

Philosophy Dialogue Series – Spring 2011

Dialogue Room Psy 132

“...our material progress is only the foundation on which we will build a richer life of mind and spirit.” –LBJ (Texas State Alumnus, '30)

WEEK 1

JUSTICE: DOING THE RIGHT THING

DATE	TIME	TITLE	SPEAKERS
Tuesday, February 15	12:30 p.m.	Justice and the General Welfare	Sophists and Sages: Stephen Peanick & Baldemar Villarreal
Tuesday, February 15	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Hosted by Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday, February 16	3:30 p.m.	Winston Churchill: Defiance Gives Strength And Hope To All of Europe	Senator Robert Krueger
Thursday, February 17	12:30 p.m.	The Case For Individual Liberty	Sophists and Sages: Trista Bishop & Brittany Hardin
Friday, February 18	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminars: Paradigm Shift and 'True' Sustainability	Chad Smith (Sociology)
		Sustainability, Human Rights, & Environmental Justice in the Global Era	Catherine Hawkins (Social Work)
Friday, February 18	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>
Friday, February 18	2:30 p.m.	Ethics Bowl Challenge	Texas State Ethics Bowl Team

WEEK 2

JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND EQUALITY

Monday, February 21	12 noon and 5:30 p.m.	Big Thicket Paradigm Case Study (evening lecture in Alkek 250)	Pete Gunter (Regents Professor, University of North Texas, retired)
Tuesday, February 22	12:30 p.m.	Kant: Freedom as Autonomy	Sophists and Sages: Jamey Higgins & Sean Soward
Tuesday, February 22	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Hosted by Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Thursday, February 24	12:30 p.m.	Distributive Justice: Equality, Entitlement, and Merit	Sophists and Sages: Spencer Crowl & Drew Grant
Friday, February 25	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminar: Topic TBA	Gwendolyn Hustvedt (Family & Consumer Science)
Friday, February 25	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>
Friday, February 25	2:30 p.m.	Ethics Bowl Challenge	Texas State Ethics Bowl Team

WEEK 3

VIRTUE AND POLITICS

Tuesday, March 1	12:30 p.m.	Just Deserts	Sophists and Sages: Jesse Cortez & Jeffrey Hill
Tuesday, March 1	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Hosted by Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday, March 2	3:30 p.m.	Mahatma Gandhi: The Strength & Example Of Non-violent Satyagraha	Senator Robert Krueger
Thursday, March 3	12:30p.m.	Should Our Country Promote a Specific Moral Code? A Debate	Sophists and Sages: Dialogue Class Graduate Students
Friday, March 4	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminar: Sustainability and Leadership Ethics	Vince Luizzi (Philosophy)
Friday, March 4	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>

WEEK 4

CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Monday, March 7	11:00 a.m.	Children and the Learning Process	Jo Ann Carson (Philosophy)
Tuesday, March 8	11:00 a.m.	A Philosophy of Exercise: Born to Move	Jonathan Landero (Philosophy Graduate Student)
Tuesday, March 8	12:30p.m.	Are Children Natural Philosophers?	Sophists and Sages: Jac Campos, Brandon Gillespie, & Gerylyn Hayes
Tuesday, March 8	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Hosted by Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday, March 9	11:00 a.m.	Children, Philosophy, and the World of Imagination	Jo Ann Carson (Philosophy), Kandace Lytle (Philosophy), Diann McCabe (Honors), Dianne Pape (Early Childhood Education), Hiroko Warshauer (Mathematics)
Thursday, March 10	11:00 a.m.	Invisible Children: Video and Discussion	Claudia Guerrero, Kacie Hanslik, Stephanie Guzman (Students)
Thursday, March 10	12:30 p.m.	Philosophical Themes in Kiddie Lit and Life	Sophists and Sages: Chris Bernal, Cody Chumbley & Joe Morales
Thursday, March 10	2:00 p.m.	Rights of the Child: A Global Perspective	Catherine Hawkins (Social Work)

WEEK 5

ANTHROPOLOGY

Monday, March 21	12:30 p.m.	Primates and Play	Kerrie Lewis Graham (Anthropology)
Tuesday, March 22	12:30 p.m.	A Student Panel: What Can Philosophy Learn from Anthropology?	Anthropology & Philosophy Graduate Students: Chris Bolfin. Nathan Heep.

Tuesday, March 22	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Hosted by Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday, March 23	3:30 p.m.	Abraham Lincoln: The Most Revered American	Senator Robert Krueger
Thursday, March 24	12:30 p.m.	Cultural Differences, Common Values?	Sophists & Sages: Travis Caffey & Ash Knutson
Thursday, March 24	2:00 p.m.	The North Korean Political State: Origins, Culture and Perspectives	Robert Beckhusen (Journalism)
Friday, March 25	10:00 am	Sustainability Seminar: Listening to the Bees	Matthew Eichler
Friday, March 25	1:30 pm	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>

WEEK 6

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COMMON GOOD

Monday, March 28	12:00 noon	Sustainability, Liberation, and Society	JD Hill (Philosophy Graduate Student) and Vince Lopes (Biology)
Tuesday, March 29	12:30 p.m.	Ecology, Society and Morality	Sophists and Sages: Becca Covington & Ethan Watt
Tuesday, March 29	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Host: Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday, March 30	11:00 a.m.	Building Cities as if People Mattered	Craig Hanks (Philosophy)
Thursday, March 31	12:30 p.m.	Public Good and Private Freedoms	Sophists and Sages: Frankie Bayne, Marc Coquis, & Brandon Christensen
Friday, April 1	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminar: Topic TBA	Steven Moore (Architecture, University of Texas)
Friday, April 1	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>

WEEK 7

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Tuesday, April 5	12:30 p.m.	Life and the City: Transforming Urban Spaces	Sophists and Sages: Guest Speaker: Matthew Lewis (City of San Marcos Development Services)
Tuesday, April 5	2-5 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Film	Host: Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Wednesday April 6	3:30 p.m.	Nelson Mandela: The World's Most Esteemed Contemporary Statesman	Senator Robert Krueger
Thursday, April 7	12:30 p.m.	Humanity, Geography and Hope	Sophists and Sages: Cade Mitchell & Zach Wedig
Friday, April 8	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminar: McDonough and Cradle to Cradle Design	Audrey McKinney (Philosophy)
Friday, April 8	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>

WEEK 8

WISDOM

Monday, April 11	11:00 a.m.	Love of Wisdom and Queen of the Sciences: How?	Paul Wilson (Philosophy)
Tuesday, April 12	12:30 p.m.	Wisdom: A Forgotten Virtue?	Sophists and Sages: Claudia Guerrero & Kacie Hanslik
Tuesday, April 12	2:00 p.m.	Aged Wisdom, Youthful Wisdom	Amelie Benedikt (Philosophy)
Wednesday, April 13	12:30 p.m.	Wisdom: East and West	Theresa Frederick
Wednesday, April 13	3:30 p.m.	Socrates as Difficult Hero: On the Tensions Between Intellectual Life and Democracy	Rebecca Raphael & Jeffrey Gordon (Philosophy)
Thursday, April 14	12:30 p.m.	The Quest for Wisdom	Sophists and Sages: Liz Elizondo & Heath Muhammad
Thursday, April 14	2:00 p.m.	Musicians Seeking Wisdom: A Panel Discussion	Jules Alexander & John Inmon
Friday, April 15	10:00 a.m.	Sustainability Seminar: Developing a Sustainable Economy in a Fractured Society: A Close Look at Afghanistan	Steve Dietz
Friday, April 15	1:30 p.m.	Talk of the Times	Led by <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i>
Wednesday, April 20	3:30 p.m.	Nelson Mandela: The World's Most Esteemed Contemporary Statesman	Senator Robert Krueger

*Sophists and Sages are members of the Philosophy Dialogue Class. Class discussions are open to all interested persons.

**Talk of the Times, an activity of the American Democracy Project at Texas State, is a weekly open forum on current events and issues led by members of *Phi Sigma Tau*, the philosophy honor society. Daily copies of the *New York Times* are provided near the Dialogue Room (PSY 132) to promote informed dialogues.

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