

# ROME

**The first annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress**

**Center for Values and Social Policy**

**An international conference geared to offer the highest quality, highest altitude discussion of ethics, broadly conceived.**

**August 8-10, 2008  
Philosophy Department  
University of Colorado, Boulder**

# Friday, August 8

On-Site Registration, Humanities 1B50: 8:00 - 3:00

## Session Room Numbers

A Sessions - Humanities 1B50

B Sessions - Humanities 150

C Sessions - Humanities 250

	Speaker	Paper Title	Commentator	Chair
8:45 - 10:00am	A Stephanie Partridge and Andrew Jordan <i>Otterbein College</i>	A Defense of Sentimentalism about Humor	Eva Dadlez <i>Central Oklahoma</i>	Dave Hysom
	B Richard Galvin <i>Texas Christian University</i>	The Fact of Reason	Bob Hanna <i>CU Boulder</i>	Jason Wyckoff
	C Aaron Smuts <i>Temple</i>	The Feels Good Theory of Pleasure	Chris Heathwood <i>CU Boulder</i>	David Boonin
10:05 - 11:20am	A Hallie Liberto <i>University of Wisconsin</i>	Animals and the Veil of Ignorance	Ben Hale <i>CU Boulder</i>	Dave Hysom
	B Steve Sverdlik <i>Southern Methodist University</i>	Hurka on the Intrinsic Value of Attitudes	Jyl Gentzler <i>Amherst</i>	Jason Wyckoff
	C Mark van Roojen <i>University of Nebraska- Lincoln</i>	Consequents of True Practical Conditionals Detach	Clayton Littlejohn (SMU) and Michael Huemer (CU Boulder)	Devon Belcher
11:25 - 12:40pm	A Govind Persad <i>National Institutes of Health</i>	Authority Without Identity: Defending Advance Directives via Posthumous Rights Over One's Body	Eric Chwang <i>CU Boulder</i>	David Boonin
	B John Ku, Howard Nye, David Plunkett <i>University of Michigan</i>	Fitting Attitudes, Reasons for Action and the Rejection of Consequentialism	Mylan Engel <i>Northern Illinois University</i>	Matt Frank
	C Hanoch Sheinman <i>Rice</i>	Joint Promises	Ian Stoner <i>University of Minnesota</i>	John Maier

**Lunch**  
**12:40 - 2:30pm**

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>2:30 - 3:45pm</b>	<b>A</b> Kathleen Dougherty <i>College of Notre Dame- Maryland</i>	Respect the One You Love?	Claudia Mills <i>CU Boulder</i>	Bob Pasnau
	<b>B</b> Kelly Sorenson <i>Ursinus</i>	The Actual and the Expected	Arvi Pakaslahti <i>University of Turku</i>	Brad Monton
	<b>C</b> David Etlin <i>MIT</i>	Cognitivism, Decision Theory, and Relativism	Graham Oddie <i>CU Boulder</i>	Eric Chwang
<b>4:00 - 5:15pm</b>	<b>A</b> Paul Kelleher <i>Harvard</i>	Justice in Health Care	Justin Ho <i>Rice</i>	Bob Pasnau
	<b>B</b> Jennifer Hawkins <i>University of Toronto</i>	Well-Being, Time, and Dementia	Jason Wyckoff <i>CU Boulder</i>	Brad Monton
	<b>C</b> Ben Sachs <i>National Institutes of Health</i>	A Paradox of Practical Rationality	Scott Forschler <i>Northland Community &amp; Technical College</i>	Eric Chwang

Plenary

**Welcoming Remarks**

Graham Oddie,

Professor of Philosophy and Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences

5:30 - 7:00,  
Hum1B50**Keynote: Bonnie Steinbock**

University at Albany-SUNY

Designer Babies: Choosing Our Children's Genes

Reception  
7:00-8:00**Koenig Center**  
**(In the Alumni House)**

## Saturday, August 9

On-site registration: 8:00 - 12:00

	Speaker	Paper Title	Commentator	Chair
8:45 - 10:00am	<b>A</b> Jeremy Garrett <i>Rice</i>	A Prima Facie Case Against Civil Marriage	Chad Kautzer <i>CU Denver</i>	Dan Demetriou
	<b>B</b> Ben Eggleston <i>University of Kansas</i>	Utilitarian Adjudication	Kendy Hess <i>CU Boulder</i>	Duncan Purves
	<b>C</b> Douglas Portmore <i>Arizona State</i>	Imperfect Reasons and Rational Options	John Maier <i>Princeton</i>	Chris Heathwood
10:05 - 11:20am	<b>A</b> Elizabeth Brake <i>University of Calgary</i>	Minimizing Marriage	Chad Kerst <i>Colorado State</i>	Dan Demetriou
	<b>B</b> Dale Dorsey <i>University of Kansas</i>	Equality-Tempered Prioritarianism	Nathaniel Jezi <i>Cornell</i>	Duncan Purves
	<b>C</b> Bob Johnson and Rusty Jones <i>Oklahoma</i>	What Good's a Good Example? A New Objection to Counterfactual Exemplar-Based Virtue Theories	Uri Leibowitz <i>University of Massachusetts</i>	Dom Bailey
11:25am - 12:40pm	<b>A</b> Evan Kreider <i>University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley</i>	Mill on Happiness	Dale Miller <i>Old Dominion University</i>	Dan Demetriou
	<b>B</b> Michael Moehler <i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>	The (Stabilized) Nash Bargaining Solution as a Principle of Distributive Justice	Michael Buckley <i>CUNY</i>	Jason Hanna
	<b>C</b> Jean-Paul Vessel <i>New Mexico State University</i>	Supererogation for Utilitarianism	Henry West <i>Macalaster College</i>	Dom Bailey

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<b>2:30 - 3:45pm</b>	<b>A</b>	David Shoemaker <i>Bowling Green</i>	What's Identity Got to Do With it? The Unimportance of Personal Identity for Bioethics	Sara Bernstein <i>Arizona</i>	Dave Barnes
	<b>B</b>	Eric Wiland <i>University of Missouri - St. Louis</i>	On Some Limits of Trying to (Try to) Do the Best	Jeff Sebo <i>NYU</i>	Jen Kling
	<b>C</b>	Adam Hosein <i>MIT</i>	How Hard Are the Numbers?	David Boonin <i>CU Boulder</i>	Brad Monton
<b>4:00 - 5:15pm</b>	<b>A</b>	David Shikiar <i>Boston University</i>	Notes on Hegel's Conception of Reconciliation	Robb Eason <i>MIT</i>	Ben Hale
	<b>B</b>	Andrew Jason Cohen <i>Georgia State</i>	Hard-Headed Economics Capturing the Soft Side of Life and Improving Two Models of Obligation	Johann Klaassen <i>First Affirmative Financial Network, LLC</i>	Dave Barnes
	<b>C</b>	Tamler Sommers <i>University of Houston</i>	Metaskepticism about Moral Responsibility	Moti Gorin <i>Rice</i>	Tony Smith

Plenary

**Introduction of speaker**

David Boonin, Chair of the Philosophy Department

5:30 - 7:00,  
Hum1B50**Keynote: Fred Feldman**

Umass-Amherst

Happiness: Empirical Research, Philosophical Conclusions

Reception

**Heritage Center**

(3rd floor of Old Main)

7:00 - 8:00

# Sunday, August 10

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Chair</b>	
<b>8:45 - 10:00am</b>	<b>A</b>	Brad Skow <i>MIT</i>	Preferentism and the Paradox of Desire	George Backen <i>Adams State College</i>	Mike Huemer
	<b>B</b>	Ian Deweese-Boyd <i>Gordon College</i>	Collective Self-Deception, Collective Injustice	Steve Vanderheiden <i>CU Boulder</i>	Ben Hale
	<b>C</b>	Bruce Russell <i>Wayne State</i>	Moral Intuitions and Skysight	Christina van Dyke <i>Calvin College</i>	Alastair Norcross
<b>10:05 - 11:20am</b>	<b>A</b>	Nicole Hassoun <i>Carnegie Mellon</i>	Why Libertarians Should be Welfare Liberals	Luc Bovens <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	Mike Huemer
	<b>B</b>	Mark Lukas <i>Longwood University</i>	Desire Satisfactionism and the Irrelevant Desires Problem	Luke Robinson <i>Southern Methodist University</i>	Chris Heathwood
	<b>C</b>	Erin Flynn <i>Ohio Wesleyan</i>	On the Impertinence of Frankfurt-Style Argument	Alexander Jech <i>Notre Dame</i>	Ben Hale
<b>11:25am - 12:40pm</b>	<b>A</b>	Kristi A. Olson <i>Harvard</i>	Incentives and Special Burdens: When Are Greater Rewards to the Talented Justified?	John Harris <i>Texas Christian</i>	Michael Tooley
	<b>B</b>	Pekka Vayrynen <i>University of Leeds</i>	Thick Evaluative Terms and Gradability	Dan Boisvert <i>UNC-Charlotte</i>	Alastair Norcross
	<b>C</b>	Michael McKenna <i>Florida State</i>	Conversation and Responsibility	Daniel Speak <i>Loyola Marymount</i>	Tony Smith

**Lunch, 12:40 - 2:30****Poster Session 2 (presenters on back page), 1:20pm - 2:20pm**

2:30 - 3:45pm

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>A</b>	Saul Smilansky <i>Haifa</i>	Moral Paradoxes and the Idea of a "Crazy Ethics"	Alastair Norcross <i>CU Boulder</i>	David Boonin
<b>B</b>	Daniel Brudney <i>University of Chicago</i>	Marx's New Man	Henry Pickford <i>CU Boulder</i>	Sheralee Brindell
<b>C</b>	David Drebusenko <i>University of Southern Indiana</i>	Prefrontal Cortical Deficit and (In)Compatibilism: Can Neuroscience Resolve the Free Will Problem?	Mikhail Valdman <i>Virginia Commonwealth</i>	Jen Kling

Plenary **Announcement of the Young Ethicist Prize and Introduction of  
Speaker:**

Alastair Norcross, Conference Co-Organizer

4:00 - 5:40,  
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**Keynote: Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Rational Agency and Normative Concepts

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### Poster Session 1

Sara Bernstein  
*Moral  
Overdetermination*

Michael Buckley  
*Facts and Principles in  
PC*

Alexander Jech  
*The Tragic Character of  
Frankfurt's Moral  
Theory*

Ian Stoner  
*Kant and the  
Competitive Spirit*

Arvi Pakaslahti  
*Act-Utilitarianism,  
Relationships and  
Cheating*

Justin Ho  
*A New Justification for  
Informed Consent*

Mikhail Valdman  
*Outsourcing Self-  
Government*

### Poster Session 2

Jyl Gentzler  
*What Should I do?*

Jason Wyckoff  
*A Problem for (Some)  
Social Contract Theories*

Moti Gorin  
*Moral Fictionalism*

Clayton Littlejohn  
*Ought', 'Can', and  
Practical Reasons*

Chad Kerst  
*Beyond the Ethics Code*

Nathaniel Jezi  
*Moral Constructivism,  
Autonomy, and the  
Original Position*

Scott Forscherler  
*Frankfurt and  
Rationalism*

Posters will be displayed  
on the main floor lobby  
of Humanities