Trans* Experience in Philosophy Conference

May 13-15, 2016
110 Fenton Hall
University of Oregon

This conference aims to explore the intersections between transgender studies and philosophy and the status of trans persons in philosophy by bringing philosophical reflections to bear on trans* experience, representation, identity, and politics.

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Conference Program

Friday, May 13
8:00-9:30 Check-in, Registration, and Coffee/Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30
Panel 1: Trans Embodiment: Norms, Punishment, and Biopolitics

Paper 2: "Carceral Logic and Genealogies of Gender Segregation," by Perry Zurn (Hampshire College)

Paper 3: "(Cis)society Must Be Defended: Passing, Survival, and the Medicalization of Trans* Bodies," by Kat Zubko (Memphis University)

10:45-12:45
Panel 2: Thinking Trans Identity and Embodiment

Paper 2: “Living Without Gender: A Phenomenology of Agender Embodiment,” By Megan Burke (Oklahoma State University)

Paper 3: “Heidegger’s Lost Bo(i)y in Being and Time: Being and Bo(i)y,” by Sage Perdue (University of California, Merced)

Paper 4: “The Limits of Trans Theory: Beyond Critique,” Alyson Escalante (University of Oregon)

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:15-3:15 Critical Conversations Workshop:
Feminist Inclusivity and Transfeminisms
Co-Facilitator: H. Rakes (DePaul University)
Co-Facilitator: Marie Draz (San Diego State University)

3:30-5:00
Panel 3: Thinking with Foucault
Paper 1: “Preciado and Repo: Two Foucauldian Approaches to Trans Experience,” by Sarah Hansen (California State University- Northridge)

Paper 2: “Baa'd Sheep: Foucault, Heterosexuality, and the Discourse of Species,” by Rebekah Sinclair (University of Oregon)
Friday, May 13 (cont.)
5:15-6:45 Keynote Address: Dr. Talia Mae Bettcher (Cal State University- Los Angeles)

7:30-9:30 Reception at Vero Espresso

Saturday, May 14
8:00-10:00 Check-in, Registration, and Coffee/Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30
Panel 4: Exclusion, Separation, and Coalition: Feminist and Trans Politics
Paper 1: “Gender, Identity, and Radfem Propaganda,” by Rachel McKinnon (College of Charleston)

Paper 2: “Separating a Gender Non-Conformist Theory from Feminist and Queer Theories,” by Cameron Evans (Washington University, St. Louis)

Paper 3: “Bisexuality, Child Sexual Abuse, and Philosophy: Thoughts on a Queer Coalition,” by Grace Hunt (Western Kentucky University)

10:45-12:15
Panel 5: Trans Lives and Politics from the Perspective of Race and Coloniality
Paper 1: “Gender Assignment as Racialized Disgust: Intersex and Transgender Experience,” by Marie Draz (San Diego State University)

Paper 2: Transtrender,” by Manuel Arturo Abreu (Independent Scholar)


12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:45-2:45
Panel 6: Civility, Care, and Trans Flourishing

Paper 1: "Assumptive Care and Futurebound Care in Trans Literature," by Amy Billingsley (University of Oregon)

Paper 2: “Aristotelian Civility and Trans* Flourishing,” by Aleta Gruenewald (University of Victoria)
Saturday, May 14 (cont.)

3:00-5:00 Invited Panel: Trans* Lives in Academia  
Organizer: Perry Zurn (Hampshire College)  
Participants Include:  
  Co-Facilitator: Erich Pitcher (Michigan State University)  
  Panelist: Loren Canon (Humboldt State University)  
  Panelist: Bryan Kimoto (Memphis University)  
  Panelist: Rachel McKinnon (College of Charleston)

5:15-6:45 Keynote Address: Dr. C. Riley Snorton (Cornell University)

7:30-9:30 Dinner at Rye  
10:00 Dance Party at The Wayward Lamb

Sunday, May 15

8:00-10:00 Check-in, Registration, and Coffee/Light Breakfast

9:00-11:00 
Panel 7: Trans Experience: Creation, Oppression, Accountability, and Denial  
Paper 1: “Emancipatory Gender Identities: Trans Self-Creation as Virtuous Activity,” by Hyacinth Piel (University of Illinois, Chicago)

Paper 2: “Narrative Theory of Personal Identity and Trans* Oppression,” by Si-Won Song (University of Puget Sound)


11:15-12:45 
Panel 8: Undergraduate Scholars Panel- Trans Subjects: Ontology, Politics, and Resistance  

Paper 2: “The Metaphysics of Non-Binary Gender Identities,” by Nic Jones (University of Michigan- Dearborn)

Paper 3: “We Will Not Be Women but Monsters: A Gender Nihilist Exploration of Ontological Colonialities and the Death of the Female Subject in Transfeminism,” by Phoenix A.M. Furlow-Singer (Portland State University)
Sunday, May 15 (cont.)
1:00-2:30
Panel 9: The Cis Gaze: Recognition, Otherness, and Privilege
Paper 1: “(En)Gendering the Arts,” by Benjamin Mintzer (Columbia University)

Paper 2: “The Other White Guy in the Room: Challenges of Recognition and Relevance,” by Loren Canon (Humboldt State University)

Paper 3: “Being Oppressed Has Its Privileges,” by Maddie Eller (Syracuse University)

3:00-6:00 Picnic & Wine Tasting at Sweet Cheeks