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# History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy

October 6 - 8, 2023

University of Dayton Department of Philosophy

Richard R. Baker Colloquium Series

## Conference Schedule

### Friday, October 6

All talks will take place in the Kennedy Union Ballroom

8:30 AM – check in/welcome/coffee

#### **9:00 AM – Session 1**

Ancient Philosophy I

1. Julia López García, “The Pregnant Woman as a Habitat of the Divine and Death”
2. Marjolein Oele, “My Other Self—My Mummified Placenta?”

10:30 AM – break

#### **10:45 AM – Session 2**

Medieval & Modern Philosophy I

3. Austin Heath, “Chilo and Childbirth: Oliva Sabuco de Nantes Barrera on the Mind and the (Pregnant) Body”
4. Amber Griffioen, “Forever Full, Eternally Empty: Meister Eckhart’s Pregnant God and the Spiritual Struggle of Miscarriage”

12:15 PM – lunch break

#### **2:00 PM – Session 3**

Contemporary Philosophy I

5. Kendra Anthony, “The Crossing: Spiritual Pregnancy Care for African Americans in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century”
6. Jennifer Scuro, “Birth Privilege as White Privilege”

4:15 PM – break

#### **4:30 PM – Keynote Talk**

**Sara Brill, “Birth, Natality and Reproductive Life in Ancient Greek Literature”**

# Saturday, October 7

All talks will take place in the Kennedy Union Ballroom

8:30 AM – check in/welcome/coffee

## **9:00 AM – Session 4**

Phenomenological Approaches

7. Verónica Kretschel & Mariana Smaldone, “Lucía Piossek Prebisch on Women and Philosophy: An Early Approach to a Phenomenology of Maternity”
8. Beau Vroone, “A Critique of Nietzschean Reason: A Spivakian Analysis of the Foreclosure of the Pregnant Subject Within The Gay Science”

10:30 AM – break

## **10:45 AM – Session 5**

Mixed Session

9. Elselijn Kingma, TBA
10. Miranda Amey, “As Fertile as the Earth: Wetness and the Womb in Greco-Roman Mythology”

12:15 PM – lunch break

## **2:00 PM – Session 6**

Medieval & Modern Philosophy II

11. Lynda Gaudemard, “Mechanizing the Mind-body Union: Descartes’s Account of Birthmarks”
12. Megan Rawson, “What’s Sex Got to Do with It? How Historical Conceptions of Activity and Passivity in the Sex Act Affect Contemporary Metaphysical Understandings of Pregnancy”

3:30 PM – break

## **3:45 PM – Session 7**

Ancient Philosophy II

13. Valeria Sonna, “Pregnancy and Motherhood as a Civic Duty in Plato’s Political Thought”
14. María Elena García-Peláez Cruz, “Aristotle’s Insight on Pregnancy”

5:15 PM – closing of historical program

# Sunday, October 8

*Contemporary Philosophy and Histories of Pregnancy*

All talks will take place in **Kennedy Union room 312**

8:30 AM – check in/welcome/coffee

## **9:00 AM – Session 1**

1. Ewa Smuk-Stratenwerth, “Revolutionary Change in the Attitude towards Childbirth in 1990s in Poland”
2. Sarah LaChance Adams, “Early 21st Century Philosophies of Pregnancy, Childbirth and Mothering”

10:30 AM – break

## **10:45 AM – Session 2**

3. Christopher Oldfield, “When are Fosters Parts?”
4. Christopher ChoGlueck, “Eroding Fetal-centric Pregnancy Labels: How Entrenched Values Have Shaped Drug Science at the FDA”

12:15 PM – lunch break

## **1:15 PM – Session 3**

5. Ernest Hook, “Evolution, Natural Selection and Human Pregnancy”
6. Jennifer Fraser & Noah Stemmeroff, “Extremely Nauseous: Motion Sickness, Morning Sickness, and the Gendered Boundaries of Human Ability”

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The Kennedy Union is located at 300 College Park, Dayton OH

Lunch may be purchased in the basement and first floor of the Kennedy Union, or at the restaurants on Brown Street (~10 minute walk)

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