception, *Holiday Inn*

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5**

8:15-8:55 Coffee and Bagels

9:00-10:45 Session Three

11:00-12:45 Session Four

1:00-2:15 Lunch Break

2:30-4:15 Session Five

4:30-5:45 Session Six

6:00-7:00 Keynote

(Time TBA) Reception

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6**

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9:00-9:45 General Business Meeting

10:00-12:00 Session Seven

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**FRIDAY, NOV. 4**

**12:00-1:30 Registration: Bear Hall, Main Entrance Lobby**

**1:30-1:45 Welcome: Bear Hall 106**

**2:00-3:45 – SESSION ONE**

1A. Freedom, Determinism, and Agency: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Dane Sawyer, University of LaVerne
* “Existentialism is a Pedagogy: An Existential Approach to Teaching Agency,” Edward O’Byrn, Pennsylvania State University
* “Sartre’s Incompatibilism,” Joshua Tepley, Saint Anselm College
* “Being and Nothingness in Somethingness: Sartre’s Freedom in Situation. Can Being Be Doing Not Done?” Peter Jones, Independent Scholar

1B. Authenticity, Bad Faith, and Self-Deception: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Jake Jackson, Temple University
* “Correcting for Practices: Existentialism and Social Development,” Daniel Garro, Temple University / Rider University
* “The Authentic Person’s Limited Bad Faith,” Sarah Horton, Boston College
* “Self-deception and Intentionality: A Sartrean Alternative,” Maiya Jordan, McGill University

1C. New Approaches to the *Critique of Dialectical Reason:* **Bear Hall 219**

* Moderator: Matthew Ally, City University of New York
* “The Practico-Inert and our Possibilities: Social and Historical Subjectivity,” Kimberly Engels, Marquette University
* “The Specter of the Sartrean Subject in Derrida and the Deconstructive Space of the Practico-Inert,” Matthew Fellows, University of Utah
* “Toward a Hypo-logical Reading of Sartre’s Critique of Dialectical Reason,” Austin Smidt, University of Dundee

**4:00-5:45 – SESSION TWO**

2A. Literature as Praxis: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Craig Vasey, University of Mary Washington
* “The Form and Logic of *What is Literature*,” Ian Rhoad, The New School for Social Research
* “Literature and Imagination,” Cameron Bassiri, American University
* “‘Names by themselves may be empty, but the act of naming…”: Sartrean Speech Acts,” Kevin Spencer, Duke University

2B. Political Philosophy I: Earthly Engagements: Sartrean Interventions on the Planetary Crisis: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Austin Smidt, University of Dundee
* “Of Farmers, Forests, and Folly: Ecologies of Destruction and Deliverance in *Critique of Dialectical Reason*,” Matthew Ally, City University of New York
* “The Serialized Individual in the Anthropocene, or, Lessons from and for Sartre’s Social Theory in a Time of Ecological Ruin,” Damon Boria, Our Lady of the Lake College
* Commentary: Ron Aronson, Wayne State University

2C. Le Conflit, la Solidarité, et la Politique: **Bear Hall 219**

* Moderator: John Ireland, University of Illinois Chicago
* “Le Tribunal Russell: Sartre en surveillant les génocides à l'Amérique Latine,” Andrea M. Motta Arciniega, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
* “Sartre, joueur de Cassandre,” Hiroaki Seki, University of Tokyo

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5**

8:15-8:55 Coffee and Bagels: Main Entrance Bear Hall

**9:00-10:45 – SESSION THREE**

3A. Political Philosophy II: Existentialism and Social Engagement: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Damon Boria, Our Lady of the Lake College
* “Sartre’s Anarchist Political Philosophy – A Draft for a Diverse Society?” Alfred Betschart, Independent Scholar
* “‘There is much here that the theologian can use.’ Existentialist Themes in the Vietnam Sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Peter Huff, University of Mary
* “Sartre on Voting Rights and the Complicit Relation between the Colonized and the Colonizers,” Nathalie Nya, John Carroll University

3B. Nihilism, Absurdity, and Optimism in Sartrean Existentialism: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Matt Sayball, University of North Carolina Wilmington
* “Sartre on Death and the Absurdity of Life,” Kiki Berk, Southern New Hampshire University
* “A Nihilistic Defense of ‘Existentialism is a Humanism,’” Devin Shaw, University of Ottawa
* “Sartre’s Optimistic Existentialism,” Eric Hamm, Lynn University

3C. Is Everything Permitted? Reflections on Sartrean Ethics: **Bear Hall 219**

* Moderator: Stanley Konecky, Hartwick College
* “‘Everything is Permitted’: Sartre and the Charge of Ethical Subjectivism,” Dylan Bailey, University of South Florida
* “Existentialism and Dostoevsky’s Thesis,” Stephen Sullivan, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
* “Sartre on the Perils of Being Moral,” Chris McCord, Kirkwood Community College

**11:00-12:45 – SESSION FOUR**

4A. Psychoanalysis, Psychotheraphy, and Emotions: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Kimberly Engels, Marquette University
* “Psychoanalytic Fantasy and the Sartrean Imaginary,” Gregory Trotter, Marquette University
* “Existential Psychotherapy and the Therapeutics of Activism,” Rebecca Greenslade, Psychotherapist
* “Sartre against Wallowing: Emotions and Moody Responsibility,” Jake Jackson, Temple University

4B. Political Philosophy III: Torture, Terrorism, and the Middle East: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Sam Murrell, University of North Carolina Wilmington
* “Tortured Logic,” David Detmer, Purdue University Northwest
* “Counter-violence and Terrorism. Is liberation without freedom possible? A Sartrean Argument against Islamic Fundamentalism,” Maria Russo, San Raffaele University Milan
* “Existentialism and the Collapse of Values in the Middle East,” Hamid Andishan, University of Ottawa

4C. Sartre as Dramatist: **Bear Hall 219**

* Moderator: Tom Schmid, University of North Carolina Wilmington
* “The Image and the Act: Sartre on Dramatic Theater,” Lior Levy, University of Haifa
* “‘One is not born a dramatist’: The Genesis of Sartre’s Theatrical Career in Writings to, with, and by Beauvoir,” Dennis Gilbert, University of Massachusetts, Boston

**2:30-4:15 – SESSION FIVE**

5A. Political Philosophy IV: Sartrean Approaches to Race and Gender: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Florentina Andreescu, University of North Carolina Wilmington
* “Existentialism and the Concept of Ignorance: Towards a Sartrean Agnotology,” Blake Scott, University of Windsor
* “The Politics of Being and the Politics of Shame,” Paul Gyllenhammer, St. John’s University
* “The Form of the Content: Sartre, Walker, Existence, and Negation,” Michelle Dacus Carr, Red Carr Communications, Inc.

5B. *The Critique of Dialectical Reason* and Post-War Politics: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Don Habibi, University of North Carolina Wilmington
* “When Past is Prologue: Absurdity and Contingency in Sartre’s Dialectical Phenomenology,” Andrew Dobbyn, SUNY Stony Brook
* “Sartre on Subjectivity and Non-Knowledge: A Bridge between Existentialism and Marxism,” Curtis Sommerlatte, Concordia University
* “Existentialism in Post-War Austria,” Juliane Werner, Universitaet Wien

5C. Biography and Literature: **Bear Hall 219**

* Moderator: Dennis Gilbert, University of Massachusetts Boston
* “Biography Good, Autobiography Bad: Reflections on a Fundamental Sartrean Paradox,” John Ireland, University of Illinois Chicago
* “Sartre on Baudelaire: the Dandy Imagination,” Noel Sauer, Marquette University
* “She heard the silence moving: Notes Toward Reading Clarice Lispector as (an) Existentialist,” Thomas Mann, University of Memphis

**4:30-5:45 – SESSION SIX**

6A. Book Session: *The Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre*, by Noreen Khawaja: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: TBD
* Elizabeth Butterfield, Georgia Southern University
* Matthew Eshleman, University of North Carolina at Wilmington
* Author’s Response: Noreen Khawaja

6B. Meditation, Consciousness, and the Ego: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: Craig Vasey, University of Mary Washington
* “Samadhi and Sati: What Meditation Reveals About Consciousness,” Dane Sawyer, University of LaVerne
* “The Elusive Boundary between Consciousness and Ego in Sartre’s Transcendence of the Ego,” Marco Dozzi, Mcgill University

**6:00-7:00 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Cameron Hall (Auditorium): Room 105**

**Sarah Bakewell, “How to stop worrying and enjoy Sartre”**

**After Keynote Ends: Saturday Evening Reception in Auditorium Lobby**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6**

8:15-8:55 Coffee and Bagels

**9:00-9:45 General Business Meeting: Bear Hall 219**

**10:00-12:00 – SESSION SEVEN**

7A. Round Table Discussion on “It is Right to Rebel”: **Bear Hall 200**

* Moderator: Adrian van den Hoven, University of Windsor
* “It is Right to Rebel. The Three-way Discussion in its Political, Philosophical, and Economic Context,” Adrian van den Hoven, University of Windsor
* “Age and Ethics in ‘It is Right to Rebel,’” William McBride, Purdue University
* “A Left to the Left of the Communist Party,” Craig Vasey, University of Mary Washington
* “Mao, Sartre and the Alternative to the Stalinist Model: It is Right to Rebel,” Bill Martin, DePaul University

7B. Sartrean Approaches to the Body: **Bear Hall 208**

* Moderator: TBD
* “Disability and the Truth of Innocence,” Ken Anderson, Oxford College of Emory University
* “An Abbreviated Analysis of Sartre’s Phenomenological Essay on Ontology,” Stanley Konecky, Hartwick College
* “Existentialism and Listening,” Craig Matarrese, Minnesota State University
* “Existentialist Ears,” T Storm Heter, East Stroudsburg University