

History of Philosophy Society

May 1-2, 2021 • Live Stream via Zoom

Decay Dissolution Destruction



Fruit Sculptures by Kathleen Ryan

Saturday, May 1st

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501830515?pwd=QjhBZnFaTEdLVkoxc1BEMzcxVWtMQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 0183 0515
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9:00 - 9:15 AM Welcome Remarks

Shannon Mussett, Utah Valley University

9:15 - 10:15 AM “Forgetfulness and the Dissolving Self in Plato’s *Protagoras*”

Lydia Winn, Boston College
Moderator: Juan Palencia, Utah Valley University

10:30 - 11:45 AM Text Seminar on Plato’s *Republic* Book 1

Led by Anne-Marie Schultz, Baylor University

12:00 - 1:00 PM “Progressus ad Infinitum? A Theme in Plato’s *Protagoras*”

Andy German, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Moderator: Kiona Wilson, Utah Valley University

1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 PM “Swollen Foot and Vermin: The Standing Metaphor in the Oedipus Story and in Kafka’s ‘The Metamorphosis’”

Scott Abbott, Utah Valley University
Moderator: Ryan Ord, Utah Valley University

3:15 - 4:15 PM “A Fleeting and Incomplete Tour of Impermanence, Non-Self, and Momentariness in Indian Buddhist Philosophy”

Ethan Mills, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Moderator: Rowan Hadlock, Utah Valley University

4:30 - 6:00 PM Keynote Address: “Miasmatic Thinking in the *Euthyphro* and Beyond”

Robert Metcalf, University of Colorado Denver
Moderator: Shannon Mussett, Utah Valley University

6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail Hour

Sunday, May 2nd

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9:00 – 10:30 AM Keynote Address: “The Breath of Decaying Constellations: A Phenomenology of Loss, Illness, and Bad Air”

Marjolein Oele, University of San Francisco
Moderator: Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University

10:45 – 11:45 AM “Nietzsche and the Temporalities of Destruction: Desert Time and Jungle Time”

Kemal Isik, DePaul University
Moderator: Yue (Alex) Zhou, Utah Valley University

12:00 – 1:00 PM “The Politics of Suicide: The Impossibility of Self-Destructive Agency in the Philosophy of Spinoza”

Amanda Parris, University of San Francisco
Moderator: cas Nango, Utah Valley University

1:00 – 2:30 PM Undergraduate Luncheon: “Pedagogy in the Age of Decline”

Facilitated by Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M University; Richard Lee, DePaul University; and J. Colin McQuillan, St. Mary’s University

2:30 – 3:30 PM “Appetite for Self-Destruction: Sovereignty’s Internal Decay in Spinoza”

Chris Davidson, Ball State University
Moderator: Michael Shaw, Utah Valley University

3:45 – 4:45 PM “Marx on Natural Decay”

Omar Quinonez, Emory University
Moderator: Madeline Brenchley

5:00 PM Concluding Remarks

Shannon Mussett, Utah Valley University

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For a temple to be built,
a temple must be destroyed

- Friedrich Nietzsche



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