# American Society for Aesthetics Rocky Mountain Division

# **35th Annual Meeting**

July 12-14, 2019
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Drury Plaza Hotels and Suites



Image: The One who Has Been to the Bottom of the Lake in charcoal, graphite, and white chalk on toned paper 20"x16—artist—Pamela Knoll

#### FRIDAY, JULY 12

#### **ASA Updates and Announcements**

Palace A: 8:30-8:55

Julie C. Van Camp, Secretary-Treasurer & Executive Director, American Society for Aesthetics

Ted Gracyk, Co-Editor, Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism

#### Session 1

# Panel 1: Aesthetic Experience and Meaning in Art

Palace A: 9:00-10:30 Chair: Julianne Chung

- Natural Meaning in Art, Richard Lee, University of Arkansas
- The Aesthetic Experience of Fictional Truth, Mark Bowker, University College Dublin
- On the Possibility of Aesthetic Experience as Nonrepresentational Experience, Nathan Smith, Duke University

# Panel 2: Ancient Aesthetics and Contemporary Implications

Palace B: 9:00-10:30 Chair: Jeremy Killian

- "Framing" Socrates's Worry in the Phaedo, Jeremy Fried, University of Oklahoma
- The True, the Good, the Beautiful in Jane Eyre, William Maker, Clemson University
- What Makes Son of Saul Different? Morgan Rempel, University of Southern Mississippi

#### **Panel 3: Cultural Products and Social Significance**

Meem: 9:00-10:30 Chair: Sarah Worth

- Einstürzende Neubauten & the Critical Arena of Mass Culture: The Persistence of the Subject through the Subversion of Materials, Bethany Fincher, College of Charleston
- A Paradox of Guilty Pleasure for Mill's Competent Judges, Sheryl Tuttle Ross, University of Wisconsin Lacrosse

Coffee and Conversation: 10:30 -11:00

#### Session 2

Panel 4: Personal Ideals, Imagination, and Aesthetics

Palace A: 11:00-12:30 Chair: Joan Whitman Hoff

• Personal Ideals as Exemplars, Julianne Chung, University of Louisville

• The Body of Empathy: Personal Ideals, Aspirant Imagination, and Self-Consciousness, James Dow, Hendrix College

Personal Ideals and the Dangerous Power of Art, Antony Aumann, Northern Michigan University

#### Panel 5: Texts as Philosophy

Palace B: 11:00-12:30 Chair: James Mock

• Film as Thought Experiment, Eva Dadlez, University of Central Oklahoma

Appreciating Characters as Mere Characters, Wesley Cray, Texas Christian University

• Interpreting the Hypothetical Author, Szu-Yen Lin, Chinese Culture University

# Panel 6: Language, Technology, and Aesthetic Experience

Meem 11:00-12:30

Chair: Felicia Kruse Alexander

• Living in Tongues, Min Tang, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Personal Technology's Challenge to Aesthetic Experience: A Pragmatist Analysis, David Hildebrand,
 University of Colorado Denver

• The NEO GEO is Awesome. Or, 24-bit Arcade Games and the Contemporary Gamer, Tad Bratkowski, McKendree University

**Lunch on your own: 12:30-2:00** 

# Panel 7: Fraud, Pleasure, and Porn: A Study in Taste

Palace A: 2:00-3:30 Chair: Jeremy Killian

- Fraud, Sarah Worth, Furman University
- Pleasure, Ben Davids, Furman University
- Porn, Jesse Tompkins, Furman University

#### **Panel 8: Feminist Aesthetic Concerns**

Palace B 2:00-3:30 Chair: Eva Dadlez

- A Womb of One's Own: Reading the Pregnant Subject, J. Lenore Wright, Baylor University
- Form is the New Black: Why Color is Irrelevant to the Evaluation of Sculpture, Bailey Szusteck, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Hashtags and Harms: The Moral Implications of Appropriation in the "Body Positivity" Movement, Cheryl Frazier, University of Oklahoma

#### **Panel 9: Kantian Aesthetics**

Meem: 2:00-3:30 Chair: Antony Aumann

- Cognitive Interpretation of Kant's Theory of Aesthetic Ideas, Mojca Kuplen, The Fluminense Federal University
- The Dual Role of Kant's Imagination and Nature as Art, Jackson Hoerth, Temple University
- Some Ways to Use Kant in Everyday Aesthetics, Thomas Leddy, San Jose State University

#### Session 4

# The Manuel Davenport Keynote Address (plenary)

PALACE A: 4:00-5:15 Chair: Julianne Chung

Keynote Speaker: Dominic McIver Lopes

Cosmopolitan Aesthetics

# **SATURDAY, JULY 13**

#### Session 5

Panel 10: Unpolitical and Hypocrisy

Palace A: 8:30-10:00 Chair: Sheryl Tuttle Ross

- Stanley Cavell and the Unpolitical, Timothy Gould, Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Hypocrisy in the Post-Truth Age: Greek, Hebrew, and American, Raphael Sassower, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

# **Panel 11: Ancient Aesthetics**

Palace B: 8:30-10:00 Chair: Julianne Chung

- The Shield of Achilles: Homeric Aesthetics, Thomas M. Alexander, Southern Illinois University
- Female Subjectivity and Portraiture in Ancient Rome, Margaret Woodhull, University of Colorado,
   Denver
- Art Objects as Commodities in the Ancient World, David Conter, Huron University College

# Panel 12: Museums, Material Culture, and the Natural World

Meem: 8:30-10:00 am Chair: Jeremy Killian

- "Not for People Like Us": Museums, Aesthetics, and Inclusion in the Contemporary World, Joan Whitman Hoff, Lock Haven University
- Specters and Spectators: Shipwreck Imaging and Virtual Exploration, Sara Rich, Coastal Carolina University
- The Use of Art in Nature for the Recovery from Human Alienation, Paul Shockley, Stephen F. Austin State University

Coffee and Conversation: 10:00-10:30

Panel 13: The Value of Ruins

Palace A 10:30-12:00

Chair: Jonathan Neufeld

• What's the Use? Reconstructing Cultural Property after War, Elisabeth Scarbrough, Florida International

University

• Comparing the Incomparable, Derek Matravers, The Open University; and Helen Frowe, Stockholm

University

• Urban Explorers and "Detroiting," James Mock, University of Central Oklahoma

**Panel 14: Literary Meanings** 

Palace B: 10:30-12:00 Chair: Randy Fromm

• The Solitude of Disgrace: Considering J.M. Coetzee's Disgrace with Henri Bergson's "Closed Soul,"

Stafford Davis, SUNY Stony Brook

• The Free Spirit is a Greek: Wright Morris's Love Among the Cannibals, John Samson, Texas Tech

University

• Discursive Collapse: Kant and the Transcendental Cause of Witchcraft in Miller's Hexenjagd, Kit Slover,

**Emory University** 

Panel 15: Perceptual Experience, Emotion, and the Sublime

Meem: 10:30-12:00 Chair: Reuben Ellis

• Food and the Associations of Perceptions, S.K. Wertz, Texas Christian University

• Artistic Expression and Emotional Inquiry: Collingwood and Pragmatism, David Collins, McGill University

• Sensory Force, Sublime Impact, and Beautiful Form, Eli Lichtenstein, University of Michigan

**Business Lunch Meeting** 

LAMY 12:15 to 1:45 All presenting participants are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP

#### Session 7

# **Panel 16: Annoyance and Propriety**

Palace A: 2:00-3:30 Chair: Raphael Sassower

- Noisome Utterances: A Speculative Essay Toward an Aesthetics of Annoyance, Randy Fromm, New Mexico State University
- The Heckler's Dilemma, Jeremy Killian, Coastal Carolina University
- Booing at the Opera: A Lesson About Civility, Jonathan Neufeld, College of Charleston

# Panel 17: Musical Performance and Meaning

Palace B 2:00-3:30 Chair: Richard Lee

- The Fabric of Thirdness: A Concert Pianist's Peircean Interpretation of Performance, Arthur Stewart, Lamar University
- The Relevance of Cage's Pronounced Intention about 4'33" to the Ontology/Meaning of the Work, Babak Khoshroo, University of Oklahoma
- Acoustic Landscapes and Vital Signs: A Pragmatist Reading of John Luther Adams, Bethany Henning,
   Xavier University

# Session 8

# The Michael Manson Keynote Presentation by the Visiting Artist (plenary)

Palace A: 3:45 to 5:00 Chair: Sheryl Tuttle Ross

Visiting Artist Keynote Speaker: Pamela Knoll

Philia and Figurative Art

Reception—Drury Plaza Kickback© 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: 5:30 to 7:00

Dinner on your own

Session 9

Panel 18: Photography, Music, and Theoretical Engagement

Palace A: 8:30-10:00 Chair: Wesley Cray

• Birth of a Photograph: Aesthetic Observations from Dogen's Shobogenzo. Cornelia A. Tsakiridou, La Salle

University

Phantom Grooves: Musical Nuance, Psychology, and Perception, Evan Malone, University of Albany SUNY

• Reconceiving Form after Danto after Aesthetics Recast: How Modern Grid Collapsed Allured by Jazz Beat,

Virginia H. Aragones Aita, Instituto Ling

Panel 19: Problems and Paradoxes of Interpretation

Palace B: 8:30-10:00 Chair: Jeremy Killian

Leveling the Field: From Art History to Art Histories, Louise Martorano, Redline Contemporary Art Center

and Residency

Moral Interpretation in Aesthetic Judgement, Jordan Shaw, Washington University in St. Louis

Reading-into or Hearing-out? Cavell on Skepticism and the Art Critic's Hermeneutic Risk, Robert

Engelman, Vanderbilt University

Coffee and Conversation: 10:00 to 10:30

Session 10

Panel 20: Territorialization, Liberty, and American Cultural Ideals

Palace A: 10:30 to 12:30 Chair: Randy Fromm

"Scots Wha Hae:" Robert Burns, Song, and Minority Territorialization, Brendan Rome, University of New

Mexico

Walter Scott, Old Morality, and Civil Liberties, Norman Fischer, Kent State University

Aesthetic Intuitions in the Recent Writings of the Ecclesiastical Authorities and their Counterparts in the

Socio-Cultural Ideas of "American Americans," Anna Kawalec, The John Paul II Catholic University of

Lublin

# Panel 21: Form and Function in Painting, Sculpture, and Taxidermy

Palace B: 10:30 to 12:30

Chair: Tim Gould

- Backtracking the Footnotes to Plato: A Challenge for Philosophy of Aesthetics, David Sackris, Arapahoe Community College, and Rasmus Larsen, University of Toronto, Mississauga
- "Things as they are / Are changed upon the blue guitar:" Katharsis as Symbolic Action, Kelly Parker, Grand Valley State University
- Death, Fur, and Fangs: Taxidermy as Art, Henry Wright, Baylor University

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