

# TPS NEWS

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The Newsletter of the Talbot Philosophical Society

## TPS's Mission

To supply the resources for Christian philosophers to develop professionally.  
-and-  
To provide venues for greater philosophical learning.

## The 2011 TPS Conference

Here is something you may already know, but is worth repeating: headlining the 2011 TPS conference will be **David Hunt** and **Dean Zimmerman**! The proposed topic for each of these presenter's papers, in light of Hunt's up-and-coming book on the issue, will be Hunt's views on divine foreknowledge and providence. That is what is known. Now for something new.

Zimmerman will be speaking on **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April** both at

Whittier College (in the morning) and at Biola for the undergrad students (in the afternoon). It is not a part of the Talbot Philosophy Conference, but Talbot students are invited to attend both events, just as Whittier students and Biola undergrad students are invited to attend ours.

Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> is the day of the conference. Mark it in your calendars! It will last from approximately 10am to 5pm, and there will be dinner after. Tentatively, the plan is

that the conference will consist of one talk from a Talbot student, two talks from non-Talbot students, and a talk from Hunt and a talk from Zimmerman. Five talks in total. Here are ways you can be involved:

- Submitting a paper to the conference yourself.
  - Comment on one of the two non-Talbot student presenters.
  - Review the papers that are submitted to the conference.
- The official call for papers/announcement hasn't been issued yet. It will be by the beginning of the Spring Semester. Look for it!

## Student Paper Presentations for Spring 2011

*Attending paper presentations is a great way to stay up-to-date with subjects in the field. Furthermore, questioning and critiquing speakers helps to sharpen your own philosophical skills. All talks are given at the Phil. House. Here are the presentations scheduled for October:*

### "Hawthorne-Style Bundle Theory and Perdurantism"

John Forcey

Tuesday, Feb 8th

12 noon at the Phil House

I argue that a certain style of bundle theory (namely, Hawthorne-style bundle theory) is inconsistent with perdurantism as a theory of persistence.

### "Abnormal Phenomenology: What Duck-rabbits, Winos and Superhumans Reveal About Perception"

Jeremy Baldwin

Tuesday, Feb 15th

According to Thin views about the phenomenal character of perceptual experience, phenomenally relevant contents are limited to things like shape, color and illumination.

According to Rich views, the phenomenal character of perceptual experience may include features like kinds and personal identity in addition to shape, color and illumination. If a Rich view is true, then mental content that precedes perception can affect the phenomenal character of that experience, and the idea that our perceptual inputs are unaffected by antecedent mental states is probably false. If a Thin view is true, then the phenomenal character of experience can be reduced to its representational content. In this paper I argue that a Rich view of perceptual experience best reflects how individuals think and perceive.

### "An Alternative to Augustinian Original Sin"

Jarod Sickler

Tuesday, Feb 22nd

I argue for a way of getting rid of original sin without being a heretic or Pelagian.

### "A Strong Defense of Weak Impassibility"

Chester Delagneau

Tuesday, March 1st

I argue at *strong* impassibility (which entails that God cannot be affected voluntarily or involuntarily by His creation) is not supported by the philosophical, theological, and psychological data; unlike *weak* impassibility (which entails that God can voluntarily experience change in His knowledge, will, actions, and emotions), which is best represented by each datum. And if Christians personally apply this qualified view of divine impassibility to their lives, I believe, it will dramatically impact their spiritual development in becoming more like Christ in obedience and humility.

### Title Pending

Mihretu Guta

Tuesday, March 8th

Mihretu is a Talbot grad currently doing PhD work in Phil of Science. His talk promises to be 1st rate. Updates to follow as the date approaches.

## This Issue

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# Have Your Papers Reviewed

A number of philosophy students at Talbot find it difficult to connect with people to get feedback on philosophical writing they're working on. Mike Hogan will help meet this need by receiving things you've written (via email) and then send them to others who have agreed to read it and offer com-

ments on ways to improve the paper, including grammar/spelling, style and philosophical content. The "commenter" would then send it back to Mike and he will send it back to you. So long as you can get the paper done ahead of time, this would be a great way to get help, improve the paper, and get

better as a writer and philosopher. You should send the paper no less than two weeks before the paper is due or we cannot guarantee a complete read, although we will do our best! Please take advantage of this throughout the year! Send papers to Mike Hogan's email – [michael.c.hogan@biola.edu](mailto:michael.c.hogan@biola.edu).

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## Pray For Our Future PhD's

PhD applications have been submitted and are being viewed as we speak. Here is the of applicants for this round. Remember them in your prayers.

Sarah Babbitt	Kevin Kiefer
Jeff Culver	James Rhea
Tad Davis	Oscar Tovar
Daniel Eaton	Cody Weaver
John Forcey	Ryan West
Timothy Houk	Eric Peterson

## Soccer Saturdays, Come Play!

Want to play soccer with a bunch of out of shape philosophers? A pick-up game is held every Saturday at 4pm at the practice fields by the tennis courts/ISF buildings. Emphasis is on fun and not getting hurt...j/k, it's all about win Win WIN!!

### Check out the NEW TPS website at:

[WWW.TALBOT.EDU/PHILOSOPHY/TPS](http://WWW.TALBOT.EDU/PHILOSOPHY/TPS)

### or email us at:

[talbotphilosophy@biola.edu](mailto:talbotphilosophy@biola.edu)

### February TPS Calendar

Visit the TPS website for updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	Soccer @4 5
6	7	8 TPS student presentation: John Forcey, Noon.	9	10	11	12 Soccer @4
13	14	15 TPS student presentation: Jeremy Baldwin, Noon	16	17	18	19 Soccer @4
20	21	22 TPS student presentation: Jarod Sickler, Noon	23	24	25	26 Soccer @4
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