

WCU GRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE 2025

PROGRAM/SCHEDULE

8:30-8:55am **Breakfast**, Anderson Hall, **room 215**

8:55—9:00am **Welcome Remarks: Chair of the Department of Philosophy**
Anderson Hall, **room 211**

Session 1: Modernity and the Human Search for Meaning (9:00-10:30am)
Anderson Hall, **room 211**

Chair: Dr. Dan Forbes

9:00-9:30am Presenters:
Michael LoStracco (William Penn Charter School)
“Navigating the Meaning Crisis and the Self in Modern Education:
Contemplative Approaches”

9:30-10:00am **Steve Hernandez (CUNY Graduate Center)**
“Non-Literal Communication”

10:00-10:30am **Jacob Tease (West Chester University)**
“Confronting Modern Trauma With Community”

Session 2: Manifestations of the Self in Modern Society (10:30am-12:00pm)
Anderson Hall, **room 211**

Chair: Dr. Simon Ruchti

10:30am-11:00am Presenters:
Jared Ijams (The New School for Social Research)
“How to Make Yourself a Martial Body”

11:00-11:30am **Jamie Kahn (Freelance journalist/researcher)**
“Psychoanalytic Theory of Anorexia and the Internet”

11:30-12:00pm **Bryan Bin (Independent Scholar)**
“The Ethics of Self-Control: Conspicuous Consumption, Roman Upper Class
Dietary Practices, and the Stoic Corpus-Animus Distinction”

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Session 3:	Film Screening and Discussion: <i>Skin</i> by Guy Nattiv, (12:00-12:30pm) Anderson Hall, room 211
12:00-12:30pm	Dr. Sara Vakili (Department of Women's and Gender Studies, West Chester University) Introduction by Dr. Bayo Oluwayomi
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch Break , Anderson Hall, room 215
Session 4:	Toward Building a Sustainable Future (1:00pm-2:30pm) Anderson Hall, room 203
	Chair: Dr. Cassie Striblen
1:00-1:30pm	<u>Presenters:</u> Tom Rickards (West Chester University) Eco-Despair and Building Pluralistic Environmental Virtues
1:30-2:00pm	Robert Seletsky (University of Colorado) "Against Best System laws"
2:00-2:30pm	Connor Holm (West Chester University) Immunological Identity and Generating Care for Climate Change
Session 5:	Personal Identity In The Digital Age (2:30pm-3:30pm) Anderson Hall, room 203 Chair: Dr. Steven James
2:30-3:30pm	Roundtable Discussion (Philosophy Graduate Students, West Chester University) <u>Presenters:</u> Edwin McQuillen and Thomas Perrault on Psychedelic philosophy Jacob Romero Bella and Julia Zug on Artificial Intelligence & Ethics Schyler Richards on Art & the Redemption of Consciousness
3:30-4:30pm	Keynote >>>> Anderson Hall, room 203 Dr. Stephanie Rivera Berruz, Associate Professor of Philosophy (Marquette University) "Ofelia Rodriguez: On Modernity, Love and Progress" Introduction by Dr. Bayo Oluwayomi