Welcome to the 2024 GPPC Undergraduate Conference!

Friday, April 26

Gore Hall, Room 104

3:00 PM	Transcendental Deduction as a Refinement of Hume's Skepticism Lee Liu (Swarthmore), with comments from Brandon Cangialosi	
3:30 PM	The Paradox of Fiction? Kiet Nguyen (F&M), with comments from Madeline Greenly	
4:00 PM	Truth' to 'Will to Truth': Melancholia to Depression Roger Lin (Haverford), with comments from Lee Liu	
4:30 PM	Coffee Break	
5:00 PM	Schopenhauer's Cessation of Suffering Abigail Jay (Bucknell), with comments from Alexandra Mueses	
5:30 PM	Error Theory's Error Robert Harding (St. Joseph's), with comments from Wren Muirhead	
6:00 PM	Examining the Feasibility of Left Lockean Principles through Government Redistribution Mariam ElNaggar (Penn), with comments from Brandon Cangialosi	
6:30 PM	Reception	

Saturday, April 27

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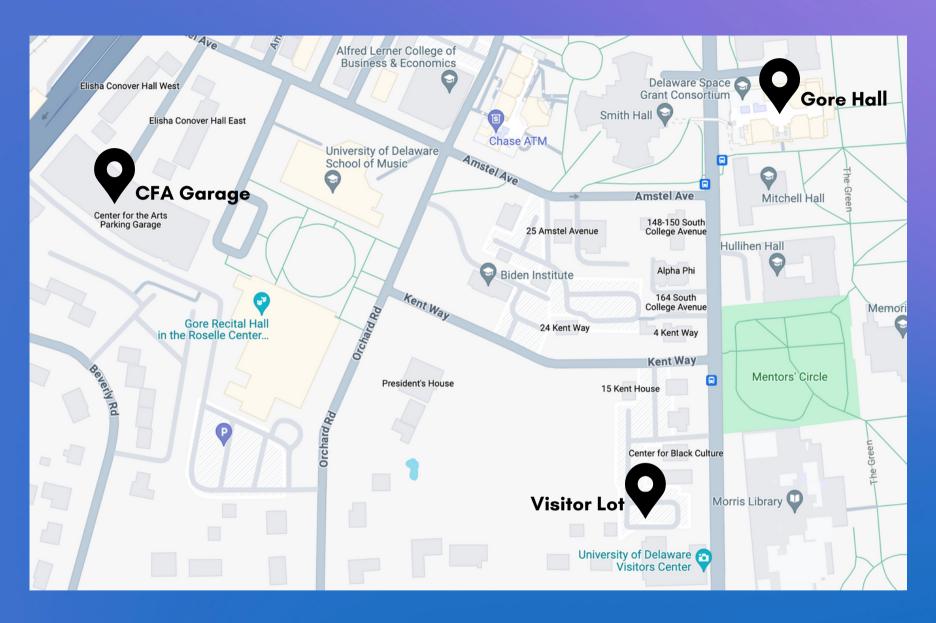
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9:30 AM	Complimentary Breakfast	Complimentary Breakfast
10:00 AM	Apodictic Certainty and Epistemic Claims in Kant's Transcendental Exposition of Space Bela Khanna (Haverford), with comments from Margrette Gress	A Reading of the Correspondence between Elisabeth of Bohemia and Descartes and its Illuminating Role to the Mind-Body Relationship Priscilla Zhao (Bryn Mawr), with comments from Alexandra Mueses
10:30 AM	Hume's Empiricism as a Basis for Absurdism Kevin Gephart (UD), with comments from Santure Chen	"Positive Instigation" and "Harm": Speech Limitations in John Stuart Mill's On Liberty, Harry Hou (Swarthmore), with comments from Sophie Levine
11:00 AM	The Emergence of the Rational in Platonic Thought Casey Ewing (Swarthmore), with comments from Priscilla Zhao	A Discourse on Phallocentrism Lulu Potter (Haverford), with comments from Jada Wilson
11:30 AM	Free Will: Ryle's Categorical Approach versus Determinism Nina Sablan (Swarthmore), with comments from James Fishman	Agent Resemblance: A Solution to Paul's Dilemma on Transformative Experience, Santure Chen (F&M), with comments from Steven Savage
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 PM	Against Spatial Agnostics: Why Kantian Space can be neither Substance nor Property, Aidan Chapin (Haverford), with comments from Harry Hou	The Justification of Equality Hutton Ashley (UD), with comments from Danielle Linekin
2:00 PM	Adam Smith and Karl Marx's Theories of Economics Jada Wilson (Temple), with comments from Alex Moon	Who Else Should Pay Reparations? Davie Zhou (Penn), with comments from Cadence Roy
2:30 PM	Primordial Chaos and its Return to the Void of the Macrocosm Emily Nowak (West Chester), with comments from Steven Savage	Reconciling Competing Objectives of Aspiration and Expertise in Classical Virtue Ethics, Daniel Song (Swarthmore), with comments from Wren Muirhead
3:00 PM	Prison Education for What? Alex Moon (Penn), with comments from Cadence Roy	No Session
3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Coffee Break

Gore Hall. Room 116

Keynote: Tim Maudlin, The Great Rift in Physics: Tension Between Relativity and Quantum Theory (Room 104)

Present-day physics rests on two pillars: quantum theory—which is used to account to all the known physical forces save gravity—and General Relativity—which is our presently best theory of gravitational phenomena. But there have been severe difficulties trying to merge these theories, or to see them as both consequences of some single coherent fundamental theory. These difficulties manifest in different ways. Some of them concern the sorts of mathematical resources used in framing each of the theories individually. But some can be appreciated much more directly in a physical way. In short, Special and General Relativity were designed to provide a space–time framework for understanding local physics while quantum theory predicts phenomena that John Bell proved cannot be accounted for by any sort of local physics. I will give a quick overview of the sort of space–time structure postulated by Newton (and everyday folk), then the changes to that structure introduced by Einstein, and finally Bell's Theorem and how it bears of the issue of the fundamental structure of time.



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