

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00AM-8:30AM

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

Location: Abraham Campus Center Lobby

8:30AM-10:15AM

SESSIONS A1-A3

Session A1: Ethics of Decolonization in Sartre and Fanon

Howell Meeting Room

Moderator: Tyrique Mack-Georges

[Zoom Link](#)

- From Shame to Liberation: Sartre, Fanon, and the Ethics of Decolonization – Andrea De Alexandris
- Sartre and Fanon on the “Categorical Imperative” – Michelle L. Meeks ([Zoom](#))
- Racial Wounds, Poetic Cures: Sartre and Fanon on the Ethics of Unity – Thomas Payre ([Zoom](#))

Session A2: Existential Freedom and Responsibility

Landis Academic Center 104

Moderator: Peter Jones

[Zoom Link](#)

- Sartrean Thought Conveys a Reciprocal Freedom and Responsibility – Pujarini Das ([Zoom](#))
- Freedom as an Existential Task – Lizzie Robinson
- “Becoming” (Meta)physical: Sartre and Whitehead on Ontology and Freedom – Dane Sawyer

Session A3: Existential Freedom and Responsibility

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

Moderator: T Storm Heter

[Zoom Link](#)

- “Feel the Beat of the Rhythm”: A Reflection on Lewis Gordon’s Moving/Movement-Inducing Thought – Desireé R. Melonas
- Shifting Genealogies: On Gordon and Generations – Dana Francisco Miranda
- Critiques of Dialectical Reason: Lewis Gordon’s Philosophy of Science – Thomas Meagher

10:30AM-12:00PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: PROFESSOR LEWIS GORDON

Location: Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Lewis R. Gordon is Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Global Affairs at the University of Connecticut, where he is also Head of the Department of Philosophy. His several hundred publications cover a wide-ranging variety of topics in Africana philosophy, existential philosophy, phenomenology, political theory, philosophy of science, psychoanalysis, philosophy of culture, aesthetics, Afro-Jewish studies, and more. He is author of fourteen books and editor or co-editor of six more. His books on Frantz Fanon include Fanon and the Crisis of European Man, Fanon: A Critical Reader, What Fanon Said, and “Not Bad for a N —, No?” His works on existentialism include Bad Faith and Antiracist Racism, Existence in Black, Existential Africana, and Black Existentialism and Decolonizing Knowledge. Dr. Gordon was founding president of the Caribbean Philosophical Association, which he continues to serve as executive board member and chair of its awards committee. He is co-founding editor of Philosophy and Global Affairs and previously founding editor of Radical Philosophy Review. (bio by Thomas Meagher)

12:00PM-1:15PM

LUNCH BREAK

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

1:15PM-3:00PM

SESSIONS B1 & B2

Session B1: Decolonial Praxis and Political Agency

Moderator: Christian Olmeda

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Actionality as Decolonial Praxis: Fanon's Dialectical Reconfiguration of Agency Between Trauma and Liberation – Jessica L. Davis ([Zoom](#))
- Disciplinary Decadence, Pluralism, and the Problem of Universal Humanism – Joshua Harrington
- Ubuntu as Decolonial Ethic: Sartre, Fanon, and Freedom in Contemporary Times – Trevor Makhetha ([Zoom](#))

Session B2: Continental Crossroads: Adorno, Camus, and Husserl

Moderator: Damon Boria

Howell Meeting Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Husserl and Sartre on Passive Synthesis and Systemic Oppression – Juan Pablo Barrero
- Regressive Listening as Bad Faith: A Sartrean Reading of Adorno's Critique of Jazz – Varun Chandrasekhar
- Albert Camus, The Impatient Nostalgist in North America – Peter Jones

3:15PM-5:00PM

SESSIONS C1 & C2

Session C1: Fanon, Race, and Lived Experience

Moderator: Thomas Meagher

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Rethinking Racial Alienation with Frantz Fanon and Paulette Nardal – Rosa O'Connor Acevedo
- Frantz Fanon's Black Skin, White Masks as the Fulfilment of Jean-Paul Sartre's Phenomenology of Whiteness – Jintao Liang
- Black Nihilism and Colonial Racial Capitalism: A Fanonian Perspective – Orlando Hawkins

Session C2: Consciousness and Authenticity: Sartrean Explorations

Moderator: Jerome Clarke

Howell Meeting Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- The Authenticity Dilemma of Social Capital: An Analytic Approach to Sartre – Maurits Bekkers
- La Constitution idéale du pour-soi comme être irréalisable – Vinicius Xavier Hoste
- On Sartre's Concept of Intentionality – James Sares

5:15PM-6:45PM

SESSIONS D1 & D2

Session D1: Historical Memory and Liberation Movements

Moderator: Kimberly Engels

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Fanon's Memory of Marxism – Ethan Linehan ([Zoom](#))
- Against the Longue Durée of Colonialism: Protraction & the National Liberation Struggle – Jon Joey Telebrico
- Frantz Fanon: Architect of the Algerian War of Independence – Imene Larbi Youcef ([Zoom](#))

Session D2: Existentialism and the Environment

Moderator: Beth Butterfield

Howell Meeting Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Otherwise Than Elsewhere: Sketch of a Sartrean Political Geology – Matthew C. Ally ([Zoom](#))
- An Ecological Reading of Sartre's Critique of Epistemic Innocence – Damon Boria
- Reconsidering Resource Scarcity: A Sartrean Perspective – Leonid Libenzon ([Zoom](#))

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:45PM-8:00PM

RECEPTION (WITH TRIBUTES TO TOM FLYNN & JOE CATALANO)

Location: [Abraham Campus Center Ballrooms](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Introduction: Beth Butterfield

Tributes:

- Matthew C. Ally
- T Storm Heter
- David Detmer
- Matthew Eshleman



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NASS 2025: CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00AM-9:00AM

BUSINESS MEETING WITH BAGELS & COFFEE
Everyone is welcome!

Location: Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

9:00AM-10:45AM

SESSIONS E1-E3

Session E1: Violence, Colonialism, and Decolonial Resistance

Moderator: Jon Joey Telebrico

Quay Davis Executive Board Room
[Zoom Link](#)

- Demystifying Violence in Fanon's Wretched of the Earth – Kylie Erfanie ([Zoom](#))
- Violence on Frantz Fanon: Existentialism and Decolonization – Fabian Danilo Rojas Pineda ([Zoom](#))
- Colonialism, Legitimation and Violence – Timur Cengiz Uçan ([Zoom](#))

Session E2: Struggle and the Common Object

Moderator: Thomas Meagher

Howell Meeting Room
[Zoom Link](#)

- Radio and Affective Attunement in Fanon and Sartre – Jerome Clarke
- Racist Ideas as Petrified Action: Sartre, Fanon, and the 'Absurdity' of the Colonial System – Tyrique Mack-Georges
- Thinking the New Humanity: Sartre and Fanon at the Limits of Dialectical Reason – Judith Aloise Chavarria

Session E3: "Teaching Existentialism and Existentialist

Teaching: A Pedagogy Workshop Experience" with Beth Butterfield

Landis Academic Center 104
[Zoom Link](#)

Description: Come as you are and join us for a fun and relaxed interactive workshop. Through a variety of activities and conversation, we'll explore how the themes/values of existentialism influence our own individual sense of identity and purpose as teachers, what a particularly "existentialist" approach to teaching might include, and the joys and challenges of teaching a topic like existentialism. This is an opportunity for self-reflection regarding your own practices and values, as well as a chance to swap ideas and to find inspiration in hearing from others. It's also a chance to get to know and make personal connections with other attendees.

Note: I am experimenting with designing workshops that are neurodivergent and introvert friendly. All preferences for style of participation are welcome!

11:00AM-12:45PM

SESSION F1-F3

Session F1: Philosophical Lineages and Comparative Existentialism

Moderator: Tyrique Mack- Georges

Quay Davis Executive Board Room
[Zoom Link](#)

- Practico-inert Awareness and Separating from Colonial Idealism – Christian Olmeda
- Negritude and Ontological Resistance in Fanon and Senghor – Beata Stawarska
- An Analysis of Mr. Seth Milchick in the Show *Severance* Through Fanon's Philosophy of Language – Annalee Ring

Session F2: Seeing and Being Seen: The Sartrean Look

Moderator: James Sares

Howell Meeting Room
[Zoom Link](#)

- The Artificial Gaze on Gaza: Sartre and Fanon on Settler Vision and Algorithmic Violence – Farhang Erfani ([Zoom](#))
- Does Anybody See Me? – Jacob Pelczynski-Kunda
- A Sartrean 'Look' at Fichte's 'Summons' Through a Cartesian Lens – Daniel Wancowicz

Session F3: Ethics and Politics in Contemporary Context

Moderator: Damon Boria

Landis Academic Center 104
[Zoom Link](#)

- Sartre, Populism, and the Politics of Migration – Michael Blake
- Sartre, Trump, and the Debate about DEI and Meritocracy – David Detmer
- What is Human Dignity? – Gwendolyn Dolske

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:45PM-2:00PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00PM-3:45PM

SESSIONS G1 & G2

Session G1: Existentialism Against Empire

Moderator: Annalee Ring

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- A Case for Desegregating Philosophy – Avani Sanghvi
- Foucault and the Colonial Question: A Comparative Analysis of Power, Ontology, and Phenomenology – Warren Scherb
- Francis Jeanson's Critique of 'Divine Right': A Contribution to Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Existential Thought – D.Z. Shaw ([Zoom](#))

Session G2: *Sartre and Analytic Philosophy* Book Panel

Moderator: Talia Morag

Howell Meeting Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- Bad Faith, the Freudian Unconscious, and a Case of #METOO – Talia Morag
- Some Problems of Other Minds – Katherine Morris ([Zoom](#))
- Sartre's Activity-Based Model of Experience – Stephen White

4:00PM-5:45PM

SESSION H1 & H2

Session H1: Existentialism and the Shape of Life

Moderator: Christian Olmeda

Howell Meeting Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- *Hope Now* and Disability Justice – Kimberly S. Engels
- Skillful Coping, Personal Acts, and Life Decisions: Responding to and Creating Significance in Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception* – Justin White

Session H2: Adrian van den Hoven *Sartre's Theater* Book Panel

Moderator: David Detmer

Quay Davis Executive Board Room

[Zoom Link](#)

- David Detmer
- Dennis Gilbert ([Zoom](#))
- Peter Jones

6:00PM-7:30PM

CONFERENCE DINNER

Location: Abraham Campus Center Ballrooms

[Zoom Link](#)

ZOOM LINKS

ZOOM LINK: HOWELL MEETING ROOM

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ZOOM LINK: ABRAHAM CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOMS

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