

Annual Report for APA Small Grant on “Prejudice: an interdisciplinary workshop”

Overview

We're very grateful to have been awarded the APA small grant of \$3,000. We have used the grant to sponsor a professional workshop centering the topic of prejudice. This will be held November 9-11th 2017 at Washington University in St. Louis. With additional support from the philosophy department at Washington University in St. Louis, we have secured line-up of speakers representing a wide variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives. The logistical details for the event have largely been settled, and we've already started advertising the event locally. We anticipate a successful workshop, and will submit a follow-up report to the APA following the completion of the event.

Planned Event Details

The workshop, titled “Prejudice: Intersecting Methods and Perspectives” will take place over three days, from November 9th - 11th and includes 8 total speakers. Speakers were selected to represent a variety of methodological approaches to the study of prejudice, and the various faces of this complex phenomenon (e.g., implicit bias, stereotype threat, privilege). During the workshop, we anticipate an audience from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. Primarily, we expect these to be from the St. Louis area, though we expect some out of town guests. The two main days of the workshop (Friday and Saturday) will include an opportunity for local graduate students and faculty to have lunch and dinner with the speakers, extending casual conversations into comfortable, low-pressure settings.

Confirmed Speakers & Research Interests

- **Calvin Lai** (Assistant Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis) -- Career psychologist, implicit bias
- **Shannon Sullivan** (Professor of Philosophy and Health Psychology, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte) -- Sociology, Critical Theory, Physiological effects of stereotype threat
- **Dan Kelly** (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University) -- Responsibility for implicit bias, moral psychology (disgust) and inter-group psychology
- **Paul Silva** (Visiting Faculty, University of Pennsylvania) -- Formal epistemology, ally-ship
- **Myisha Cherry** (Graduate Student University of Illinois, will be Assistant Professor at University of California, Riverside) -- Morality and the emotions, Critical Race Theory
- **Alex Madva** (Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Pomona) -- Implicit bias, metaphysics of mind, effective intervention on prejudice
- **Lorraine Code** (Professor Emerita of Philosophy, York University) -- Interactions of epistemic and moral domains, responsibility
- **Saba Fatima** (Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville) -- Islamophobia, microaggression, ethics

Use of Funds

The initial small grant from the APA enabled us to successfully seek additional financial support from other sources to finance the workshop -- including Washington University's Philosophy Department and the Center for the Humanities.

Funding from the APA (\$3,000) has been applied in the following way:

- \$2,100 - Travel Reimbursement (\$400) and Housing (\$300) for 3 speakers
- \$400 - Lunches for the speakers and local grad students on Friday and Saturday
- \$300 - Coffee both days of the workshop
- \$100 - Printing costs for posters, schedules, and handouts

Additional funds from the philosophy department and the Center for the Humanities help to cover the costs of additional speakers, dinners both nights, and other incidentals.

Original Mission and Assessment

Our original mission was to create an event bringing experts using a variety of approaches to studying prejudice together to promote discussion across disciplinary and methodological divides. We have accomplished this goal by inviting a variety of speakers who each bring a different type of expertise, though many call themselves philosophers. Our workshop will be free for those interested in hearing the presentation.

Our plans for outreach and publicity surrounding the workshop have not changed. We are in the process of contacting local grad students and faculty through digital means (listserves) and with flyers. We plan to continue to contact local departments and programs such as the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, African American Studies and American Cultural Studies. We will evaluate the success of the workshop based on the volume of attendance and the breadth of backgrounds represented in audience composition. Informal feedback surveys and RSVP forms will help us collect this information. Following the event, we will update the board with a final report.

Additional Documentation

The event website can be found here: <http://prejudice17.weebly.com/>