**Philosophy Dialogue Series: Fall 2020**

**Week I: Plagues: Literal and Metaphorical**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, September 21, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Reading Camus’s *The Plague* During a Plague | The Socio-Politicos  (A Philosophy discussion group open to all) |
| Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Tales from Times of Plague | Philosophy Dialogue Class  (A Philosophy discussion group open to all) |
| Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Animal and Pandemic Ethics | Mariah Martinez (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday, September 23, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Commemorating Constitution Week:  Suffrage and the Plague of Voter Suppression | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |
| Thursday, September 24, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | A Conversation about Race and Racism | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Thursday, September 24, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Including Anti-racism in the Curriculum | Discussion Leaders:  Vince Luizzi and Greg Moses (Philosophy)  With Amelie Benedikt, Lori Gallegos, Olga Gerhart, and other Philosophy Faculty |
| Thursday, September 24, 2020 | 3:30 p.m. | Systemic Nature of Institutionalized Racism | Elizabeth Bishop (History) |
| Friday, September 25, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, September 25, 2020 | 2:00-5:00 p.m. | 5th Annual Space Settlement Symposium | Moderator: Elizabeth Kanon (Philosophy)  Presenters: Emma Hinds Lehnhardt; Diane Howard;  Andrea Banzatti; Chris Elley |
| Friday, September 25, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  COVID-19 and the 2020 Election | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week II: Racial Healing and Restorative Justice**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, September 28, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | **Panel Discussion:** Police Reform, Part 1: Policy and Practice | Moderator: Catherine Hawkins (Social Work)  Panelists: Scott Bowman (Criminal Justice), Howie Williams (Criminal Justice), Rick Morley (Social Work) , Joe Meyer (Community Advocate) |
| Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Justice, Meet Mercy:  Pillars and Principles of Restorative Justice | Amber Olivas & Isaac White (Dialogue Students) |
| Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | **Panel Discussion:** Police Reform, Part 2: Activism and Research | Moderator: Catherine Hawkins (Social Work)  Panelists: Lucia Summers (Criminal Justice), Adam Vaughn (Criminal Justice), Raphael Travis (Social Work), Joe Meyer (Community Advocate) |
| Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 p.m | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  An Essay on Black Lives Matter | James Attwood (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday September 30, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | The Ideal of Fraternity | The Socio-Politicos |
| Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | America’s Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics | Special Guest: Joel Goza (Author and Community Advocate) Co-sponsored by Depts of Philosophy & History, Institutional Inclusive Excellence—Student Initiatives, & Center for Diversity and Gender Studies |
| Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Panel on Racial Healing with Joel Goza | Moderator: Vince Luizzi (Philosophy)  Panelists: Elizabeth Bishop (History); Rebecca Raphael (Philosophy & Religious Studies); Nathaniel Rodriguez Sosa (Texas State Philosophy Alumnus); Dwight David Watson (History); Jesse Silva (Institutional Inclusive Excellence-Student Initiatives |
| Friday, October 2, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, October 2, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition  The Black Lives Matter Movement and the 2020 Election | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week III: Dynamics, Movements, and Paradigm Shifts**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, October 5, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Anti-Foundationalism in Political Theory | The Socio-Politicos |
| Tuesday, October 6, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Dialectical Patterns and Revolutions in Thought | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Tuesday, October 6, 2020 | 5:30 -7:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Pressure Cooker | Jake Rhodes (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday, October 7, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Dewey on the Dynamics of Democracy | The Socio-Politicos |
| Thursday, October 8, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Is Reform without (Violent) Revolution Possible? | Dante Boggiano & Will Myers (Dialogue Students) |
| Friday, October 8, 2020 | 1:30 | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, October 9, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  Civil Disobedience, Protests, Political Movements, and Party Shifts | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week IV: Repairing Political Discourse**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, October 12, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Dialogue Among the Social Contract Theorists | The Socio-Politicos |
| Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Deliberative Dialogue for Difficult Subjects:  What, Why, and How | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Washington Talkin Blues:  How Our Discourse Got Here, Where We Are, and Where We Ought to Go | Trent Oatman (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | The Communitarian Voice in the Discourse on Democracy | The Socio-Politicos |
| Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Democracy, Disagreement, and Compromise | Cooper Beal & Thomas Sullivan (Dialogue Students) |
| Friday, October 16, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, October 16, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  Roles of the Media, Social Media, and  Political Advertising | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week V: Coming to America**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, October 19, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Social Responsibilities of Universities: Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Freedom | Special Guest: Julie Reuben  (Harvard Graduate School of Education) Co-sponsored by Equity and Inclusion, Faculty Senate, and Philosophy |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Immigrant Nation | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Speak English!  An Analysis of Language andWhiteness | Sean Daniel Johnson (Texas State Philosophy Alumnus) |
| Wednesday, October 21, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Discovering American Pluralism | The Socio-Politicos |
| Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Searching for an Ethical Immigration Policy | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Friday, October 22, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, October 23, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  Immigration and the 2020 Election | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week VI: Higher Education: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, October 26, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Discovering American Liberalism | The Socio-Politicos |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Good Education in an Age of Measurement | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 5:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Wittgenstein Applied: The Language of Modern Politics | Tori Cotton (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Texas State Authors Series:  New Research on Exorcism | Joseph Laycock (Philosophy & Religious Studies)  Author of *Speak of the Devil* and  *The Penguin Book of Exorcisms* |
| Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Zoom Rhymes with Doom (and Gloom) | Sierra Greene & Sarah Wood (Dialogue Students) |
| Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Academic Freedom & the Political Climate on Campuses in the Age of Trump | Special Guest: Jonathan Zimmerman (History of Education, University of Pennsylvania) |
| Friday, October 30, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  Student Loans and Higher Education Issues | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week VII: The Golden Rule**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sunday, November 1, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Do We Have a Duty to Vote? | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |
| Monday, November 2, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Elect to Elect | The Socio-Politicos |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Golden Rule Reasoning, Golden Rule Action | Philosophy Dialogue Class |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau* | TBA |
| Wednesday, November 4, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Social Reform and *The Memphis Diary of*  *Ida B. Wells* | Elizabeth Bishop (History) |
| Thursday, November 5, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Walking in Their Shoes | Tyler Arnold & Jasmine Bedford (Dialogue Students) |
| Friday, November 6, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, November 6, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition Livestream: | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

**Week VIII: Existential Angst**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, November 9, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | Communism: Why All the Angst? | The Socio-Politicos |
| Tuesday, November 10, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Seneca and Sartre on Slip Sliding Away | Nathan Vila & May Phillips (Dialogue Students) |
| Tuesday, November 10, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Tau Talks, *Phi Sigma Tau*  Social Media: The Existential Maker | Devin Granado (Philosophy Graduate Student) |
| Wednesday, November 11, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | *Fully Automated Luxury Communism*: Communism without the Angst? | The Socio-Politicos |
| Thursday, November 12, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. | Democracy’s Existential Crisis | Gisselle Benitez & Corey Davis (Dialogue Students) |
| Friday, November 13, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Talk of the Times | *Phi Sigma Tau* |
| Friday, November 13, 2020 | 11:00 p.m. | Political Pulse Elections Edition:  Election Results | Carrie Crisp (Philosophy) |

\*\* co-sponsored by @justicetalktxst

*Talk of the Times* and *Tau Talks* are open forums on current events and philosophical issues led by members of

*Phi Sigma Tau*, the philosophy honor society.

**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.*

The Philosophy Dialogue Series Program Endowment supports the Philosophy Dialogue Series and its outreach activities at the San Marcos Public Library. Co-sponsors of the Philosophy Dialogue Series are the American Democracy Project, College of Liberal Arts, Common Experience, Gina Weatherhead Dialogue Fund, Alliance, Step Up For State, Sustainability Studies, The Alkek Library, Humanities Texas, National Endowment for the Humanities, ΦΣΤ ( *Phi Sigma Tau*, the philosophy honor society), University Seminar, *The New York Times*, Honors College, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

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.   
San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins St. San Marcos, Texas 78666

