

**38th Annual Meeting of the
Kansas Philosophical Society**

Saturday, February 9, 2019

@Wichita State University

266 (Pike Room)
Rhatigan Student Center



Each talk is 20 minutes, followed by 15 minutes for Q&A.
This conference is free and open to the public.

Many thanks to our referees and other participants this year!

10:45 am Introduction: Susan Sterrett, Wichita State University



Welcome address:

Andrew Hippisley, Dean

Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Wichita State University

11:00 am **Session 1**

Chair: Jim McBain, Pittsburg State University

"Fake News on Social Media: Eliminating a Uniquely Noxious Market"

Megan Joanna Fritts and Frank Cabrera, Kansas State University

"On the Contractualist Case for Eating Meat"

Keith Harris, University of Missouri

12:10 pm **Lunch break**

1:30 pm **Session 2**

Chair: Jim Schwartz, Wichita State University

"Self-Reflexive Cognitive Bias"

Joshua Mugg, Park University and Muhammad Ali Khalidi, York University

"Confucian Ethics and the Challenge of Gender"

Dennis Arjo, Johnson County Community College

2:40 pm **Break**

3:15 pm **Session 3**

Chair: Patrick Bondy, Wichita State University

"Epistemic Injustice in Aristotelian Ethics"

Noell Birondo, Wichita State University

"Knowing Disability Transactionally: A Pragmatist Response to Epistemic Injustice"

Sarah Woolwine, University of Central Oklahoma

4:25 pm **Break**

4:40 pm **Keynote Address**

Chair: Susan Sterrett, Wichita State University



"The Mnemonic Puzzle"

Sarah Robins, University of Kansas

Abstract:

That mnemonic devices help us remember is hardly a claim in need of defense. That philosophers and cognitive scientists can learn about the nature of memory and cognition by studying mnemonics is more controversial, but is the claim I shall defend in this paper. Reflecting on how mnemonics work introduces a challenge, which I call *the mnemonic puzzle*. The puzzle is this: to remember X, it is easier to encode *more* information rather than *less*. This is, on its face, counterintuitive. Remembering is effortful. Shouldn't remembering *more* information require *more* effort? When it comes to cognitive effort, mnemonics are about working smarter, not harder. There are two lessons that can be drawn from this apparent puzzle. First, when it comes to memory storage, not all vehicles of mental content are created equal. Second, mnemonic success reveals how impressive instances of remembering can be, challenging standard assumptions of how limitations on memory's overall capacity bear on the nature and extent of individual memories.

5:15 pm Brief business meeting

Chair: Brian Hepburn, Wichita State University

Agenda: KPS 2020 venue?

6:30 pm Meet for dinner

Tentatively at Picasso's Pizzeria

5900 E Central Ave

<http://www.picassospizzerias.com/menu.html>

Lunch options on campus

Rhatigan Student Center

Ground Floor:

Chick-fil-a

Pizza Hut

Freddy's Steakburgers

Starbucks

Panda Express

Basement:

Shocker Sports Grill & Lanes

Food Truck Plaza

Directions: Walk out the south exit of the Student Center and follow Perimeter Road around to the left (East). 6 min walk; .3 miles

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Shocker Dining Hall (cafeteria)

Directions: Walk out the north exit of the Student Center and continue north .3 miles.

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