The 2011 TPS Conference

Here is something you may already know, but is worth repeating: headlining the 2011 TPS conference will be David Hunt and Dean Zimmerman! The proposed topic for each of these presenter’s papers, in light of Hunt’s up-and-coming book on the issue, will be Hunt’s views on divine foreknowledge and providence. That is what is known. Now for something new. Zimmerman will be speaking on Friday the 15th of April both at Whittier College (in the morning) and at Biola for the undergrad students (in the afternoon). It is not a part of the Talbot Philosophy Conference, but Talbot students are invited to attend both events, just as Whittier students and Biola undergrad students are invited to attend ours. Saturday the 16th is the day of the conference. Mark it in your calendars! It will last from approximately 10am to 5pm, and there will be dinner after. Tentatively, the plan is that the conference will consist of one talk from a Talbot student, two talks from non-Talbot students, and a talk from Hunt and a talk from Zimmerman. Five talks in total. Here are ways you can be involved:

- Submitting a paper to the conference yourself.
- Comment on one of the two non-Talbot student presenters.
- Review the papers that are submitted to the conference. The official call for papers/announcement hasn’t been issued yet. It will be by the beginning of the Spring Semester. Look for it!

Student Paper Presentations for Spring 2011

Attending paper presentations is a great way to stay up-to-date with subjects in the field. Furthermore, questioning and critiquing speakers helps to sharpen your own philosophical skills. All talks are given at the Phil. House. Here are the presentations scheduled for October:

“Hawthorne-Style Bundle Theory and Perdurantism”
John Forcey
Tuesday, Feb 8th
12 noon at the Phil House

I argue that a certain style of bundle theory (namely, Hawthorne-style bundle theory) is inconsistent with perdurantism as a theory of persistence.

“Abnormal Phenomenology: What Duck-rabbits, Winos and Superhumans Reveal About Perception”
Jeremy Baldwin
Tuesday, Feb 15th

According to Thin views about the phenomenal character of perceptual experience, phenomenally relevant contents are limited to things like shape, color and illumination.

“A Strong Defense of Weak Impassibility”
Chester Delagneau
Tuesday, March 1st

I argue at strong impassibility (which entails that God cannot be affected voluntarily or involuntarily by His creation) is not supported by the philosophical, theological, and psychological data; unlike weak impassibility (which entails that God can voluntarily experience change in His knowledge, will, actions, and emotions), which is best represented by each datum. And if Christians personally apply this qualified view of divine impassibility to their lives, I believe, it will dramatically impact their spiritual development in becoming more like Christ in obedience and humility.

Title Pending
Mihretu Guta
Tuesday, March 8th

Mihretu is a Talbot grad currently doing PhD work in Phil of Science. His talk promises to be 1st rate. Updates to follow as the date approaches.
A number of philosophy students at Talbot find it difficult to connect with people to get feedback on philosophical writing they're working on. Mike Hogan will help meet this need by receiving things you've written (via email) and then send them to others who have agreed to read it and offer comments on ways to improve the paper, including grammar/spelling, style and philosophical content. The “commenter” would then send it back to Mike and he will send it back to you. So long as you can get the paper done ahead of time, this would be a great way to get help, improve the paper, and get better as a writer and philosopher. You should send the paper no less than two weeks before the paper is due or we cannot guarantee a complete read, although we will do our best! Please take advantage of this throughout the year! Send papers to Mike Hogan’s email – michael.c.hogan@biola.edu.

Pray For Our Future PhD’s

PhD applications have been submitted and are being viewed as we speak. Here is the list of applicants for this round. Remember them in your prayers.

Sarah Babbitt  Kevin Kiefer
Jeff Culver      James Rhea
Tad Davis     Oscar Tovar
Daniel Eaton  Cody Weaver
John Forcey  Ryan West
Timothy Houk    Eric Peterson

Soccer Saturdays, Come Play!

Want to play soccer with a bunch of out of shape philosophers? A pick-up game is held every Saturday at 4pm at the practice fields by the tennis courts/ISF buildings. Emphasis is on fun and not getting hurt...j/k, it's all about win Win WIN!!

Check out the NEW TPS website at:
WWW.TALBOT.EDU/PHILOSOPHY/TPS
or email us at:
talbotphilosophy@biola.edu

February TPS Calendar
Visit the TPS website for updates

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TPS student presentation: John Forcey, Noon.

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TPR student presentation: John Forcey, Noon.