



71st Annual Meeting

of the

New Mexico Texas Philosophical
Society

May 21 - 22, 2021

Virtual Conference

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About the Organization:

The New Mexico - Texas Philosophical Society (NMTX) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting philosophical thought and education. NMTX holds annual meetings in late March or early April and is an inviting place for philosophers of all levels to present their ideas. Pursuant to the mission of NMTX, the Society publishes a professional journal, *Southwest Philosophical Studies* (SPS). SPS is a blind, peer-reviewed and edited journal that publishes ten to twelve of the best papers accepted into the annual conference.

Our Mission:

The NMTX Philosophical Society is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes - to promote the discussion of philosophical ideas, to further the professional development of those engaged in philosophical education, to encourage those students entering the field of philosophy, and to produce a professional blind, peer-reviewed journal of philosophy, *Southwest Philosophical Studies*.

The Executive Board:

President	Jean-Paul Vessel , New Mexico State University
Vice-President	David Beisecker , University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Secretary	Nathan Smith , Houston Community College
Treasurer	Mary Gwin , San Diego Mesa College
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Past President	Anthony Cashio , University of Virginia's College at Wise

Southwest Philosophical Studies:

Editor-in-Chief	Justin Bell , University of Houston – Victoria
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Day 1, May 21

Registration online: <http://nmtx.org/>

Welcome and Orientation, 9:00 AM (CT)

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/85210893303?pwd=VG5VVUhFVHBmVjNQNDZZa1pU0tFQT09>

A brief welcome to the virtual conference from the Secretary and the Executive Team. We will provide a brief overview of the technical features available for conference attendees and an overview of the conference program.

Session I, 9:30 AM - 12:20 PM (CT)

Room 1

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/81056156141?pwd=VHVvSjJ0eEF5UnhHWVJ6amNLR1phdz09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Parish Conkling, Houston Community College

9:30 - 10:20 AM

Nick Harding, University of Southampton

“Monogamy is not immoral: Sexual and romantic exclusivity can be justified by appealing to the difficulty of managing jealousy”

Comments: Alex Gillham, St. Bonaventure University

10:30 - 11:20 AM

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“Deprivationism, Abortion, and The Impairment Argument”

Comments: Nick Harding, University of Southampton

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Christopher Stratman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Ectogenesis and Misogyny”

Comments: Seth Goldwasser, University of Pittsburgh

Room 2

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/84567832220?pwd=Uk9SdlJjbW9ZbEJRTW1UWEJCeWFHdz09>

Zoom host: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Moderator: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

9:30 - 10:20 AM

Xuanpu Zhuang, Bowling Green State University

“Public Justification and Changes of Personal Commitments”

Comments: Daniel Grasso, University of Missouri, St Louis

10:30 - 11:20 AM

Reuben Sass, Rice University

“Defending a Connection between Anger and Judgments of Blameworthiness”

Comments: Carissa Phillips-Garrett, Loyola Marymount University

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Claire Kirwin, Clemson University

“Sympathy for the Devil?: The Guise of the Good Remastered”

Comments: Leonard Kahn, Loyola University New Orleans

Room 3

Zoom link:

<https://uhv.zoom.us/j/89413988142?pwd=QytjbGZpbkNuT1dzQjhqbXRkSUIUUT09>

Zoom host: Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

Moderator: Mary Gwin, San Diego Mesa College

9:30 - 10:20 AM

Eric Bayruns García, California State University, San Bernardino

“Belief Content and Rationality: Why Racist Beliefs Are Not Rational”

Comments: Alexandra Lloyd, University of Colorado, Boulder

10:30 - 11:20 AM

Greyson Abid, University of California, Berkeley

“Towards a Two-Factor Approach to the Cross-Race Effect”

Comments: Justin, Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Zachary Simpson, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

"How the "As If" Becomes True: Fictions from Vaihinger to Appiah and Beyond"

Comments: Robert Tierney, University of Houston

Lunch on your own, 12:30 - 1:20 PM (CT)

Session II, 1:30 - 4:20 PM (CT)

Room 1

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/85138427050?pwd=UuILVVdLb3MyeTNmY0JaSjNZOW5wUT09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Eric Bayruns García, California State University, San Bernardino

1:30 - 2:20 PM

Walter Barta, University of Houston

"Against Diminishing Marginal Utility"

Comments: Lamont Rodgers, Houston Community College

2:30 - 3:20 PM

Sean Donahue, University of Southern California

"Autonomy and Information Overload"

Comments: Emil Badici, Texas A&M, Kingsville

3:30 - 4:20 PM

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"Newcomb's Problem and the Prisoner's Dilemma: two problems or one?"

Comments: Xuanpu Zhuang, Bowling Green State University

Room 2

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/88047131567?pwd=emdjZTAzRUN3Z2daTzRMOWFvQWJCUT09>

Zoom host: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Moderator: Claire Kirwin, Clemson University

1:30 - 2:20 PM

Robert Tierney, University of Houston

“Rehabilitating Agent-Regret”

Comments: Paul Carron, Baylor University

2:30 - 3:20 PM

Ian Hosbach, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Becoming-with-Others, Becoming-Careful”

Comments: Sarah Woolwine, University of Central Oklahoma

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Daniel Grasso, University of Missouri, St Louis

“Rational Resolve as Magnification: A Response to Holton”

Comments: Jean-Paul Vessel, New Mexico State University

Room 3

Zoom link:

<https://uhv.zoom.us/j/89051308472?pwd=Q2lOQ1ppVnc5MmFFN2w1V0hVeTdjZz09>

Zoom host: Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

Moderator: Parish Conkling, Houston Community College

1:30 - 2:20 PM

Jennifer Wargin, Texas A&M University

“A Proposal For Disrupting Partisan Seating In Congress”

Comments: Christopher Stratman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2:30 - 3:20 PM

Eric Shoemaker, University of Toronto

“The Equal Opportunity To Be A Legislator: Why Randomly Selecting Legislators Is More Democratic Than Electing Them”

Comments: Jennifer Wargin, Texas A&M University

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Sarah Woolwine, University of Central Oklahoma, and Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

“John Dewey, Moral Theory, and Intellectual Disability”

Comments: David Beisecker, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and Jessica Ain, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

President's Address, 4:30 - 6:00 PM (CT)

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<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/84766175757?pwd=Z0g0QzFlai9qQWdTOFVQcUI0VUZOdz09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Jean-Paul Vessel, New Mexico State University

“Was Socrates the Wisest Man in Athens, and If So, in Which
Respects?”

Day 2, May 22

Session III, 9:00 - 11:50 AM (CT)

Room 1

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/89942569405?pwd=WksrdkhjUUEwSjNRbjE0Y1F1YVp3UT09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Seth Goldwasser, University of Pittsburgh

9:00 - 9:50 AM

A.G. Holdier, University of Arkansas

“On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials”

Comments: Pranav Niranjana Ambardekar, The Ohio State University

10:00 - 10:50 AM

Caner Turan, Tulane University

“Are Ambitious Evolutionary Debunking Arguments Self-Refuting?”

Comments: Katherine Deaven, University of Wisconsin-Madison

11:00 - 11:50 AM

Pranav Niranjana Ambardekar, The Ohio State University

“Why Knowledge Might Not Entail Belief”

Comments: Peter Hutcheson, Texas State University

Room 2

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/83906628427?pwd=YkhVcm1keTJzWGtuYlBtSnIDOXRrdz09>

Zoom host: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Moderator: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

9:00 - 9:50 AM

Jackson Hoerth, Temple University

“The Dual Role of Kant’s Imagination and Nature as Art”

Comments: Daniel Dal Monte, Temple University

10:00 - 10:50 AM

Carissa Phillips-Garrett, Loyola Marymount University

“Judgment and Sanction in Aristotle’s Account of Blame”

Comments: Harrison Lee, Baylor University

11:00 - 11:50 AM

Paolo Verdini, University of Alberta

“The Mirror as the function for the Self and the Other: Merleau-Ponty Between Phenomenology and Child Development”

Comments: Zachary Simpson, University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma

Room 3

Zoom link:

<https://uhv.zoom.us/j/89477728458?pwd=ZTI0Ni9oMWN5dGYvdFVRTWNOdVRqZz09>

Zoom host: Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

Moderator: Christopher Stratman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

9:00 - 9:50 AM

Jared Oliphint, Texas A&M University

“Beyond Types and Tokens: A Case for Expanding the Ontology of Words”

Comments: Savvas Ioannou, University of St Andrews

10:00 - 10:50 AM

Paul Kelly, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“On the Plausibility of a Dispositional Analysis of Intrinsic Value”

Comments: Reuben Sass, Rice University

11:00 - 11:50 AM

Daniel Dal Monte, Temple University

“Methodological TI: An Ambiguous Position Unable to Secure the Scope Restriction on Spatiotemporal Predicates”

Comments: Jackson Hoerth, Temple University

Lunch on your own, 12:00 - 12:50 PM (CT)

Session IV, 1:00 - 2:50 PM (CT)

Room 1

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/89088766239?pwd=ZmEwNExlS0FETUp5TmJlRkZJd0o3Zz09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: A.G. Holdier, The University of Arkansas

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Seth Goldwasser, University of Pittsburgh

“Skills and Conceptions: How We Know-How”

Comments: Sean Donahue, University of Southern California

2:00 - 2:50 PM

Alexandra Lloyd, University of Colorado-Boulder

“#MeToo: An Epistemic Account”

Comments: A.G. Holdier, The University of Arkansas

Room 2

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/88212746019?pwd=WE9GNG0yNzNPVU5UWkYxdmhJbXpvQT09>

Zoom host: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Moderator: Lamont Rodgers, Houston Community College

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Joshua Anderson, Virginia State University

“In Defense of Character Consequentialism”

Comments: Kenneth L. Brewer, University of Texas at Dallas

2:00 - 2:50 PM

Lamont Rodgers, Houston Community College

“Against a Consequentialist Analysis of Utopia”

Comments: Walter Barta, University of Houston

Room 3

Zoom link:

<https://uhv.zoom.us/j/83426602594?pwd=Ykl2cEx2ZXRWOCs1eHVBbnmcxQmVUUT09>

Zoom host: Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria
Moderator: Paul Kelly, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Daniel Flores, Houston Community College

“Does God Love You? Love, Timelessness, and Subjective Experience”

Comments: Ian Hosbach, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

2:00 - 2:50 PM

Harrison Lee, Baylor University

“A Reductio for Divine Ideas Creationism”

Comments: Vanessa Voss, Lone Star College

Break, 3:00 - 3:20 PM (CT)

Session V, 3:30 - 5:20 PM (CT)

Room 1

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/85799741015?pwd=Q1dEQTRWV0dVNDZCb21JdzlCR3hPUT09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Sean Donahue, University of Southern California

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Katherine Deaven, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Relative Significance Controversies in Evolutionary Biology”

Comments: Daniel Flores, Houston Community College

4:30 - 5:20 PM

Kenneth L. Brewer, University of Texas at Dallas

“‘We Know You Better Than You Know Yourself’: Aesthetic Taste and Recommender Systems”

Comments: Claire Kirwin, Clemson University

Room 2

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/83413891420?pwd=UGVhRmo4aUhJMGxrdmlhNGRUSFhGZz09>

Zoom host: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Moderator: Carissa Phillips-Garrett, Loyola Marymount University

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Marie Le Blevnec, Boston University

“Do Victims of Injustice Have a Fairness-Based Duty to Resist Them?”

Comments: Joshua Anderson, Virginia State University

4:30 - 5:20 PM

Leonard Kahn, Loyola University New Orleans

“Buying Luxuries and Saving Lives”

Comments: Caner Turan, Tulane University

Room 3

Zoom link:

<https://uhv.zoom.us/j/85867311093?pwd=Z2hVTDlFR3Y5ZFhFV280aFZydTYxQT09>

Zoom host: Justin Bell, University of Houston-Victoria

Moderator: Emil Badici, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Savvas Ioannou, University of St Andrews

“Intuition of Mind-Brain Distinctness: Why Do We Have It?”

Comments: Paul Kelly, University of Wisconsin-Madison

4:30 - 5:20 PM

Alec Oakley, University of Victoria

“Emotion and Expectation”

Comments: Greyson Abid, University of California-Berkeley

Business Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 PM (CT)

Zoom link:

<https://baylor.zoom.us/j/89038434745?pwd=MCtqUS82RTFubEFwNFdrSzNhMUtoZz09>

Zoom host: Paul Carron, Baylor University

Moderator: Nathan Smith, Houston Community College

Agenda:

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NMTX Business Meeting Minutes, 2019

- 1) Call to Order at 6:34 PM
- 2) Approval of 2018 minutes: Bell moves to approve, Vessel seconds, unanimous approval.
- 3) Approval of agenda: Bell moves to approve, Conkling seconds, unanimous approval.
- 4) Election of officers
 - a) Vice-President: Hutcheson nominates Dave Beisecker, Gwin seconds, Beisecker accepts in absentia. No other nominations. Beisecker was elected by acclamation.
- 5) Journal Update
 - a) Current publication status: we are behind, 2016 meeting is in final review process, 2017 is in preliminary process.
 - b) Review of publications from 2018-2019: no publications.
 - c) Publication roadmap for 2019-2020: looking to finish 2018 meeting journal by summer, and begin 2019 journal to online, open access publication (with a few print subscriptions), Bell has set up a process for online publication. Looking to get to Vol. 41 (2018 proceedings) completed. Last journal according to current agreements that must be printed is Vol. 40 (2017 proceedings).
 - d) Vol. 42 will be dated 2020, (2019 proceedings). Still in process of selecting presented papers. Expect to hear about acceptance in two weeks. Goal to publish 8-12 papers.
 - e) Given the fact that we are behind, continue to treat publications as “forthcoming.” If you need a letter from the editor regarding forthcoming publications, Bell is happy to provide a letter.
- 6) Treasurer’s report
 - a) Current finances and spending: Gwin distributed the treasurer’s report. We continue to be in good financial shape. We seek to maintain a prudent reserve of about \$10,000. We will be spending about \$2,000 out of our reserves for this year’s conference because of a San Antonio city tax of 25%. Question about last year’s conference. The last charge is listed as M108 in the amount of \$2651.22. Registrations this year: 50. We made our room commitment.
 - b) Considerations for future conference locations: Hutcheson notes that once we move the journal to online, we will not have journal printing (which is about \$2000 per issue). We could also adopt the policy that whenever we incur heavy costs one year, we will seek to host the next year’s event at a college. We may need to revisit dues because current dues include the cost of a journal subscription.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Review of Executive Committee decisions/actions from 2018
 - i) Assessment of new rating scale and review process: Conkling liked the expanded confidence rankings; Smith explained the current rating scale (0 – 6, where 6 deserves an award, 0 lacks any merit, and 2 indicates borderline acceptance); Smith asked for feedback about the appropriate cut-off point and also discussed the constraint of the space; Hutcheson asked about natural breaks – Smith didn’t find many; Bell moves the

following: The society should accept as many as we can reasonably accommodate and then require a response within 7 days about attendance. Given those who decline the invitation, send out additional invitations with a lower limit at 2 (i.e., we would not accept a paper with a score lower than 2). Smith seconds the motion. Unanimous approval. Hutcheson cautions that if papers that are recommended for presentation are, in fact, rejected, then we may be in tension with the mission of the society to allow for working papers to be presented. The Executive Team will consider options in this eventuality.

- ii) CFP release date (July 1). Bell moves to continue, Gwin seconds, no discussion, unanimous approval.
- iii) CFP due date (Dec. 1 with update to Jan. 4). Unanimous approval.
- iv) Alexander award revision: for graduate students and early career professionals. No action needed.
- v) Change in bank account signatory. No action needed.
- b) Historical information on hotels, rates, and occupancy: Conkling is collecting this information.
- c) Posting papers/program on the society website – First year we posted on program on website; will look into posting papers online. If it is convenient to post papers, then we should post them.

8) New Business

- a) Next year's meeting – Baylor University, Waco, TX. Paul Carron approved hosting the conference at the University. The only concern is that it usually requires a drive from the nearest large airport. SPS was hosted there and multiple members agreed that it was a good location.
- b) Possible 2021 meeting locations – Las Cruces. Vessel will investigate with colleagues. Discussion around the hotel and possibility of carpooling from El Paso to Las Cruces was positive.
- c) Invited session at APA Central next year – Bell reports that we have been encouraged to be an affiliated organization to have an invited session at the APA. Look at a themed session. Bell volunteers to organize. Cashio reports that this will increase visibility.
- d) Flores reports talking with Vinayak Melarkod about the website (who is our web host/designer). He would like some direction and information to post. He would like to refresh the design. Site is getting considerable traffic. Bell moves to update the site. Unanimous support.