

*Second Meeting*

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# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00-12:00	<b>REGISTRATION (outside Assembly Room)</b>		
8:45-9:00	<b>WELCOME REMARKS: Eduardo Mendieta (Assembly Room)</b>		
9:00-10:20	<p><b>INVITED PANEL: LEARNING WITH &amp; FROM RORTY (Assembly Room)</b>            Chair: Christopher Voparil (Union Institute &amp; University)</p> <p><u>E. D. Hirsch (Professor Emeritus of Education and Humanities at the University of Virginia): <i>Reminiscences, and Late Rorty on Nationalism</i></u></p> <p><u>Kian Tajbakhsh (Senior Advisor to the Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development at Columbia University): <i>Reading Rorty in Tehran</i></u></p>		
10:20-10:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:30-12:30	<b>Penn State Room</b>	<b>Alumni Lounge</b>	<b>Assembly Room</b>
	<p><b>NORMATIVITY</b>            Chair: Robert Piercey (Campion College at the University of Regina)</p> <p><u>William M. Curtis (University of Portland): <i>Rorty, Wittgenstein, and Rule-Following</i></u></p> <p><u>David Macarthur (The University of Sydney): <i>Does Rorty Have a Blind Spot about the Normativity of Truth?</i></u></p> <p><u>Jared Riggs (University of Toronto): <i>Why Wasn't Rorty a Normative Pragmatist?</i></u></p>	<p><b>IRONY &amp; LIBERALISM</b>            Chair: Elin Danielsen Huckerby (University of Cambridge)</p> <p><u>Rebeca Perez Leon (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico): <i>Irony's Import to Liberal Democracy</i></u></p> <p><u>Robbie Moser (Mount Allison University): <i>Irony, or Philosophy, in a Populist Age</i></u></p> <p><u>David McClean (Rutgers University): <i>Rorty on the 'Too Sane'</i></u></p>	<p><b>ETHICS &amp; FOUNDATIONS</b>            Chair: David Rondel (University of Nevada, Reno)</p> <p><u>David Haack (KU Leuven, The New School): <i>Anti-Foundationalism, Reason, and Ethics</i></u></p> <p><u>Susana de Castro (Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro): <i>The Plausibility of Nonfoundationalism in Ethics</i></u></p> <p><u>John P. Anderson (Mississippi College of Law): <i>Human Rights Discourse that Faces Contingency: A Rortyan Vision</i></u></p>
12:30-2:00	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (Executive Board Meeting)</b>		

	<b>Penn State Room</b>	<b>Alumni Lounge</b>	<b>Assembly Room</b>
2:00-3:20	<p><b>REASON &amp; LANGUAGE</b> Chair: Paul Showler (University of Oregon)</p> <p><u>Brandon Beasley (University of Calgary): <i>Rorty as Ideal Language Philosopher</i></u></p> <p><u>Owen Alldritt (Emory University): <i>Everyday Dogmatism: Habermas and Rorty on Practical Reason</i></u></p>	<p><b>FEMINISM AND PRAGMATISM</b> Chair: Nicole Yokum (Penn State University)</p> <p><u>Susan Dieleman (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville): <i>Richard Rorty and the Justification of Philosophy</i></u></p> <p><u>Kate Phelan (RMIT University): <i>Why Feminists Should be Pragmatists</i></u></p>	<p><b>TRAGEDY &amp; HUMOR</b> Chair: James Roney (Juniata College)</p> <p><u>W. P. Malecki (University of Wroclaw): <i>Did You Hear the One on Carnap and Plato? Rorty's Philosophical Humor</i></u></p> <p><u>Bryan Vescio (High Point University): <i>Pragmatism and the Tragic Sense of Death</i></u></p>
3:20-3:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:20-4:40	<p><b>RORTY &amp; DAVIDSON</b> Chair: William M. Curtis (University of Portland)</p> <p><u>Robert Piercey (Campion College at the University of Regina): <i>Triangulating Ethics</i></u></p> <p><u>Yvonne Hütter-Almerigi (Università di Bologna): <i>Action without Truth: Rorty and his Critics on Orwell and Revolutionary Practice</i></u></p>	<p><b>HOW TO READ RORTY</b> Chair: Ben Roth (Harvard College Writing Program)</p> <p><u>Kristian Bjørkdahl (University of Oslo): <i>Epideictic Utopia: Rorty and the Ethical Groundwork for Liberal Politics</i></u></p> <p><u>Elin Danielsen Huckerby (University of Cambridge): <i>Magister Ludi: Rortian Pragmatism and the Playful Virtues of the Novel</i></u></p>	<p><b>EXISTENTIALISM</b> Chair: David McClean (Rutgers University)</p> <p><u>Martin Müller (Volkshochschule Munchen): <i>From Tragic Heroism to Pragmatic Ironism? Remarks on the Existentialist Dimension of Rorty's Ethics</i></u></p> <p><u>Richard Gilmore (Concordia College): <i>Rortian Ethics, or, How to Zim Zum</i></u></p>
4:40-4:50	<b>BREAK</b>		
4:50-6:30	<p><u>Harold K. Schilling Memorial Lecture on Science, Technology, and Society (Assembly Room) introduced by Amy Allen (Penn State University)</u></p> <p><b>Robert B. Brandom</b></p> <p><b><i>Fetishism, Anti-Authoritarianism, and the Second Enlightenment: Rorty and Hegel on Representation and Reality (Part 1)</i></b></p>		
7:00-8:30	<b>RECEPTION (Alumni Lounge)</b>		

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00-12:00	REGISTRATION		
<p>9:00-10:20</p>	Faculty Staff Club	Alumni Lounge	Assembly Room
	<p><b>MEXICO</b> Chair: Christopher Voparil (Union Institute &amp; University)</p> <p><u>Nalliely Hernandez (Universidad de Guadalajara):</u> <i>Uses of Irony: Literature, History and Political Identity in Mexico</i></p> <p><u>Sergio A. Gallegos-Ordorica (John Jay College of Criminal Justice):</u> <i>Antonio Caso's Proto-Rortyan Ethics</i></p>	<p><b>HOPE AND FREEDOM</b> Chair: Michael Bacon (Royal Holloway, University of London)</p> <p><u>Alexis Dianda (Xavier University):</u> <i>Rorty and the Irony of Hope</i></p> <p><u>Bjørn Ramberg (University of Oslo):</u> <i>Philosophy and Freedom</i></p>	<p><b>LOVE AND ETHICS</b> Chair: David Haack (KU Leuven, The New School)</p> <p><u>Pedro Ferrao (University of Lisbon):</u> <i>Rorty on Ethics: For and Against</i></p> <p><u>Anthony Sean Neal (Mississippi State University):</u> <i>Philosophy as Poetry: Rorty and the Spirituals</i></p>
10:20-10:30	BREAK		
<p>10:30-12:30</p>	METAPHILOSOPHY	NIETZSCHE & FOUCAULT	LITERATURE & ETHICS
	<p>Chair: Yvonne Hütter-Almerigi (Universita di Bologna)</p> <p><u>Paolo Camporese (McMaster University):</u> <i>From Metaphilosophy to Historiography</i></p> <p><u>Colin Koopman (University of Oregon):</u> <i>Rorty's Metaphilosophy: An Unexpected Source for Rorty's Vocabulary Pluralism</i></p> <p><u>Michael Bacon &amp; Neil Gascoigne (Royal Holloway, University of London):</u> <i>Rorty, Metaphilosophy, and the New Pragmatism</i></p>	<p>Chair: Kristian Bjørkdahl (University of Oslo)</p> <p><u>Alejandro Sanchez Lopera (Pitt):</u> <i>Richard Rorty's Foucault: 'We, Liberals'?</i></p> <p><u>James Hersh (Salve Regina University):</u> <i>When is Desire Dangerous? The Conversation Leading from Nietzsche's 'Delicate Boundary' to Rorty's 'Poeticized Culture'</i></p> <p><u>Daniel I. Harris (Trent University):</u> <i>Nietzsche Between Rorty and Foucault</i></p>	<p>Chair: W. P. Malecki (University of Wroclaw)</p> <p><u>Ben Roth (Harvard College Writing Program):</u> <i>Can Trees Care? Can We, Anymore? The Overstory by Richard Powers and Rorty's 'The Inspirational Value of Great Works of Literature'</i></p> <p><u>Carlin Romano (University of Pennsylvania):</u> <i>Rorty's Literary Ethics</i></p> <p><u>Sanjit Chakraborty (University of Hyderabad):</u> <i>Stepping Out Analytic Trend: Revisiting Rorty's Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature</i></p>

12:30-1:00	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Assembly Room)</b>		
1:00-2:00	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>		
	<b>Faculty Staff Club</b>	<b>Alumni Lounge</b>	<b>Assembly Room</b>
	<p><b>DEBATING RORTY</b> Chair: John P. Anderson (Mississippi College of Law)</p> <p><u>Raff Donelson</u> (Louisiana State University): <i>The Rorty-Dworkin Debate</i></p> <p><u>Steve Stakland</u> (Northern Virginia Community College): <i>Richard Rorty's Conservative Educational Philosophy: E.D. Hirsch and Curricular Content</i></p>	<p><b>SOLIDARITY</b> Chair: Santiago Rey (Universidad de los Andes)</p> <p><u>Mark Phillips</u> (University of New Orleans): <i>The Hope of Achieving a Global Civilization</i></p> <p><u>James Roney</u> (Juniata College): <i>Rorty, Nussbaum, and Appiah: Narrating Solidarity, Empathy, and Identity</i></p>	<p><b>ETHICS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE</b> Chair: Marianne Janack (Hamilton College)</p> <p><u>David Rondel</u> (University of Nevada, Reno): <i>Rorty's Ethics as Radical, Tragic Pluralism</i></p> <p><u>Federico Penelas</u> (Universidad de Buenos Aires): <i>The Importance of Words: Ironism, Liberalism, and the Affectivity of Final Vocabularies</i></p>
2:00-3:20			
3:20-3:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30-5:00	<p><u>Harold K. Schilling Memorial Lecture on Science, Technology, and Society (Assembly Room)</u> introduced by Eduardo Mendieta (Penn State University)</p> <p><b>Robert B. Brandom</b></p> <p><b><i>Fetishism, Anti-Authoritarianism, and the Second Enlightenment: Rorty and Hegel on Representation and Reality (Part 2)</i></b></p>		
5:00-5:10	<b>BREAK</b>		
5:10-6:30	<p><b>INVITED PANEL: RESPONSES TO BRANDOM (Assembly Room)</b> Chair: Eduardo Mendieta (Penn State University)</p> <p><u>Richard J. Bernstein</u> (Vera List Professor of Philosophy, the New School for Social Research)</p> <p><u>Brady Bowman</u> (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University)</p>		
7:00-?	<b>DINNER ON YOUR OWN</b>		

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

	Faculty Staff Club	Alumni Lounge	Assembly Room
9:00-10:20	<p><b>REALITY AND OBJECTIVITY</b> Chair: Brandon Beasley (University of Calgary)</p> <p><u>Griffin Klemick (University of Toronto):</u> <i>The Problem with Picturing: Rorty's Critique of Sellars Revisited</i></p> <p><u>Javier Moreno (Universidad de los Andes):</u> <i>Objectivity without Abasement</i></p>	<p><b>IMAGINATION</b> Chair: Wade Roberts (Juniata College)</p> <p><u>Santiago Rey (Universidad de los Andes):</u> <i>Imagination as a Social Virtue</i></p> <p><u>Federico Colmenares Escallon (Universidad do los Andes):</u> <i>Richard Rorty: From an Ironic Reading to an Ironic Way of Life</i></p>	<p><b>PUTTING RORTY TO WORK</b> Chair: Susan Dieleman (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)</p> <p><u>Tracy Llanera (University of Connecticut):</u> <i>Disavowing Hate: Group Egotists from Westboro to the Klan</i></p> <p><u>John Giordano (Merrimack College):</u> <i>Richard Rorty, Ethnocentrism, and Moral Community: A Westerner's Response to Female Genital Mutilation</i></p>
10:20-10:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:30-11:50	<p><b>RORTY &amp; DEWEY</b> Chair: Adrian Rutt (Cleveland State University)</p> <p><u>Christopher Voparil (Union Institute &amp; University):</u> <i>Rorty and Experience</i></p> <p><u>Stephane Madelrieux (University of Lyon):</u> <i>Dewey and Rorty on Scientific Method and Moral Virtue</i></p>		<p><b>ETHICS IN MARGINAL CASES</b> Chair: Tracy Llanera (University of Connecticut)</p> <p><u>Paul Showler (University of Oregon):</u> <i>Richard Rorty on Moral Status</i></p> <p><u>Wade Roberts (Juniata College):</u> <i>Narrative, Imagination, and the Horizon of Moral Inclusion: Rorty and Environmental Ethics</i></p>

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