

36th International Hume Conference
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NATURALISM AND HUME'S PHILOSOPHY

Dalhousie University and The University of King's College
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Conference Organizers:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(as of July 17, 2009)

*All sessions will take place in the **New Academic Building** of the **University of King's College**. Plenary sessions and book panels will be held in Alumni Hall (ground floor). Concurrent sessions in the left column of the program will be held in the Archibald Room (third floor); concurrent sessions in the right column will be held in the KTS Lecture Hall (second floor). Breakfasts and coffee breaks will take place in the Peter Wilson Common Room (second floor).*

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

2:00-6:30 p.m. **Registration:** First floor of the New Academic Building

4:00-4:30 Opening Remarks

4:30-6:00 Plenary Session

"How Hume and Mach Helped Einstein Find Special Relativity"

John Norton (Pittsburgh)

Chair: William Edward Morris (Illinois Wesleyan)

6:00-7:30 **Reception:** the President's Lodge, University of King's College

MONDAY AUGUST 3

8:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-12:30 Registration: First floor of the New Academic Building

9:00-10:15 Concurrent Sessions

Hume's Neglected Argument Against the Soul

Ruth Weintraub (Tel-Aviv)

Comments: Lorne Falkenstein (Western Ontario)

Chair: David Raynor (Ottawa)

What happens when I feel your pride?

Katharina Paxman (Western Ontario)

Comments: Angela Calvo de Saavedra (Javeriana)

Chair: Eve Roberts (Dalhousie)

10:15-10:30 Refreshments
10:30-12:00 noon Plenary Session

<p>“Humean Moral Pluralism” Michael Gill (Arizona) Chair: <u>Lívia Guimarães</u> (Minas Gerais)</p>
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12:00-1:30 Lunch (for those who signed up--Dalhousie University Club)

1:30-2:45 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume vs. Berkeley on the Unity of Perception</i> <u>Gabriela Remow</u> (Washington) Comments: <u>Christopher Williams</u> (Nevada) Chair: <u>Kristopher Phillips</u> (Iowa)</p>	<p><i>Sympathy and Pride</i> <u>Jacqueline Taylor</u> (San Francisco) Comments: <u>Amy Schmitter</u> (Alberta) Chair: <u>David Krueger</u> (Albany)</p>
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2:45-3:00 Refreshments

3:00-4:15 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>L'Espace et le Temps chez Hume</i> <u>Monica Stival</u> (São Paulo) Comments: <u>Stefanie Rocknak</u> (Hartwick) Chair: <u>Susan Dodd</u> (King's)</p>	<p><i>Calm Desires and Undesigning Propensities: Hume's Response to Hutcheson at T 2.3.3</i> <u>Alison McIntyre</u> (Wellesley) Comments: <u>Ronald de Sousa</u> (Toronto) Chair: <u>Alice MacLachlan</u> (York)</p>
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4:15-4:30 Refreshments

4:30-5:45 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>David Hume and Copernicanism</i> <u>Silvia Manzo</u> (La Plata) Comments: <u>Eric Schliesser</u> (Leiden) Chair: <u>Brigitte Sassen</u> (McMaster)</p>	<p><i>Hume's Theory of Moral Imagination: Sympathy, Compassion, & the General Point of View</i> <u>Mark Collier</u> (Minnesota) Comments: <u>Jennifer Welchman</u> (Alberta) Chair: <u>Sylvia Burrow</u> (Cape Breton)</p>
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TUESDAY AUGUST 4

8:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>The Logic of Hume's Maxim and its Influence on 19th Century Science</i> <u>Gregory Todd</u> (Independent) Comments: <u>Graciela De Pierris</u> (Stanford) Chair: <u>Dan Kervick</u> (Independent)</p>	<p><i>Hume's Skeptical Politics</i> <u>Miriam McCormick</u> (Richmond) Comments: <u>Mark Spencer</u> (Brock) Chair: <u>Simon Kow</u> (King's)</p>
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10:15-10:30 Refreshments

10:30-12:00 noon Plenary Session

<p>“Hume's Way of Ideas: Thinking of Things without Ideas that Represent Them” Martha Bolton (Rutgers) Chair: <u>Donald L. M. Baxter</u> (Connecticut)</p>

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume's Epistemic Naturalism in the Treatise</i> <u>Tim Black</u> (Northridge) Comments: <u>Peter Loptson</u> (Guelph) Chair: Letitia Meynell (Dalhousie)</p>	<p><i>Character Naturalized: Hume's Distinction between Artificial and Natural Virtues and the Rejection of Traditional Virtue Ethics</i> <u>Kenneth Henley</u> (Florida International) Comments: <u>Lorraine Besser-Jones</u> (Middlebury) Chair: Petra van Brabandt (Antwerp)</p>
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2:45-3:00 Refreshments

3:00-4:15 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume's Mitigated Skepticism and the Science of Man in the Treatise and First Enquiry</i> <u>Karann Durland</u> (Austin) Comments: <u>Jani Hakkarainen</u> (Tampere) Chair: Annemarie Butler (Iowa State)</p>	<p><i>Lies, Captivating Lies, and Religious Belief: Hume on the Learned Elite and "The Christian Superstition"</i> <u>Rico Vitz</u> (North Florida) Comments: <u>Dario Perinetti</u> (Quebec a Montreal) Chair: Maite Cruz Tleugabulova (Alberta)</p>
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7:00-11:00 **Ceilidh aboard the tall ship Silva**, Queen's Wharf, foot of Prince St.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

8:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Nature et nature humaine chez Hume: l'hypothese de la co-emergence de l'esprit et de la nature</i> <u>Charles Capet</u> (Lille 3) Comments: <u>Sara Albieri</u> (Sao Paulo) Chair: Melanie Frappier (King's)</p>	<p><i>Strength of Mind: Whether a virtue or the real cause of virtue?</i> <u>Juan Samuel Santos Castro</u> (Javeriana) Comments: <u>Ann Levey</u> (Calgary) Chair: Remy Debes (Memphis)</p>
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10:15-10:30 Refreshments

10:30-12:00 noon Book Panel

<p>Rachel Cohon (Albany) <i>Hume's Morality: Feeling and Fabrication</i> Critics: Don Garrett (NYU) Elizabeth Radcliffe (William & Mary) Chair: Jane McIntyre (Cleveland State)</p>
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12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume's Program as an Alternative to Naturalism in Contemporary Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind</i> <u>Yoram Hazony</u> (Shalem Center) Comments: <u>Donald Ainslie</u> (Toronto) Chair: Susan Sherwin (Dalhousie)</p>	<p><i>Hume's Theory of Justice: How Moral Obligation Survives the Sensible Knave</i> <u>William Kline</u> (Illinois, Springfield) Comments: <u>Charlotte Brown</u> (Illinois Wesleyan) Chair: Sunny Yang (Seoul)</p>
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2:45-3:00 Refreshments

3:00-4:30 Book Panel

<p style="text-align: center;">Peter Kail (Oxford) <i>Projection and Realism in Hume's Philosophy</i> Critics: David Owen (Arizona) Kenneth Winkler (Yale) Chair: Saul Traiger (Occidental)</p>
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4:30-6:00 **Tea and Hume Society Reminiscences**, at the **Dalhousie University Club** dining room. Sponsored by **Saint Mary's University**

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

8:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume on the Epistemic Status of Belief in God</i> <u>Liz Goodnick</u> (Michigan) Comments: <u>Todd Ryan</u> (Trinity) Chair: Andrew Fenton (Dalhousie)</p>	<p><i>Contextualizing Hume as a Practical Moralist</i> <u>Colin Heydt</u> (South Florida) Comments: <u>Max Grober</u> (Austin) Chair: Tim Krahn (Dalhousie)</p>
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10:15-10:30 Refreshments

10:30-11:45 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Hume's "argument of a like nature"</i> <u>Alexander George</u> (Amherst) Comments: <u>Corliss Swain</u> (St. Olaf) Chair: Angela Coventry (Portland State)</p>	<p><i>Is Hume's Account of Free-Will and Necessity Really a "Lengthy Digression?"</i> <u>Haruko Inoue</u> (Sapporo) Comments: <u>André Klaudat</u> (Rio Grande do Sul) Chair: Ami Harbin (Dalhousie)</p>
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11:45-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:30 Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>Mitigated Skepticism and Hume's Liminal Natural Theology</i> <u>Thomas Holden</u> (Santa Barbara) Comments: <u>Stanley Tweyman</u> (York) Chair: Peter Fosl (Transylvania)</p>	<p><i>Hume's Impartial Histories</i> <u>Wade Robison</u> (Rochester) Comments: <u>Claudia Schmidt</u> (Marquette) Chair: Shirley Tillotson (Dalhousie)</p>
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2:30-2:45 Refreshments

2:45-4:15 Plenary Session

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"A Naturalist's Religion"</i> William Edward Morris (Illinois Wesleyan) Chair: Nathan Brett (Dalhousie)</p>
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4:30-6:30 **Business meeting**, Alumni Hall (ground floor)

7:00-9:00 **Banquet at the Museum of the Atlantic**, 1675 Lower Water St.

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the **Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy**

2:00-5:30 p.m. **Bus trip to Peggy's Cove**, pickup from Howe Hall or the Lord Nelson