

# John Dewey's *Experience and Nature*

## A Centennial Celebration

**Wednesday, October 15**

### **Pre-Conference Event**

7:00 PM

Kimberly Ann Harris (University of Virginia), *The Truth of Race:  
The Philosophical Thought of W. E. B. Du Bois*

At the American Institute of Philosophical and Cultural Thought  
411 N 9th St, Murphysboro, IL 62966

**Thursday, October 16**

10:00 AM

### **Registration & Coffee**

10:45 AM

### **Welcome Remarks**

11:00 AM

#### **Session 1A Culture and Nature**

Patrick Hoburg (University of Nebraska at Omaha), *Imagining John Dewey's 'Culture and Nature'*  
Randall Auxier (SIU), *Culture and Nature: Dewey's Late Cultural Turn in a Disordered World*

#### **Session 1B Dewey and Asian Philosophy**

Vishal Thakare (University of Texas Austin), *Buddhist Reading of Dewey's Experience and Nature*  
Dylan Wittkower (Old Dominion), *Experience and Place (場所): Recovering Connections Between James, Dewey, Nishida, Heidegger, and Zen practice.*

12:00 PM

### **Lunch**

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| 1:00 PM | <b>Session 2A</b><br><b>From the Archives</b>   |   | <b>Session 2B</b><br><b>From Dewey to SIU, Outdoor Education Foundations &amp; Legacies</b>  |  |
|         | Gioia Laura Iannilli (Università di Bologna), What Dewey Doesn't Say<br>Matthew J Brown and Andrii Leonov (SIU), Reintroducing Dewey's Re-Introduction to Experience and Nature   |   | Steve Gariepy (SIU STEM Education Research Center) – Drawing a line from Dewey, into Outdoor Education, and the many-faceted endeavor it has grown into over the decades at SIU nationwide.<br>Includes a preview of Friday's outing to Giant City State Park.   |  |
| 2:00 PM | Break   |   |  |  |
| 2:30 PM | <b>Session 3A</b><br><b>Experience, Desire, and Enjoyment</b>   |   | <b>Session 3B</b><br><b>Philosophy of Science</b>  |  |
|         | John Sweeney (Duke), The Consummatory Experience of Immersive Desiring<br>Justin Bell (University of Houston-Victoria), Burnout, Experience, and Nature: Deweyan Criticism as Restorative<br>Johnathan Flowers (CSU Northridge), Experience, Nature, and the Erotic: Audre Lorde's Pragmatic Philosophy of Experience |   | Louis Guichard (Jean Moulin Lyon 3), Habit as Precarious and as Stable: Dewey on Metaphysics and Cultural Criticism<br>Vincent Colapietro (Rhode Island), Dewey's Naturalistic Metaphysics: Description, Cartography, and Therapy<br>David L. Hildebrand (CU Denver), What Gives Dewey's Philosophy the Right to be a 'Criticism of Criticisms'? |  |
| 4:00 PM | Break   |   |  |  |
| 4:30 PM | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>Mark Johnson (University of Oregon), The Greatest (Philosophical) Story Ever Told</b>  |   |  |  |
| 5:45 PM | <b>Opening Reception &amp; Poster Session</b>   |   |  |  |
|         | <b>Poster Presentations</b>   |   |  |  |
|         | Danica Jenck (SIU), The Performative Self: A Critique of Religious Experience and Meaning in John Dewey   | Jasper Price (George Washington), Experience, Nature, and the Spectre of Subject Naturalism | Austin Rooney (Rutgers-Camden), The 'Fluxive' Dewey: Joe Margolis Reads John Dewey   | Jessica Soester (SIU), Sedimented Selves: Identity, Experience, and Philosophy in Delta Pragmatism |

**Friday, October 17**

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| 8:30 AM  | <b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>   |   |   |
| 9:00 AM  | <b>Keynote Address:</b><br><b>Roberta Dreon (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Dewey's Layered Conception of Experience: Hegelianizing James, Jamesianizing Hegel</b>   |   |   |
| 10:15 AM | <b>Break</b>   |   |   |
| 10:45 AM | <b>Session 4A</b><br><b>Art, Value, and Philosophic Method</b><br><br>Matteo Cherubini (Pisa), Imagination and Philosophical Method in Dewey's Aesthetics: Certainty or Stability?<br>Jeremy Swartz (Oregon), Philosophy as Curation<br>Seth Vannatta (Morgan State) & Bethany Henning (St. Scholastica), Importance of Dewey's Metaphysics for the Liberal Arts | <b>Session 4B</b><br><b>Pragmatism, Psychology, &amp; Neuroscience</b><br><br>George Stickel, Neurophilosophical Implications from <i>Experience and Nature</i><br>Tibor Solymosi (Villanova), Problems that Haunt Philosophy: A Neuropragmatic Reconstruction of Artificial Intelligence<br>Carl B. Sachs (Marymount), Ecological Psychology and Pragmatist Realism: Is Gibson Vulnerable to Dewey's Critique of Holt? | <b>Session 4C</b><br><b>Education and Pedagogy</b><br><br>Samantha Ooley (Purdue), Experience, Community, & Moral Development: Games-Based Pedagogy as Deweyan<br>Kristen Cameron & Rosalba Alvarado Acevedo (SIU), Dewey's Four Impulses, the Pedagogical Role of Wonder, and the Use of Technology in Early Childhood<br>Deron Boyles (Georgia State), Love, Appreciation, and Devotion: Dewey's Programmatic Turn in <i>Experience and Nature</i> and Knowing in Schools |
| 12:15 PM | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |   |
| 1:15 PM  | <b>Session 5A</b><br><b>Art, Poetry, and the Environment</b><br><br>Sarah Warren (Siena College), Cultivating the Wondrous Experience of John Dewey<br>Irie Browning (University of Oregon), Plumwood, Dewey, and the Poetic Practices of Environmental Dialogue   | <b>Session 5B</b><br><b>Dewey and American Philosophy</b><br><br>Richard Rubin (Santayana Society), The Nature of Naturalism: Dewey & Johnson-Schulkin vs. Santayana<br>Joel Katzav (Queensland), Andrus de Laguna's Idealist Critique of Pragmatism and its Impact on <i>Experience and Nature</i>   | <b>Session 5C</b><br><b>Quality, Continuity, Experience, &amp; Reality</b><br><br>John R. Shook (Bowie State), Experience's Home in Quality Naturalism<br>Frank X. Ryan (Kent State), Fixing the "Deep Crack" in <i>Experience and Nature</i>   |
| 2:15 PM  | <b>Break</b>   |   |   |

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|         | <p align="center"><b>Session 6A</b><br/><b>Language and Meaning</b></p> <p>Jeffrey Punske (SIU), Linguistic Meaning: Convergence and Divergence in Dewey and Chomsky</p> <p>Brandon Beasley (Calgary), Dewey on Purposiveness &amp; Conceptual Meanings</p> <p>LeAnn Holland (St. Lawrence), Embodied Metaphor and Experiential Education: Relating Dewey, Lakoff and Johnson to Outdoor Learning Theory</p> | <p align="center"><b>Session 6B</b><br/><b>Metaphysics and Ontology</b></p> <p>Stephen Houchins (SIU), Helios Duo-Megistus: Neutral Monism and Dewey's Metaphysics in <i>Experience and Nature</i></p> <p>Andrii Leonov (SIU), Is Dewey's Qualitative Naturalism a Kind of Neutral Monism or Panpsychism?</p> <p>Scott Taylor (Teachers College), The Concept of Event in Whitehead and Dewey and its Place in Contemporary Debates in Eventual Ontologies</p> | <p align="center"><b>Session 5C</b><br/><b>Technology and AI</b></p> <p>Emily LaRosa (Michigan State University), Agricultural AI: A Deweyan Approach</p> <p>Robin Zebrowski (Beloit College), Machines of Action-Undergoing: Deweyan Habits for Enactive AI</p> <p>Casey Haskins (SUNY Purchase), What Would Dewey Think About Artistic AI?</p> |
| 2:30 PM |  |  |  |
| 4:00 PM | <b>Excursion to Giant City State Park</b><br>Led by  |  |  |
| 6:15 PM | <b>Conference Dinner at Giant City Lodge</b>   |  |  |

**Saturday, October 18**

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| 8:30 AM | <b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>  |  |   |
|         | <p align="center"><b>Session 7A</b><br/><b>Generic Traits and Metaphysics</b></p> <p>Thomas Burke (University of South Carolina), On Dewey's Plateaus of Existences of Various Kinds</p> <p>Nicola Ramazzotto (University of Pisa), The Legend of Dewey's Metaphysics</p> | <p align="center"><b>Session 7B</b><br/><b>Dewey and Other Pragmatists</b></p> <p>David Beisecker (UN Las Vegas), Neo-Pragmatist Themes in <i>Experience and Nature</i></p> <p>Aaron Wilson (South Texas College), How Different are Dewey's and Peirce's Views on the Nature of Experience?</p> | <p align="center"><b>Session 7C</b><br/><b>Democracy</b></p> <p>Gregory Pappas (Texas A &amp; M), <i>Experience and Nature</i>, Grassroots Activism, and Radical Democracy Today.</p> <p>Scott Stroud (UT Austin), <i>Experience and Nature</i>, Bhimrao Ambedkar, and the Fate of Democracy in India</p> |
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| 10:15 AM             | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| 10:45 AM             | <p align="center"><b>Session 8A</b><br/><b>Dewey, Phenomenology, and Idealism</b></p> <p>Steven Levine (UMass Boston), Hegel's Place in Dewey's Naturalistic Metaphysics</p> <p>Oliver Kauffmann (Aarhus University), Vintage Dewey: Reading <i>Experience and Nature</i> through Phenomenological Spectacles</p> | <p align="center"><b>Session 8B</b><br/><b>Meaning, Mind, and Animals</b></p> <p>Harrison Jackson (SIU), The (Dis)Continuity of Meaning in John Dewey's <i>Experience and Nature</i></p> <p>Aleksandra Hernandez (University of Miami), Emotions, Symbolic Thought, and The Animal-Human Divide: Thinking With and Beyond <i>Experience and Nature</i></p> |
| 11:45 AM             | <b>Closing Remarks</b>  |  |
| 12:00 PM             | <b>Lunch</b>  |  |
| 1:00 PM              | <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Steven Fesmire (Radford University), The Moving Unbalanced Balance of Things: Dewey's Ecological Imagination and the Denotative Method</b></p>  |  |
| 2:30 PM<br>and after | <p><b>Post-Conference Events</b></p> <p><b>TBD</b></p>  |  |