The First Undergraduate Women’s Philosophy Conference

Friday April 22-Saturday April 23, 2016

Metropolitan State University of Denver; Denver, CO

Sponsored by: Auraria Women’s Philosophy Group, the MSU Denver Philosophy Club, and the MSU Denver Department of Philosophy

Keynote Speaker:
Elizabeth Brake, Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy, Arizona State University
“Love and the Law”

Abstract: How and why should the state be involved in personal relationships? In this talk I discuss the free love tradition and marriage abolitionism before giving arguments for state support of personal relationships -- including friendship, polyamory, and companionship for the elderly.

The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for the presentation of philosophical work by female-identified undergraduates and to encourage community building amongst female-identified philosophers.

Call For Papers:

Papers should be authored by female-identified undergraduates. Papers must have philosophical content, but there are no specific restrictions on subject matter within the arena of philosophical discussion itself.

Electronic submissions (.doc or pdf) are required and should be sent as an attachment to Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu. Submissions should include both the paper and an abstract of 100-200 words. Papers should be approximately 2500 words (8-10 pages) and prepared for anonymous review.

Please include the following in the body of the email:
1. The paper's title
2. Word count
3. Author's name
4. Institutional affiliation (if any)
5. Email address
6. Telephone number
7. Will you need a smart classroom to present your paper?

Papers that do not include the above will not be considered.

No more than one paper by the same author will be considered.

Submission deadline is February 29, 2016. Papers will be reviewed by the conference planning committee. Notification of acceptance will be made via email by March 20. Submissions whose authors cannot be contacted through email will be rejected.

Each paper will have a commentator. Those interested in providing brief comments of approximately 5 minutes should email Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu by February 29, 2016, stating your availability and areas of interest. Please indicate whether you would like to be a commentator should your paper not be accepted.
Conference Schedule

Friday, April 22

Conference registration: 4-6 pm
Conference banquet: 6-8 pm

Saturday, April 23

Breakfast: 9-10 am
Conference registration: 8:30-10 am

Workshop: On Being a Woman in Philosophy: 10-11 am

Paper session 1: 11:15 am-1:15 pm

Keynote Presentation and Lunch: 1:30-3:30 pm
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Department of Philosophy, Arizona State University

Title of Professor Brake’s Talk: “Love and the Law”

Paper session 2: 3:45-5:45 p.m.

A full conference schedule with presentation times and location details will be available in late March.

Registration:

Registration fee: $40. Three meals will be provided to registered attendees: Friday night banquet, Saturday breakfast and lunch. The registration fee should be paid at the conference (cash or check).

For further information, contact Professor Liz Goodnick at egoodnic@msudenver.edu or Professor Carol Quinn at cquinn10@msudenver.edu.