**Week One: Nations and United Nations**

- **Monday, September 17, 2018**: 2:00 p.m. - Global Warming: US and International Approaches
  - Sustainability and Applied Ethics Graduate Students
- **Monday, September 17, 2018**: 6:30 p.m. - Phi Sigma Tau Organizational Meeting
  - Phi Sigma Tau Officers
- **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**: 12:00 p.m. - The Moral Foundations of the Constitution
  - Carrie Crop (Philosophy)
- **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**: 11:00 a.m. - The Acorn Journal Fall Symposium I
  - UN International Week of Peace: “Pursuing the Right to Peace”
  - Rebecca Montgomery (History)
  - Pat Shields (Political Science)
  - Greg Moses (Philosophy)
  - Honors Nonviolence Class
  - Austin Wylie
- **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**
  - San Marcos Public Library
  - 4:30 p.m. - Texas State Authors Series: Appeal to the People’s Court
    - Rethinking Law, Judging, and Punishment
    - Vincent Luiuzzi (Philosophy)
- **Thursday, September 20, 2018**: 7:30 p.m. - Why We Should Value Campus Free Speech
  - Keith E. Whitminton (Political Science, Princeton University)
- **Friday, September 21, 2018**: 11:00 a.m. - Political Pulse
  - Jenn Garcia & Carrie Crop (Philosophy)
- **Friday, September 21, 2018**: 1:30 p.m. - Talk of the Times
  - Phi Sigma Tau

**Week Two: Innovation and Values**

- **Monday, September 24, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Innovation: Introducing the Common Experience Theme for 2018-2019
  - Twister Marquiss, Director of the Common Experience;
  - Erika Nelson, Common Reading Coordinator, Kaylee Smith, Social Media Coordinator
- **Monday, September 24, 2018**
  - Evans Auditorium tickets (free) required
  - 7:00 p.m. - The Runaway Species: How Human Creativity Remakes the World
    - Anthony Brandt (Race University) & David Eagleman (Stanford University); Authors of the Common Reading Book The Runaway Species
- **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Is Innovation Value Neutral?
  - Dialogue Class
- **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**
  - Evans Auditorium tickets (free) required
  - 7:00 p.m. - LBJ Lecture: Reaching for the Stars: A Journey of Innovation
    - Jose Hernandez (former Astronaut, NASA)
- **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**
  - San Marcos Public Library
  - 4:30 p.m. - The Runaway Species: How Human Creativity Remakes the World (Common Experience Book on Innovation)
    - Erika Nelson, Reading Coordinator for Texas State Common Experience
- **Thursday, September 27, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Heidegger’s Perspective on Technology
  - Dialogue Class
- **Thursday, September 27, 2018**
  - Centennial 157
  - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
    - 3rd Annual Space Settlement Symposium
    - Innovation requires some constraint: upholding the United Nation’s sentiment that “no one can own outer space”
    - Participants: TBA
- **Friday, September 28, 2018**: 11:00 a.m. - Political Pulse
  - Jenn Garcia & Carrie Crop (Philosophy)
- **Friday, September 28, 2018**: 1:30 p.m. - Talk of the Times
  - Phi Sigma Tau

**Week Three: Dialectical Thinking and the Creative Process**

- **Monday, October 1, 2018**: 2:00 & 3:30 p.m.
  - The Creation of Spirit Houses
  - Ben Livingston, Austin neon artist
- **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Dialectic: The Pulse of Freedom
  - Hafs Ains & Riley Bertel (Dialogue Students)
- **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Changing the Language of Sex: Disrupting Silos of Sexuality and Re-Envisioning Dialectics of Pleasure
  - Panelists: Whitney May, Shannon Shave, Meg Castilions, Amanda Scott, Ali Salzmann (English)
- **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**
  - San Marcos Public Library
  - 4:30 p.m. - Ethical and Artistic Interpretations of Artificial Intelligence
    - Rebecca Farias (Philosophy)
- **Thursday, October 4, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Everything Old in New Again
  - Marcy Garcia & Trent Oatman (Dialogue Students)
- **Friday, October 5, 2018**: 11:00 a.m. - Political Pulse
  - Jenn Garcia & Carrie Crop (Philosophy)
- **Friday, October 5, 2018**: 1:30 p.m. - Talk of the Times
  - Phi Sigma Tau

**Week Four: Science, Ethics, and Religion**

- **Monday, October 8, 2018**: 3:30 p.m.
  - Ecotourism with a Hand Lens: The Invisible Journey
    - Ricardo Rozzi (Philosophy & Religion, University of North Texas)
- **Monday, October 8, 2018**: 3:30 p.m.
  - The Meadow’s Center for Water and the Environment
    - Integrating Ecology and Ethics: Field Environmental Philosophy Demonstrator: The San Marcos River
    - Ricardo Rozzi (Philosophy & Religion, University of North Texas); Andrew Sansom (Geography; Executive Director of the Meadows Center for Water & the Environment); Justin Williams (Philosophy, Texas State)
- **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**: 12:30-3:30 p.m.
  - AAAS Workshop: Engaging Scientists in the Science, Ethics, and Religion Dialogue, Part I
    - 12:30-1:50 Nature Spirituality and Environmental Justice
    - 2:00-2:30 Effectively Communicating with the Public on Issues Related to Science, Ethics, and Religion
    - Ricardo Rozzi (Philosophy & Religion, University of North Texas); Vince Lopes (Biological, Texas State); Binta Mehta (Philosophy & Religious Studies, Texas State); Will Targel (Psychotherapist and Author)
- **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**
  - San Marcos Public Library
  - 4:30 p.m. - Dialectical Archetypes and the Perennial Questions of Philosophy
    - Dylan Daniel (Texas State Philosophy Alumnus and author of Formal Dialectics)
- **Thursday, October 11, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Science or Science?
  - Max Blaschke, Alfred Macdonald & Isabella Jaime (Dialogue Students)
- **Thursday, October 11, 2018**: 2:00 p.m. - Healing Our Estrangement from the Natural World: Toward an Ecology of Reverence
  - Vinc Lopes (Biology)
- **Friday, October 12, 2018**: 11:00 a.m. - Political Pulse
  - Jenn Garcia & Carrie Crop (Philosophy)
- **Friday, October 12, 2018**: 1:30 p.m. - Talk of the Times
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**Week Five: Artificial Intelligence and Big Data**

- **Monday, October 15, 2018**: 12:30 p.m. - Big Data, Algorithms, and Self Knowledge
  - Anthony Cross (Philosophy)
- **Monday, October 15, 2018**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. - The AI Alignment Problem
  - Phis Sigma Tau Open Discussion
- **Monday, October 15, 2018**: 3:30 p.m. - Artificial Intelligence, Human Flourishing & Communal Ethics
  - Philosophy and Culture Class
  - Special Guest: Mark Graves (University of Notre Dame, Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing)
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<td>Open Questions, Incomplete Systems, and the Limits of Knowledge</td>
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<td>Forgotten Roots of Common Sense</td>
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<td>Online Culture and Communities: Representation, Interaction, and Engagement</td>
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<td>Educating for Democracy: Creative Public Schools</td>
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<td>Texan State Author Series: Tech Generation: Balancing Kids on a Hyper-Connected World</td>
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<td>Valuing the Arts in Education</td>
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<td>Releasing the Imagination: Can the Arts Save Our Schools?</td>
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