“The Virtue of Justice”

2012 Society of Christian Philosophers – Midwest Region

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Hendrix College
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All Sessions Will be in the Mills Building on the Hendrix Campus

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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, March 22**

Check-In and Registration – 12:00 (Mills Building Lobby)

1:00-1:15 – General Welcome and Greetings (Mills A)
   J. Aaron Simmons (Furman University) and John Sanders (Hendrix College)

1:30-2:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) *John Rawls 1: Autonomy and Public Reason*
   Moderator: Nicholas Meriwether (Shawnee State University)
   a. Dong An (Baylor University) – “An Independent Political Autonomy in Kant’s Liberalism: A Support for Rawls’s Separatist View in *Political Liberalism*”
   b. Pete Younger (Baylor University) – “Let’s Do This Together: Migration’s Effects on Public Reason”

(B) *Non-Voluntarism and Moral Particularism*
   Moderator: Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)
   a. Karl Aho (Baylor University) – “Justice for Persons as Persons: Audi, Particularism, and Everyday Moral Experience”
   b. Thomas Jared Farmer (Emory University) – “Relational Obligations: Defending a Non-Voluntarist Argument for Special Responsibilities”

(C) *Divine Command Theory*
   Moderator: TBA
   a. Blake McAllister (Baylor University) – “Escaping Murphy’s Trilemma”
b. Chris Tweedt (Baylor University) – “Grounding Moral Obligations in Divine Command Theory”

2:45-4:15 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) Models of God 1: Timelessness and Causation
   Moderator: Daniel Cheung (Indiana University)
   a. Chad Meeks (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “Divine Timelessness and Robust Divine Personhood”
   b. Seth Daves (University of Arkansas) – “Going the Distance: Senor, Rowe and God’s Libertarian Freedom”
   c. Benjamin H. Arbour (University of Bristol) – “When Does God Learn What He Learns?: Open Theism and Simultaneous Causation”

(B) Epistemology and Virtue
   Moderator: Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)
   b. Kraig Martin (Baylor University) – “Epistemic Justification and Closure of Inquiry”
   c. Stewart D. Clem (Duke University Divinity School) – “Where is Justice? A Thomistic Addendum to Virtue Epistemology”

(C) Just War Theory
   Moderator: Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University)
   b. David S. Faber (Tabor College) – “Wolterstorff on the Sermon on the Mount and Pacifism”
   c. Hadassa A. Noorda (University of Amsterdam) – “Self-Defense by States against Non-State Actors - Discriminating between Non-State Combatants and Civilians”

(D) Cognitive Science and the Philosophy of Religion
   Moderator: James Dow (Hendrix College)
   b. David Barrett (University of Arkansas) – “The Neurological Substrates of Virtuous Action: Why Aristotle’s Virtues Probably Arise Within Us”
   c. Rob Byer (University of Oklahoma) – “Debunking Debunking Arguments”

4:30-6:00 - Plenary Session 1 – “All Justice is Social, but It’s Not All Social Justice”
   Nicholas Wolterstorff (Yale)
   *** Dr. Wolterstorff will be introduced by John Sanders (Hendrix)

6:15 until . . . – Dinner and Drinks at ZaZa’s
Friday, March 23

8:30-9:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) The Ethics of Sex
Moderator: Lance Richey (University of St. Francis)
a. Jack Mulder, Jr. (Hope College) – “Sex: A Traditional View”
b. Erik A. Anderson (Furman University) – “The 'Sterility Objection' to New Natural Law Theory”

(B) Wolterstorff and Forgiveness
Moderator: Stephen D. Lake (Trinity Christian College)
a. Ben Arbour (University of Bristol) and John B. Howell III (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “Justice, Obligations, Rights, and Forgiveness: A Kierkegaardian Response to Wolterstorff”
b. Court Lewis (University of Tennessee) – “Nicholas Wolterstorff’s Eireneism and the Moral vs. Religious Obligation to Forgive”

(C) Double Effect
Moderator: Gregory S. Poore (Baylor University)
a. Danny Marrero (University of Arkansas) – “Is the Appeal of the Doctrine of Double Effect ‘Illusory’?”
b. T.A. Cavanaugh (University of San Francisco) – “The Trouble is Double: Acts, Agents, and the Intended/Forseen Distinction”

(D) Democracy and Civic Virtue
Moderator: David Scott (Harvard University Law School)
a. Bradford S. Hadaway (Georgetown College) – “Kantian Civic Virtue”
b. Nicholas Meriwether (Shawnee State University) – “Liberal Democracy and Nationhood”

9:45-11:15 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) Wolterstorff, Rights, and Justice
Moderator: TBA
a. Joel A. Schwartz (Baylor University) – “Wojtyla and Personalism’s Rights: An Alternate Proposal”
b. Jonathan Sands Wise (Georgetown College) – “Wolterstorff’s Justice and Eudaimonism”

(B) Morality: Free Will, Constructivism, and Egoism
Moderator: TBA
a. Justin Leonard Clardy (University of Arkansas) – “Morality and Free Will”
b. Dan Padgett (Baylor University) – “Constructivism and Objectivity”
c. H.E. Baber (San Diego) – “Transworld Egoism, Empathy and the Golden Rule”

(C) Religious Pluralism
Moderator: David H. Leonard (North Central University)
a. Chad Bogosian (University of Arkansas) – “Rowe’s ‘Friendly Atheism’ and the Epistemology of Religious Disagreement”
b. C. Donald Smedley (Rivendell Institute) – “Objective Pluralism: A Response to the New Religious Pluralism”
c. James F. Sennett (Brenau University) – “Does God Play Fair? The Logic and Modality of Christian Exclusivism”

(D) Philosophy of Law
Moderator: Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)
a. Philip Antin (University of Arkansas) – “Collective Persons and Religious Guilt”
c. Joyce Konigsburg (Duquesne University) – “Fair (or Foul) Play: Is the Individual Mandate Within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Just?”

11:15-12:45 – Lunch on your own

12:45-2:15 – (Mills A) Plenary Session 2 – “Religion in the Public Square After 16 Years”
Moderator: J. Aaron Simmons (Furman University)
a. Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University) – “Religion, and Not Just Religious Reasons, In the Public Square”
b. Erik A. Anderson (Furman University) – “Under-Explored Paths in the Public/Secular Reason Debate”
c. Responses by Nicholas Wolterstorff (Yale) and Robert Audi (Notre Dame)

2:30-3:30 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) Design Arguments 1: Newton and the Philosophy of Biology
Moderator: Fred Ablondi (Hendrix College)
a. Christopher Lilley (Princeton Theological Seminary) – “Biological Agnosticism: Is Intelligent Design Viable in the Philosophy of Biology?”
b. Michael Granado (Emory University) – “Newton and the Birth of the Scientific Teleological and Cosmological Argument”

(B) John Rawls 2: Unjust Actions and Mimetic Violence
Moderator: David Scott (Harvard Law School)
a. J. Frank Holmes (Baylor University) – “When is a Liberal Democratic Society Acting Unjustly?”
b. Clint Jones (University of Kentucky) – “Justice is Not About Fairness: Rene Girard, John Rawls, and Mimetic Violence”

(C) Ancient Philosophy
Moderator: TBA
a. Mark William Westmoreland (Villanova University) – “Justice at the Limits of Democracy: A Heterodox Plato”
b. Gregory S. Poore (Baylor University) – “Aristotelian Compassion”

(D) Models of God 2: Hate, Love, and the Trinity
Moderator: Chad Meeks ((Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)
a. John B. Howell, III (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) – “God’s Hatred and Natural Human Rights”
b. Tom Senor (University of Arkansas) – “A Critique of the Constitution Model of the Trinity”

3:45-4:45 – Concurrent Sessions

(A) Pieper and Hutcheson on Justice
Moderator: TBA
a. Lance Byron Richey (University of St. Francis) – “The Virtue of Injustice: Religio and the Roots of Justice in Josef Pieper’s Philosophy”
b. Fred Ablondi (Hendrix College) – “Hutcheson, Benevolence, and the Personal Virtue of Justice”

(B) Design Arguments 2: Beauty and Function
Moderator: James F. Sennett (Brenau University)
a. Alina Beary (Baylor University) – “Two Sources of Design? A Critique of an Etiological Account of Function”
b. Brian Ribero (Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga) – “The Theistic Argument from Beauty: A Philonian Critique”

(C) Continental Philosophy of Religion
Moderator: Seth Daves (University of Arkansas)
a. Michael Barnes Norton (University of Dallas) – “The Aporias of Justice and the Virtue of Un-Inheritance”
b. Peter Capretto (Vanderbilt University) – “The Wonder and Spirit of ‘Phenomenology and Theology’: Rubenstein and Derrida on Heidegger’s Formal Distinction of Philosophy from Theology”

(D) Moral and Religious Education
Moderator: TBA
b. Kyla Ebels-Duggan (Northwestern University) – “Moral Education in the Liberal State”
5:00-6:30 - (Mills A) **Plenary Session 3** – “Dispositions of the Will”
   Jean Porter (Notre Dame)
   ***Dr. Porter will be introduced by Kevin Carnahan (Central Methodist University)

6:45-9:00 - Banquet and Awards – Michelangelo’s Restaurant

**Saturday, March 24**

8:30 – 10:00 – Concurrent Sessions

**(A) God and Freedom**
   Moderator: Annette Neblett Evans (Lynchburg College)
   a. Geoffrey A. Meadows (University of St. Thomas) – “The Problem of Evil or is God a Consequentialist?”
   c. Allison Thornton (Baylor University) – “Theistic Modal Realism and the Less-than-Best Problem”

**(B) Mercy, Justice, and The Historical Jesus**
   Moderator: J. Carroll Smith (Gardner-Webb University)
   a. Alex Tuckness (Iowa State University) and John Parrish (Loyola Marymount University) – “The Mercy-Justice Paradox in Historical Perspective”
   b. Ross David Baron (Brigham Young University) and Derek Christian Haderlie (Brigham Young University) – “Can Mercy Rob Justice?: A Critique on Four Conceptions of the State from the Book of Mormon within a Christian Meta-Narrative”
   c. Tim Perrine (Indiana University) – “Testimony, Evidence, and Miracles: A Response to Law”

**(C) The Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas**
   Moderator: Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)
   a. Brandon Isaac Dahm (Baylor University) – “A Metaphysics of Finality is Not the End of the Explanation: A Thomistic Response to Lisska’s Account of Obligation”
   b. Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas) and Benjamin Huff (Randolph Macon College) – “Justice, Benevolence, and Liberality: A Confucian Revision to Thomistic Ethics?”
   c. Stephen Chanderbhan (Canisius College) – “Does Empathy Have Any Place in Aquinas’s Account of Justice?”
(D) The Public Square
Moderator: TBA
a. Nicholas Read Brown (Fuller Theological Seminary) – “The Ground on Which We Stand: Rereading the Virtue of Justice Through the Territorial Lens of Israel’s Covenant”
b. Raymond Hain (Providence College) – “Justice in the Public Square: An Architectural Exploration”

10:15-11:45 (Mills A) – Plenary Session 4 – “Religious Diversity, Democratic Citizenship, and Christian Ethics” - Robert Audi (Notre Dame)
***Dr. Audi will be introduced by Erik A. Anderson (Furman University)

11:45-12:00 (Mills A) – Concluding Remarks