

PHILOSOPHY DESERT WORKSHOP

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2023: St. George, UT

March 15th, 16th and 17th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Best Western Settler's Point; 1294 E Hospitality Way, Washington, Utah 84780.

Organizers: Nico Cornell, David Plunkett, Amy Sepinwall

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PROGRAM:

Session breakdown: 5 min author remarks, 10-15 min comments, 5-10 min author response, remainder discussion.

FRIDAY

4:00 – **Lidal Dror** "Ignorance and Indifference of the Deaths of
5:30 (Princeton) (Select) Others"
Comments: [Amy Sepinwall](#) (Penn)
Chair: [David Plunkett](#) (Dartmouth)

6:00 – **Adrienne** "Proud and Humble"
7:30 **Martin** Comments: [Stephanie Jenkins](#) (Oregon State)
(Claremont- Chair: [Nico Cornell](#) (Michigan)
McKenna)

7:30-9 Dinner

SATURDAY

4:00 – 5:30	Christian Tarsney (Texas)	"Can Utilitarians Be Permissive about Risk?" Comments: Nico Cornell (Michigan) Chair: Amy Sepinwall (Penn)
6:00 – 7:30	Simone Gubler (Nevada)	"A Time for Everything: The Case for the Limited Working Week" Comments: Bryan Parkhurst (Oberlin) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
7:30-	Dinner	
SUNDAY		
9:00 – 10:30	Eric Swanson (Michigan)	"A New Reconstruction of Raz on Committed, Detached, and External Normative Utterances" Comments: David Plunkett (Dartmouth) Chair: Amy Sepinwall (Penn)
11:00 – 12:30	Nico Cornell (Michigan)	"The Complaintless" Comments: Cheryl Abbate (UNLV) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
12:30-	Lunch/Depart	

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2022: Moab, UT

April 29th, 30th and May 1st (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
Old City Park, Moab, UT 84532.

Organizers: Nico Cornell, Eliot Michaelson, David Plunkett, Amy Sepinwall, W. Starr

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FRIDAY

4:00 – 5:30	Amy Sepinwall (Penn)	"Shared Responsibility Among Intimates" Comments: Eliot Michaelson (Kings) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
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6:00 – 7:30	Elizabeth Brake (Rice)	"Emotional Abuse and the Law" Comments: Nico Cornell (Michigan) Chair: Eliot Michaelson (Kings)
7:30-9	Al Fresco Dinner in the Park	Takeout from Sultan
SATURDAY		
9:00 – 10:30	Sam Berstler (MIT)	"The Structure of Open Secrets" Comments: Lisa Miracchi Titus (Penn) Chair: Nico Cornell (Michigan)
11:00 – 12:30	Wendy Salkin (Stanford)	"Why Should Those Who Speak for Us Be Anything Like Us?" Comments: Robin Jeshion (USC) Chair: Amy Sepinwall (Penn)
12:30-	Lunch	Arches Group Hike
SUNDAY		
9:00 – 10:30	David Plunkett (Dartmouth)	"After Metaethics? Error Theory, Realism, and the Conceptual Ethics of Normativity (co-authored with Tristram McPherson)" Comments: Mark van Roojen (Nebraska) Chair: Amy Sepinwall (Penn)
11:00 – 12:30	Katie McShane (Colorado St)	"A Basis for Biocentric Equality" Comments: Nico Cornell (Michigan) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
12:30-	Lunch	

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2019: St. George, UT

April 12th, 13th and 14th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
DiFiore Center, Main Room; **307 N Main St, St. George, UT 84770**.

Organizers: Nico Cornell, Eliot Michaelson, David Plunkett, Amy Sepinwall, W. Starr
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Details coming soon, but schedule W. run roughly 3pm to 7pm each day, with dinner at 7:30pm.

FRIDAY,
APRIL 12

3:30 – 5 **James Shaw** "Kripkean Necessity A Posteriori: Some Doubts"
(Pittsburgh) Comments: **W. Starr** (Cornell)
Chair: **David Plunkett** (Dartmouth)

5:30 – 7 **Lindsay** "Relationships and Reasons for Beliefs"
Crawford Comments: **Nico Cornell** (Michigan)
(Connecticut Chair: **Eliot Michaelson** (Kings)
College)

7:30 – 9 Dinner

SATURDAY,
APRIL 13

3:30 – 5 **Simon** "Why Strict Compliance?"
Cabulea Comments: **Amy Sepinwall** (Penn)
May Chair: **W. Starr** (Cornell)
(Florida State)

5:30 – 7 **Patrick** "The W./Would Connection"
Todd Comments: **Josh Armstrong** (UCLA)
(Edinburgh) Chair: **Nico Cornell** (Michigan)

7:30 – 9 Dinner

SUNDAY,
APRIL 14

3:30 – 5 **Grace** "The Import and Resiliency of Solipsism"
Helton Comments: **Shyam Nair** (Arizona State)
(Princeton) Chair: **Amy Sepinwall** (Penn)

5:30 – 7 **Jeff** "When Sincerity isn't Enough: Word-Giving,
Helmreich Guaranteeing and Promising That"
(Irvine) Comments: **David Plunkett** (Dartmouth)

Chair: **Eliot Michaelson** (Kings)

7:30 – 9 Dinner

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2018: Sedona, AZ

April 14th, 15th and 16th (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)

Sedona Creative Life Center, Art Cabin;
333 Schnebly Hill Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336.

Organizers: Nico Cornell, Sarah Jansen, Eliot Michaelson, David Plunkett, W. Starr (in absentia)

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SATURDAY

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| 3:15 – 5 | Hannah Tierney
(Cornell) | "Reasons and Responsibility"
Comments: Jennifer Matey (SMU), Nico Cornell (Michigan)
Chair: Eliot Michaelson (Kings) |
| 5:30 – 7 | David Plunkett
(Dartmouth) | "Evolution, Conceptual Fixed Points, and Reliability about Authoritative Normativity"
Comments: Kate Nolfi (Vermont)
Chair: W. Starr (Cornell) |

7:30-9 Dinner

SUNDAY

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| 3:15 – 5 | Julie Piering
(Northern Arizona) | "The Relation of Grief to Virtue"
Comments: Krista Rodkey (Valparaiso), Amy Sepinwall (Penn/Princeton)
Chair: Nico Cornell (Michigan) |
| 5:30 – 7 | Timothy Rosenkoetter
(Dartmouth) | "Kant's Response-dependent Account of the Meanings of the Categories"
Comments: Eliot Michaelson (Kings)
Chair: Sarah Jansen (Northern Arizona) |

7:30-9 Dinner

MONDAY

3:15 – 5	C. Thi Nguyen (Utah Valley)	"Games and the Art of Agency" Comments: Rachel Levit-Andes (Northern Arizona), Sarah Jansen (Northern Arizona) Chair: David Plunkett
5:30 – 7	David Glick (Ithaca College)	"Pluralist Structural Realism: the best of both worlds?" Comments: W. Starr (Cornell) Chair: Krista Rodkey (Valparaiso)
7:30-9	Dinner	

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2017: Moab, UT

March 25th, 26th and 27th (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)
Moab Arts and Recreation Center (MARC), Stage Room;
111 E 100 N, Moab, UT 84532.

Organizers: Nico Cornell, Sarah Jansen, Eliot Michaelson, David Plunkett, W. Starr
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SATURDAY

3:15 – 5	Jeanine Weekes-Schroer (Minnesota-Duluth)	"Toxic Masculinity, Stereotype Threat, and Resilience" Comments: Nico Cornell (Penn) Comments: Sarah Jansen (Carleton) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
5:30 – 7	Jonathan Cohen (UCSD)	"On Convention and Coherence" Comments: W. Starr (Cornell) Chair: Sarah Jansen (Carleton)
7:30-9	Dinner	At Organizers' Airbnb

SUNDAY

3:30 – 5	Eliot Michaelson (Kings)	"Best Coast Semantics" Comments: John Kulvicki (Dartmouth) Chair: W. Starr (Cornell)
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5:30 – 7	Jeff Downard (Northern Arizona)	"The Signs of Respect" Comments: Eileen Nutting (Kansas) Chair: Eliot Michaelson (Kings)
7:30-9	Dinner	At Arches Thai
MONDAY		
3:30 – 5	Meghan Sullivan (Notre Dame)	"Arbitrariness and Permissiveness" Comments: Eric Stencil (Utah Valley) Chair: Eileen Nutting (Kansas)
5:30 – 7	Jeff Behrends (Harvard)	"Practical Reasons and Practical Reasoning" Comments: David Plunkett (Dartmouth) Chair: W. Starr (Cornell)
7:30-9	Dinner	At Moab Brewing Co.

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2016: Sedona, AZ

April 8th, 9th and 10th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Sedona Creative Life Center, Art Cabin;
333 Schnebly Hill Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336.

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3:30 – 5	Nico Cornell (Penn)	"Arctic Drilling and Wrongful Benefit" Comments: Sarah Jansen (Carleton) Chair: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
5:30 – 7	Anna Moltchanova (Carleton)	"Disagreement and Collective Self-awareness" Comments: Louis-Philippe Hodgson (York U) Chair: Eliot Michaelson (Kings)
7:30-9	Dinner	

SATURDAY

- 3:30 – 5 **Nina Emery**
(Brown) "Quantum mechanics, Simplicity, and
Skepticism"
Comments: David Plunkett (Dartmouth)
Chair: W. Starr (Cornell)
- 5:30 – 7 **George**
Rudebusch
(Northern
Arizona) "Kinds: Resolving the Intensional/Extensional
Ambiguity"
Comments: Christine Thomas (Dartmouth)
Chair: Sarah Jansen (Carleton)
- 7:30-9 Dinner

SUNDAY

- 3:30 – 5 **Sylvia**
Berryman
(UBC) "Aristotle, Human Nature, and the 20th Century
Ethics Wars"
Comments: Kathryn Lindeman (SLU)
Chair: Nico Cornell (Penn)
- 5:30 – 7 **W. Starr**
(Cornell) "Force and Conversational States"
Comments: Eliot Michaelson (Kings)
Chair: Christine Thomas (Dartmouth)
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