**Philosophy Dialogue Series: Spring 2018**

**Dialogue Room/Comal 116 (unless otherwise noted)**

### Week One: Principled Politics: An Oxyymoron?

- **Monday, February 12, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: Challenges to Academic Freedom
  - **Vincenzo Luzzatti** (Interim Director of Equity and Access and Title IX Coordinator)

- **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Lincoln’s Principled Pragmatism
  - **Jo Ann Carlson** (Philosophy) & **Dialogue Class**

- **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**
  - 4:30 p.m.: When Lincoln Met Euclid
  - **Gary Taylor** (Musician and Mathematician)

- **Thursday, February 15, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: The Two Faces of Machiavelli
  - **Sean Barrick** (Dialogue Student)

- **Friday, February 16, 2018**
  - 11:00 a.m.: The Political Pulse
  - **Carrie Crisp** & **Jenn Garcia** (Philosophy)

  - 12:30 p.m.: Talk of the Times
  - **Phi Sigma Tau**

### Week Two: Social Justice and Education

- **Monday, February 19, 2018**
  - 5:15-7:15 p.m.: Women in Prison: Film screening and discussion of *The Grey Area*
  - **Rebecca Farinas** (Philosophy); **Shannon FitzPatrick** (Attorney for Students); **Christine Sellars** (Criminal Justice)

- **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Women and Incarceration
  - Dialogue Class with special guest: Christine Sellars (Criminal Justice)

- **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**
  - 4:30 p.m.: Music Inside the Walls: Texas Prison Bands
  - **Caroline Gaagy** (Austin musician and author of *Texas Jailhouse Music: A Prison Band History*)

- **Thursday, February 22, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Why Social Justice Requires Public Education
  - **Audrey Alberthani** & **Rachel Phillips** (Dialogue Students)

- **Friday, February 23, 2018**
  - 11:00 a.m.: The Political Pulse
  - **Carrie Crisp** & **Jenn Garcia** (Philosophy)

  - 12:30 p.m.: Talk of the Times: You Can Be Gay When You Get to College: How Secondary Education is Failing the LGBTQ+ Student Community
  - **Phi Sigma Tau**

### Week Three: Beyond Vengeance and Retribution

- **Monday, February 26, 2018**
  - 3:30 p.m.: Robot-monks, Animations, and Digital Temples: Chinese Buddhism’s Technological Revolution
  - **Courtney Brunz**

- **Monday, February 26, 2018**
  - 3:30 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Flowers Hall 112
  - **Africana Philosophy Class**

- **Thursday, February 27, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Pillars and Principles of Restorative Justice
  - **Abigail Smith** & **Ed Felice** (Dialogue Students)

- **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: The Evolution of Retribution
  - **Isaac Wiegman** (Philosophy)

- **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Alkek 250 Teaching Theater
  - **Ethics and Society Class**

- **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**
  - 3:30 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Dialogue with Hart Viges, Veteran for Peace
  - Hart Viges, Nonviolent Options for Youth (NOY)

- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Gandhi
  - **History of Religion in India Class**

- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
  - 3:30 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues How Black Lives Mattered to Gandhi
  - **Leah Reold** (History)

- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
  - 4:30 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues “Illinois Speaks” – My Work with a Statewide Dialogue Program
  - **Nicoleta Ruane** (Philosophy, Loyola Univ. Chicago)

- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
  - 5:00 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Celebrating Haitian Philosophy and Culture
  - **Africana Philosophy Class**

- **Thursday, March 1, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Philosophical Reflections on the Meaning and Value of “Illinois Speaks”
  - **Carrie Crisp** & **Jenn Garcia** (Philosophy)

- **Thursday, March 1, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: The Acord 2nd Annual Symposium Dialogues Alkek 250 Teaching Theater Women’s Nonviolent Activism in South Africa
  - **Ethics and Society Class**

- **Friday, March 2, 2018**
  - 11:00 a.m.: The Political Pulse
  - **Carrie Crisp** & **Jenn Garcia** (Philosophy)

  - 12:30 p.m.: Talk of the Times
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### Week Four: A Nation of Immigrants

- **Monday, March 5, 2018**
  - 2:00 p.m.: A Moral and Pragmatic Argument for the Fate of the Dreamers
  - **Robert O’Connor** (Philosophy)

- **Monday, March 5, 2018**
  - 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Refugees and the Ethics of Human Rights
  - **Phi Sigma Tau Open Discussion**

- **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Searching for a Just Immigration Policy
  - **Hunter Mabee** & **Katlin Wood**

- **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**
  - 4:30 p.m.: Deliberative Dialogue: Coming to America: Who Should We Welcome, What Should We Do?
  - **Group Leaders: Texas State Philosophy Faculty and Applied Ethics Students**

- **Thursday, March 8, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Deliberative Dialogue on Immigration
  - Dialogue Class

- **Friday, March 9, 2018**
  - 11:00 a.m.: The Political Pulse
  - **Carrie Crisp** & **Jenn Garcia** (Philosophy)

  - 12:30 p.m.: Talk of the Times
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### Week Five: The Construction of Social Reality

- **Monday, March 19, 2018**
  - 4:30 p.m.: Spirit House Sculptures: Remembering the Dead with “Spirit Antennae”
  - **Ben Livingston** (Austin based neon light sculptor)

- **Monday, March 19, 2018**
  - 3:30 p.m.: Science Fiction and Dystopia: Reflections on *A Canticle for Leibowitz*
  - **Paul Wilson** (Philosophy) & the Philosophy and Science Fiction Class with special guest: **Al Armstrong** (U.S. Army Sergeant, 1969-1971)

- **Monday, March 19, 2018**
  - 6:30-7:30 p.m.: What Kind of Reality Should We Be Constructing?
  - **Phi Sigma Tau Open Discussion**

- **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**
  - 12:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion: Are Race and Gender Real?
  - Panelists: **Holly Lewis** & **Isaac Wiegman** (Philosophy), **Sara Dumiano** (History)
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The **Acorn Symposium Dialogues** are co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, the Philosophy Dialogue Series, and The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence.

To continue conversations about these dialogue topics please download Philosophy Mixed Podcasts from KTSW.

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If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact the Department of Philosophy at 512-245-2285. Accommodation requests should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the program start time to ensure availability. Texas State University is a tobacco-free campus.

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