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**FEARING/DESIRING**

**Thursday, 2 April**

----**Arrivals** (The Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, 22209-1201 USA;

 All sessions will be held in the Georgetown Ballroom.)

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3--3:45pm: **CONFERENCE OPENING**: Introductions and background

4—5:45pm: **SESSION I: FALLIBLE STORIES AND REAL FEARS**

Speakers:

**Vincent Colapietro** *(Philosophy, Penn State University and Humanities, University of Rhode Island)***:** “Fear as Paradigm: James and Dewey on Fallible Cognitivism”

**Céline Leboeuf** *(Philosophy, Florida International University)*:“Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?”

**Brendan Hogan** *(Liberal Studies, New York University)*and **Lawrence Marcelle** *(Liberal Studies, New York University)*: “Real Interests and Incoherent Desires”

**Scott Stroud** *(Communication Studies, University of Texas, Austin)*: “Skepticism, Desire, and Truth in Narrative Experience”

6:30—7:30pm: **OPENING RECEPTION** (Francis Scott Key Salon A)

----dinner (on one’s own)

**Friday, 3 April**

----breakfast (on one’s own)

9:30--11:15am: **SESSION II: LOVE, LIBERATION, AND ASPIRATION**

Speakers:

**Richard Shusterman** *(Humanities, Florida Atlantic University):* “Beauty and the Fear of Love: A Genealogy of the Aesthetic”

**Charles Scott** (Philosophy, Penn State University and Vanderbilt University) and

**Nancy Tuana** *(Philosophy & Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State University*) “The Uncanny Passions of Liberatory Desires”

**Melvin Rogers** (*Political Science, Brown University):* “The Soul as the Seat of Aspiration”

----break (coffees, teas, water provided)

11:30am--1:15pm: **SESSION III: FROM UTOPIA TO APOCALPYSE**

Speakers:

**William S. Lewis** *(Philosophy, Skidmore College):* “Godin and the Fourieristes: What to do when an American Utopia Fails”

**Steven Brence** *(Philosophy, University of Oregon)***:** “A Pessimistic Critique of Consumerism”

**Axelle Karera** *(Philosophy& African American Studies, Wesleyan University):* “Black Desire and White Symbolic Law in the Work of Frantz Fanon”

**Paula Ioanide** *(Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity & Women’s and Gender Studies, Ithaca College):* “Apocalyptic Fears and the Contagion of Resistance in a Time of Dying Whiteness”

----lunch (on one’s own)

3:45—5:50pm: **SESSION IV: SHAME, DESPAIR, DISGUST, DISTRUST**

Speakers:

**Emily Zakin** *(Philosophy, Miami University, Ohio)*: “Shame, Social Self-Image and the Transmission of Affect”

**Alain Beauclair** *(Humanities, MacEwan University):* “Shamelessness and Despair in America and American Politics”

**Mary Magada-Ward** (*Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University)*: "We Are Leontius: On the Allure of the Disgusting”

**Alisa Carse** *(Philosophy, Georgetown University):* “Fear, Desire, and Trust”

**John Lysaker**  (*Philosophy, Emory University)*: “The Art of Distrust”

----dinner (on one’s own; information provided for dinner/entertainment)

**Saturday, 4 April**

----breakfast (on one’s own)

9:30—11:15am: **SESSION V: FEAR: MORALS, LAW, VIOLENCE, AND DEATH**

Speakers:

**Carlos Pereda** (*Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*)*:*  “The Morals of Fear”

**Michael Sullivan** (*Philosophy, Emory University)*: “Fear and Litigation”

**Jennifer Hansen** *(Philosophy, St. Lawrence University):* “The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: Criminalizing Sexual Trauma Among Girls of Color”

**Bonnie Mann** *(Philosophy, University of Oregon):* “Rape and Social Death”

----break (coffees, teas, water provided)

11:30am—1:15pm: **SESSION VI:** **FEARS AND DESIRES: BEING HUMAN**

Speakers:

**Megan Craig** *(Philosophy and Art, Stony Brook University)*:“Fearing Animals”

**Mark Fagiano** *(Philosophy, University of Central Florida:* “Desiring the Political Virtue of Fear”

**Lauren Guilmette** *(Philosophy, Elon University):* “Fear and Desire in the Age of Paranoia: Teresa Brennan’s Socio-Historical Theory of Affect”

**John Stuhr** *(Philosophy & American Studies, Emory University):* “Striving, Gambling, Not Knowing”

----lunch (on one’s own)

7pm: **BANQUET**: Peacock Café (3251 Prospect St. NW, Washington, D.C.; 1.1 miles across the Key Bridge—approximately 15 minutes by foot, 9 minutes by car; see: <https://www.peacockcafe.com> )

**Sunday, 5 April**

----breakfast (on one’s own) and **Departures**

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