

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 11th Series

Coordinator: Kyle Rees

“Can You Rely On Your Intuitions? The Challenge of Experimental Philosophy” Presented by Arthur Sullivan, March 31, 2009.

“Civic Illiteracy And Its Dangers” Presented by Michael Temelini, MUN Department of Political Science, February 24, 2009.

“Does The Genesis Of Equality Count More Than Inequality Itself?” Presented by Daniel Haile, MUN Department of Economics, January 27, 2009.

“Does Anybody Still Have A Soul? A Lecture About Love, Death and Everything In Between” Presented by Sean McGrath, MUN Department of Philosophy, November 25, 2008.

“End the Drug War and save the World: Side Effects Include World Peace and ‘The Munchies’” Presented by Dana Larsen (‘Bounced’ NDP Candidate, Former Editor of Cannabis Culture Magazine, Author of Hairy Pothead and the Marijuana Store), October 28, 2008

“How To Do Philosophy and Free Thinking Navigate Politics? Between the Scylla of Endless Responsibility and the Charybdis of Total Autonomy” Presented by Peter Trnka, MUN Department of Philosophy, September 30, 2008.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 10th Series

Coordinator: Joseph Carew

“Genocide and Ethics: The Case Of Rwanda” Presented by Philippe Bosabose, MUN Department of French & Spanish, March 25, 2008.

“Putting the ‘Physical’ Into Physicalism” Presented by Arthur Sullivan & Stephen Gardner, MUN Department of Philosophy, February 26, 2008.

January 2007: no lecture

“Pioneer or Invader? Nationalism in Settler Fiction” Presented by Mark Anderson, MUN Department of English, November 27, 2007.

“Is Believing In God Irresponsible?” Presented by David Thompson, MUN Department of Philosophy, October 30, 2007.

September 2007: no lecture

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 9th Series

Coordinator: Jamie Freeman

“Restorative Justice: Shape-Shifting the Adversarial Problem”
Presented by Scott Kearney, MUN Department of Sociology,
March 27, 2007.

“Vampires, Elves and Struldbruggs: The Case Against
Immortality” Presented by Bernie Wills, MUN Department of
Philosophy, February 27, 2007.

“I’m Living In A Material World And I’m A Material Girl – But
I’m Still Free” Presented By Adam Riggio, MUN Department of
Philosophy, January 30, 2007.

“History’s Better Angels: American Exceptionalism At The End”
Presented by Chris Lockett, MUN Department of English,
November 28, 2006.

“Democratic Rights and Wrongs in Canada” Presented by Liz
Rowley, Communist Party of Canada, September 26, 2006.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 8th Series

“Market Trade and Political Attitudes in Bolivia” Presented by Kathy Gordon, MUN Department of Anthropology, March 28, 2006.

“Adult Constructions of Childhood” Presented by Karen Stanbridge, MUN Department of Sociology, February 28, 2006.

“Science and the Postmodern World” Presented by Darren Hynes, MUN Department of Philosophy, January 31, 2006.

“Why Did We Industrialize?” Presented by Robert Sweeney, MUN Department of History, November 29, 2005.

“Imperialism and Modern Mythology” Presented by Mike O’Brien, MUN Department of History, October 25, 2005.

“God and the Gun: Violence, Religion and Ireland” Presented by Danine Farquharson, MUN Department of English, September 27, 2005.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 7th Series

“Empire and Religion” Presented by Peter Trnka, Craig Cramm and Bernie Wills, MUN Department of Philosophy, March 29, 2005.

“Fat Hatred and Body Fascism” Presented by Natalie Beausoleil, MUN Division of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, February 22, 2005.

“The Circus in India: Bal Mitra Gram” Presented by Jamie Skidmore, MUN Department of English, January 25, 2005.

“Medicare: Yes or No?” Presented by Roger Chafe, MUN Division of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, November 30, 2004.

“What Do We Expect From Photography?” Presented by Bruce Johnson, Curator of Contemporary Art, AGNL & The Rooms, October 26, 2004.

“A Tale of Empire: Making and Unmaking Iraq” Presented by Mike O’Brien and Chris Youé, MUN Department of History, September 28, 2004.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 6th Series

"Same Sex Marriage –The Perspective That Dare Not Speak Its Name" Presented By Robin Whittaker, MUN Department of Anthropology, February 24, 2003.

"Glancing Back, Looking Forward - Facing Challenges in Education." Presented by Phil Warren, Former Provincial Minister of Education January 27, 2003.

"Is Saddam Another Hitler? Is Iraq Another Vietnam? Historical Analogies & Us Conflict." Presented by Peter Hart, MUN Department of History, November 25, 2003.

"Am I Myself or Someone Else?" Presented by David Thompson, MUN Department of Philosophy, Oct. 28, 2003.

"Who Are the Drug Pushers?" Presented by Peter Trnka, MUN Department of Philosophy Sept 30, 2003.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 5th Series



"Canon and Crusade: The history of philosophy in contemporary politics." Presented by Calvin Normore, University of California at Los Angeles, November 26, 2002.

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"Just Say Maybe: Defending Recreational Drug Use." Presented by Brian Penrose, Philosophy Professor, University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, October 29, 2002.

"A Pawn in the Great Game: Afghanistan and the British Empire 1839-1919." Presented by Mike O'Brien, Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 30, 2002. [[real-player streaming video recoding of lecture](#)]

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 4th Series

"Why it is Good to Kill Innocent People: Today's Political Violence and the 'Good.'" Presented by Paul Sweeney, Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland, February 26 2002.



"[From Superhighway to Superorganism: Emerging Metaphors for the Internet.](#)" Presented by Dr. Elizabeth Murphy, Faculty of Education, Memorial University of Newfoundland, January 29, 2002 [[real-player streaming video recoding of lecture](#)]



"The Mass Media, Terrorism and War Propaganda." Presented by David Thompson, MUN Department of Philosophy, October 30, 2001. [[real-player streaming video recording of lecture](#)]

"Can a Free Market Preserve the Environment? Some Reservations about Free-Market Environmentalism ." Presented by Richard Matthews, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland, November 27, 2001. [[real-player streaming video recording of lecture](#)]



"[How Can Bad Art Be Good.](#)" Presented by Robert Piercey, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 25, 2001 [[real-player streaming video recording of lecture](#)]

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 3rd Series

"Contemplating Death." Presented by Peter Trnka, Professor, Department off Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland, March 27, 2001.

"[Justice Between Generations?](#)" Presented by Michael Wallack, Department of Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland, February 27, 2001

"What is Money For?" Presented by Michael Shute, Department of Religious Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, January 30, 2001.

"Old Art, New Painting: Art History and Newfoundland Baroque." Presented by Jennifer Dyer, November 28, 2000.

"Why we are all Horrible People: Luxury, Famine and What We Owe to Each Other." Presented by [Andrew Latus](#), Visiting Assittant Professor, Memorial University of Newfoundland, October 31, 2000.

"Tequila, Kitchen, Confessional: How Political is the Humour of Newfoundland Politicians?" Presented by Phyliss Artiss, Department of English Language and Literature, Memorial University, September 26, 2000.

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 2ed Series

"The Meaning of the Doctorate of Philosophy Degree." Presented by Axel Meisen, President Memorial University, March 28 2000.

"[To Shoot or Not To Shoot?](#)"

[The Ethics and Aesthetics of Photography.](#)" Presented by Batia Boe Stolar, February 29, 2000.

"[The Importance of Libby's Beans: Culture, Memes and the Self.](#)" Presented by Ben Evans, January 25, 2000.

"[Is there a Mesh Size Problem with the Internet?](#)" Presented by John Scott, MUN Department of Philosophy, November 30, 1999.

"Is Morality Like Pecan Pie?" Presented by Walter Okshevsky, MUN Department of Education, October 26, 1999.

"[Why Know History?](#)" Presented by Dr. Stuart Pierson, MUN History Department, September 28, 1999

St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy, 1st Series

"What is the Future?" Presented by Steve Crocker, MUN Department of Sociology, March 30, 1999.

"[Death with Dignity and Physician Assisted Suicide: Should Doctors Kill Their Patients?](#)" Presented by Daryl Pullman, MUN Faculty of Medicine, February 23, 1999.

"Technology and Freedom." Presented by Phil Rose, MUN Department of Philosophy, January 26, 1999.



"What is Mental Health?" Presented by Peter Trnka, MUN Department of Philosophy, November 24, 1998.



["Is the Brain a Computer?"](#) Presented by David Thompson, MUN Department of Philosophy October, 1998.

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["What Is Creation?" Presented by Peter Harris, MUN Department of Philosophy
September 29, 1998.](#)

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