Fall 2016
Philosophy Dialogue Schedule
Dialogue Room/Comal 116 (unless otherwise noted)

Week One: Conflict

Monday, September 26, 2016 12:30-1:30 p.m.
A Century of Conflict: Challenges of the U.S. Experience of War since 1917
T. M. Filmore, History; Margaret Vayvay, Outreach Librarian

Monday, September 26, 2016 3:00 p.m.
Interpreting Global Events: Conflicts of Interpretation
Terry Buntin, Philosophy

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 12:30 p.m.
The Temple of Mars: If War Is Hell, Why Is It Worshiped?
Dialogue Class

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 2:00-3:15 p.m.
Panel Dialogue: Entering the University Experience
Host: Yestar Mungus Panelists: Blake Holbrook, James Lambert, Jeremy Kemmar, Nyle Campos, Nicholas Steele, Carl Vane-Aaken

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Can Nonviolence Work Like That Today? Reviewing Highlights from Classic Movements
Human Neuroscience Class

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 3:30 p.m.
San Marcos Public Library Dialogue: War Forum: What It Is Like To Go To War
(Philosophy Students and Faculty)

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Sustainability Dialogue - The Treadmill of Deconstruction
Gail Smith, Sociology

Thursday, September 29, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Reflections on War and Death
Dialogue Class

Thursday, September 29, 2016 3:30 p.m.
From Hate to Ambition: The Politics of Everybody
Teddy Lewin, Philosophy

Friday, September 30, 2016 12:30 p.m.
The Politics of Everybody
Panels: Dianne Rahm and Billy Fields, Political Science

Week Two: Healing

Monday, October 3, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Can Traditional Theories of the State Survive from the Anti-Foundationalist Challenge?
Panel Discussion: Pan African Action Committee

Monday, October 3, 2016 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Self-Love: Learning to Love Yourself Through Culture and Identity
Gregory Hooks, Skidmore University

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 11:00 a.m. - Noon
The Environmental Costs of the Freiwillig of Destruction: Drugs, Militarization, and Dehumanization in the Anza
Patrick Gonzales & Edward Zeller, Dialogue Students

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Medical Heroin on the Western Frontier
Katherine Rompel, Sociology

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Panel Dialogue: Veterans’ Issues
Panels: David Ford, Shonkina Donaldson, Jeremy Knead

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 3:30 p.m.
San Marcos Public Library Dialogue: Healing and Health for Marginalized People
Katherine Rompel, Sociology

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sustainability Dialogue: Love for Friendship
Karin Bahn and Robin Fields, Political Science

Thursday, October 6, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Caring Light on Shadows: Care, Justice, and the Shadow Self
Panels: Dianne Rahm and Billy Fields, Political Science

Thursday, October 6, 2016 3:30 p.m.
Can Social Problems be School-based?
Evan Fritts, Philosophy Students

Thursday, October 6, 2016 3:30 p.m.
Pragmatic Symbol of World Peace in Painting and Dance
Rebecca Farh, Political Philosophy Student

Friday, October 7, 2016 12:30 p.m.
The Politics of Everybody
Panels: Dianne Rahm and Billy Fields, Political Science

Week Three: Remembering & Memorizing

Monday, October 10, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Remembrance and Social Construct Theory
Philosophy Graduate Students

Monday, October 10, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Memorizing War and Conflict Through Music and the Arts
Dialogue Class

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Revisiting at Public Mourning
Bob Fitch, Philosophy

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 3:30 p.m.
San Marcos Public Library Dialogue: Listening to Mexico: Remembering the Cultural Golden Age
Michael Miller, History

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Panel Dialogue: Past, Present, and Future
Host: Karthi Apathy Panels: Melanie Harris, Blake Holbrook, Patrick Brown

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Sustainability Dialogue: Geography and Sustainability: Old Farm and New Amenity in the Southern Plains - Urban Agriculture
Jason Julian, Geography Ron Hagemeier, Geography

Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Total War Controversy: The Battle for the National Park
Karl Lewis & Thomas Sayers, Dialogue Students

Thursday, October 13, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Communitarianism, Communities, and Social Memory
Panels: Carl Van Aacken, Political Philosophy Student

Thursday, October 13, 2016 3:30 p.m.
Texas State Authors Series - Playful Song Called Beautiful
John Blair, English

Friday, October 14, 2016 12:30 p.m.
The Politics of Everybody
Panels: Dianne Rahm and Billy Fields, Political Science

Week Four: Justifications & Excuses

Monday, October 17, 2016 2:00 p.m.
A Critique of Nonviolence: Justifications
Philosophy Graduate Students

Monday, October 17, 2016 3:00-7:00 p.m.
A Century of Conflict: Challenges of the U.S. Experience of War since 1917
Panel Discussion: Pan African Action Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Is War Being Morally Justified?
Joshua Lynch & Matt Other, Dialogue Students

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:00 p.m.
The Value of Pain: A Critique of Hedonism
Sean Daniel Johnson, Philosophy

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Film and Panel Discussion: Coaching a Culture to End Domestic Violence
Blues-Caldwell Woman’s Center Staff

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 3:30 p.m.
San Marcos Public Library Dialogue: Hindsight: Exploring Apologies, Excuses, and Justifications
Catherine Horizons, Social Work

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sustainability Dialogue: Space Settlement and Sustainability
Eli Kamin, Philosophy

Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:30 p.m.
Unite Against Humanities
Bryan Billin & Nathan Powell, Dialogue Students

Thursday, October 20, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Is the Flawed Theory of the State Justified?
Political Philosophy Students

Thursday, October 20, 2016 3:30 p.m.
Are Just the Issues: Have There’s Move to Politics over Policy
Sean Daniel Johnson & Cohen Watson

Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:30 p.m.
The Long Green Revolution: On Successful and Failed Attempts to Feed the World
Raj Patel, University of Texas-Austin

Friday, October 21, 2016 12:30 p.m.
The Politics of Everybody
Panels: Dianne Rahm and Billy Fields, Political Science

Friday, October 21, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Work in Progress
Kendal Ray, Philosophy
Week Five: Shakespeare

Monday, October 17, 2016, 2:00 p.m. Shakespeare, Democracy and Literature: Part I

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Talk of the Times: Judeo-Christian Interpretations of Shakespeare

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sustainability Dialogue: Soil, Water, and Energy Flow

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Sam Marcus Public Library Dialogue: Art is the Mirror of Society

Friday, October 21, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Talk of the Times: Shakespeare, Democracy and Literature: Part II

Week Six: Monsters: Enemies, Outsiders, & the Other

Monday, October 31, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Fables Among Us: The Relevance of the Representation of Monsters in the Philosophy of Society

Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Will the American Public Please Stand Up?

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Why is the New ‘Other’?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Do Occultists Make Good Neighbors?

Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Will the American Public Please Stand Up?

Week Seven: Democracy and Disagreement

Monday, November 7, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Alexis de Tocqueville on Democracy and Difference

Monday, November 14, 2016, 2:00 p.m. The Case for Deliberative Democracy: Better Than the Alternatives?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Will the American Public Please Stand Up?

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 12:30 p.m. The Case for Deliberative Democracy: Better Than the Alternatives?

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Democracy: Better Than the Alternatives?

Week Eight: Resolving Dissonance

Monday, November 14, 2016, 2:00 p.m. Talk of the Times: Does the U.S. Need a National Election Law and Rules?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Will the American Public Please Stand Up?

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 12:30 p.m. How Are America’s Top 100 Universities Faring?

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Talk of the Times: Talk of the Times: Does the U.S. Need a National Election Law and Rules?

Friday, November 18, 2016, 12:30 p.m. ‘Work in Progress’ at the School of Journalism & Mass Communication, and the Keck Center for Science & Technology.

*Talks 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. Co-sponsors of the Philosophy Dialogue Series are American Democracy Project, College of Liberal Arts, Common Experience, Glass Weatherhead Dialogue Fund, Humanities Texas, National Endowment for the Humanities, Phi Sigma Tau, Downtown’s Pizza, University Seminar, New York Times, Seattle College, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

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