

History of Philosophy Society

Life on Earth | April 28-29, 2023

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga



Featuring a guided tour of the Tennessee Aquarium

Keynote Speakers

J. Baird Callicott

University of North Texas

Jason Wirth

Seattle University

Text seminar with

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Call for Papers: *Life on Earth*

Life on Earth is presently under threat in ways it hasn't been since the time of the dinosaurs. Our age, which has been named the "Anthropocene" by natural scientists and others, is witnessing a dramatic loss of plant and animal life and an increase in extinctions. Thinkers throughout the history of philosophy have attempted to understand the origin of life, and the relationships between the Earth, plants, animals, and human beings. Questions about the nature of life are tied to concepts of evolution, teleology, human nature, metaphysics, ethics, and more. As we teeter on the brink of widespread ecosystem collapse, this conference aims to explore how philosophers throughout history have conceived the meaning and significance of organic life. We welcome papers that address dimensions of life on Earth through the lens of any figure in the history of philosophy prior to the 20th century.

The History of Philosophy Society was established to support and encourage scholarship on the history of philosophy from diverse perspectives. We welcome the richness of multiple approaches to the history of philosophy, as well as of various traditions (Africana, American, Asian, Caribbean, European, Latin American, etc.). HOPS provides a forum for various interpretive methods, including, but not limited to, analytical, deconstructive, feminist, hermeneutic, phenomenological, and pragmatist interpretations of texts and philosophers from antiquity through the 19th Century.

Please send submissions as an email attachment to historyofphilosophysociety@gmail.com no later than January 15, 2023. Submissions should consist of the full paper (35 minutes of reading time, approx. 5000 words) prepared for anonymous review.