

# The Phi Sigma Tau

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**Fourth Annual  
SWT Philosophy Symposium  
Friday, March 30  
10:00-4:00  
Philosophy Dialogue Room,  
PSY 132**

**Symposium Schedule:**

10:00 Taj Watkins  
Southwest Texas State University  
"Philosophical Influence of the  
Dragon on Chinese Culture  
Through the Past 8000 Years"

10:30 Shivaun Perez  
Southwest Texas State University  
"Assessing Service Learning  
Using Pragmatic Principles of Education:  
A Texas Charter School Case Study"

11:00 Nick Carter  
Our Lady of the Lake University,  
San Antonio  
"Implications of the Conflict  
Between Realism and  
Nominalism/  
Conceptualism"

11:30 Vanessa Voss  
Southwest Texas State University  
"Faith and Questions: On  
Unacceptable Responses to  
Acceptable Questions"

**12:00-1:00 Lunch**

1:00 Jason Simus  
Southwest Texas State University  
"Birth, Death, and the Meaning  
of Life"

1:30 Travis Foster  
Baylor University  
"Moderate Rationalism:  
Irreconcilability, Dogmatism,  
and Justificatory  
Strength"

2:00 Ron Rowe  
Baylor University  
"Difference and Dialectic: A  
Conversation Between Plato and Aristotle"

2:30 Jason Seay  
University of Oklahoma  
"Perceptual Uncertainty: A Case  
for Free Will"

3:00 Jason Mallory  
Texas A&M University, College Station  
"Toward an Ecofeminist Critique  
of Disablism"

3:30 Silvia Elguea  
Southwest Texas State University  
"The Ecofeminism-Dualism Debate"

PHILOSOPHY SYMPOSIUM

**SUMMER 2001**

**Phil 2330 Elementary Logic**

221074 0751 MTWHF 10:00A-11:40A

Joy

**Phil 3333 Feminist Theory**

221075 0751 MTWHF 12:00P-1:40P

Ross-Fountain

This course will examine major feminist theories including liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, radical feminism, and post-modernist feminism with an eye especially to revealing the complexity and diversity of contemporary feminist thought.

**Phil 3301 Philosophical Issues - in China**

221067 0741 MTWHF 9:00A-12:00P

Zhu--Mini Session 5/14-6/1

The great philosophical concepts which through the years have challenged the best thoughts of people and have contributed to the fulfillment of the good life. Emphasis upon the applicability of those concepts to human life in our time and to the development of intellectual perspective.

**Phil 3315 Contemporary Philosophy**

222960 0580 TH 6:30P-9:15P

Ross-Fountain

Selected readings in late 19<sup>th</sup> century and 20<sup>th</sup> century philosophy: existentialism, positivism, also analytic philosophy, phenomenology, and pragmatism.

**Fall 2001**

**Phil 2311 History of Philosophy Before 1600**

221090 0001 MWF 10:00A-10:50A

Geuras

Early Greek, Roman, and medieval systems of thought.

**Phil 2330 Elementary Logic**

221091 0001 MWF 1:00P-1:50P

Hutcheson

221092 0002 TH 9:30A-10:45A

Joy

A study of the nature and forms of correct reasoning, both deductive and inductive.

**Phil 3314 American Philosophy**

221093 0001 MW 3:30P-4:45P

Hanks

Examination of contribution of Americans to perennial philosophical issues.

**Phil 3316 Existentialism and Phenomenology**

221094 0001 MW 2:00P-3:15P

Gordon

A study of the nature of human experience and existence in the philosophies of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, and Camus. Topics will include freedom, dread, emotion, death, other minds, faith, and the past as experienced by the individual.

**Phil 3322 Business and Professional Ethics**

221095 0001 TH 11:00A-12:15P

Luizzi

**Phil 5322 Business and Professional Ethics**

226427 0001 TH 11:00A-12:15P

Luizzi

Study of major topics in business and professional ethics, including what a profession is, whether it differs from business, and what is involved with the moral education, social responsibilities, and ethical standards of professionals and business people.

**Phil 4388 Problems in Philosophy [Zen]**

221096 0001 TH 2:00P-3:15P

Zhu

**Phil 5388 Problems in Philosophy [Zen]**

221100 0001 TH 2:00P-3:15P

Zhu

**Phil 3325 Philosophy of Sex and Love**

MW 11:00A-12:15P

McKinney

**Rel 2321 Founders, Prophets and Saints [Jesus]**

226428 0001 MWF 10:00A-10:50A

Raphael

**Rel 3360 World Religions**

226429 0001 TH 9:30A-10:45A

Raphael

Advanced Phil Elective

**Rel 4388 Problems in Religion - Religion in America**

221104 0001 MW 5:00P-6:15P

Staff

**Good News!**

Jason Simus has just received word that his paper "Birth, Death, and the Meaning of Life" is to be published in the April 2001 issue of *Dialogue*, the Journal of Phi Sigma Tau. He will also present his paper at our 4<sup>th</sup> annual SWT Philosophy Symposium on March 30. Congratulations, Jason!!

## LAB REPORT:

It's been a great semester so far in the Critical Thinking Lab. With the help of Rebekah Ross-Fountain, Craig Hanks, Jeff Gordon, Rui Zhu, Beverly Pairett and Matt Stone we have created yet another interactive lab program that meets the needs of nearly 1200 students a semester. The instructors for our large intro courses, Professors Gordon, Hanks and Zhu have all begun to incorporate the same critical thinking material into their Philosophy 1305 curriculum. Students will be able to use the program outside of class to brush up on their fallacies.

Our dialogue series this semester includes topics in Epistemology, Stoicism, Latin American Philosophy, Ethics and Technology, and Applied Philosophy. This semester several prominent speakers have appeared in the Dialogue Room including author and SWT Mitte Endowed Chair Tim O'Brien and novelist Tom Grimes. To see what is scheduled for the remainder of the semester pick up a dialogue calendar in the main office.

If you have any questions about the Critical Thinking Lab or the Dialogue Series please contact me by phone at 245-2403 or by email at [wilson@swt.edu](mailto:wilson@swt.edu).

Thanks,  
Paul Wilson  
CTL Coordinator



**Friday**  
**Wisdom Soiree**  
**Free Book**  
**Free Food**  
**Free Thinking**

Every Friday at 3:00 (except March 9 and March 30) Phi Sigma Tau *Delta* hosts an open philosophical discussion in PSY 312. This semester we are examining the main themes in Bertrand Russell's *The Problems of Philosophy*. Books are still available. All interested persons are invited to participate in any or all sessions

## Symposium on Texas Music and Culture

Wednesday, March 21st, 12noon  
Dialogue Room PSY 132

featuring:

**Gary Hartman**  
History

**Kevin Mooney**  
Music

**Mark Busby**  
Director of the Center for the Study of  
the Southwest

**Steve Davis**  
Assistant Curator of Alkek Library

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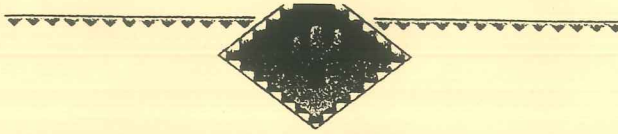
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