Dr. Sarah Hansen, Drexel University - Meanings of Life: Feminist Resources in Foucault's Theory of Biopolitics

Monday, March 4, 5:00-7:00 Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building 106:  This presentation focuses on French philosopher Michel Foucault’s theory of biopolitics. According to Foucault, biopolitics is a political rationality that disciplines and regulates populations, working to control and direct life forces. The author will explore the understanding of life or bio- at work in Foucault’s biopolitics as well as the resources that this concept might provide to feminist philosophy. Refreshments will be provided. Sarah Hansen

Tuesday, March 5, 3:00-4:30 MacAlister Hall 2019-20: Philosophy and Law Careers, panel discussion examining the ways philosophical studies can provide a preparation for careers in the legal profession, with Pre-Law Advisor Mike Vitlip, Attorney Michael Filoromo, BS PSYCH ’05, Katie Devanney, BS PSYCH ’12. Refreshments will be provided. Drexel Pre-Law’s Webpage; Drexel Pre-Law on Facebook

Dr. Douglas Anderson, Southern Illinois University - Religiosity and Amelioration: Thoreau, Anzaldúa, and Marley

Tuesday, March 5, 5:00-7:00 MacAlister Hall 2019-20: Douglas Anderson is the author of many books and articles on American Philosophy, including Strands of System: The Philosophy of Charles Peirce, and recently Conversations on Peirce (Fordham University Press, 2012), co-authored with Carl Hausman. He has also written on the intersection of culture and philosophy in Philosophy Americana (Fordham University, 2006). Refreshments will be provided. Doug Anderson

Wednesday, March 6, 5:00-7:00 Disque Hall 108: What We Talk About When We Talk About Religion, panel discussion examining various perspectives on the issue of what religion is and what it means to be religious. An issue of particular concern will be whether religion is essentially in conflict with the contemporary scientific worldview. The panelists are M.G. Piety, an associate professor of philosophy at Drexel, Paula Marantz Cohen, a distinguished professor of English at Drexel, James Herbert, a professor of psychology and chair of Drexel’s Psychology Department, Douglas Porpora, a professor of sociology at Drexel, and Robert Audi, John A. O’Brien Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. Refreshments will be provided.

Dr. Robert Audi, University of Notre Dame - Governmental Secularity and Religious Citizenship

Thursday, March 7, 5:00-7:00 Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building 120: What principles should govern separation of church and state in a democracy? Related to this institutional question is one concerning the ethics of citizenship for individuals: Should the religious and the political be separated in the conduct of citizens? More specifically, what ethical constraints should guide religious citizens in approaching politics, and does that depend substantially on whether they hold public office? Religious citizens naturally want to be guided by their religious ideals in structuring their society; but given that they live with others of different religions (or none), should their political conduct be guided only by secular standards? To say yes seems to abridge religious liberty; to say no seems to risk religious conflict or even domination by a majority religious group. This talk will present a partial resolution of this problem and bring it to bear on contemporary life—including healthcare—in pluralistic democratic societies. Refreshments will be provided. Robert Audi

Friday, March 8, 3:00-4:30 Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building 106: Why Study Philosophy?, panel discussion about the purposes and value of philosophical study in college as contributing to a well-rounded preparation for life and career, with Dr. Jacques Catudal, Drexel Philosophy, Anthony Harrison, BA PHIL ’12, Andrew Hurd, BA PHIL ’12, current PHIL Major Mik Schulte. Refreshments will be provided. Drexel Philosophy Program Facebook Page; Drexel Department of English & Philosophy Program Webpage

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