



## THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CITY CONFERENCE AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

**Schedule of events - November 21 & 22, 2015**

Location: Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Saturday, November 21, Registration and Welcome from **Brian Elliott** and **Shane Epting**,  
Room 238, 8:00 am - 8:30 am

8:30 – 10:00, Room 238, *Technology, Ecology, and Justice*, Moderator: Brian Elliott

The Philosopher in the Smart City, **Diane P. Michelfelder**, Macalester College

Future Food: Four Models for the City of the Future, **Paul B. Thompson**, Michigan State  
University

The Post-Racial Trend, Ideal, and Mythistory, **Ronald Sundstrom**, University of San  
Francisco

10:15 – 11:45, Room 238, *Contemporary Urban Issues*, Moderator: Shane Epting

Out of Focus: Metro Manila and the Challenge to Regain Its Bearings, **Remmon E. Barbaza**,  
Ateneo de Manila University

Inequality in the City, **Avner de Shalit**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Historical Preservation and Nietzsche's Theory of History, **Roger Paden**, George Mason University

11:45 – 1:15, Lunch, on your own

1:15 - 2:45, Room 236, *Architectural Issues in an Urbanizing World*,  
Moderator: Gerald J. Erion

What is Belonging in a Rapidly Globalizing World? Lessons from Mumbai, India, **Maja  
Rodell**, Gonzaga University; **Rupali Joshi**, 'Cue2design'

The Emotional City: How Architecture Creates and is Affected by the Emotional Objects that  
We Call Cities, **Abel B. Franco**, California State University, Northridge

Visiting the Ruins of Detroit: Exploitation or Cultural Tourism?, **Elizabeth Scarbrough**  
University of Washington

1:15 – 2:45, Room 294, *Cities and Environment in Focus*, Moderator: Joseph Tuminello

A Normative Perspective on the Relationship between Cities and Nature,  
**Nir Barak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Hybridization of Living: Should We Still Talk About ‘Town versus Country’?, **Fábio Valenti Possamai**, University of North Texas

Indigeneity and the American Metropolis, **Aaron Pratt Shepherd**, Emory University

2:45-3:15, Coffee Break

3:15 - 4:45, Room 238, KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Arcades of Paris and Walter Benjamin's Philosophy of Cities, **Frank Cunningham**, University of Toronto

5:00 – 7:00, **Reception**, Raven and Rose, 1331 SW Broadway

-End of Day-

Sunday, November 22, 8:00 am – 9:30 am, Room 294, *Aesthetics and the City*,  
Moderator: Gehad Mohamed Abdelal

Gómez Dávila’s Implicit Urbanism, **Justin Humpreys**, The New School

Paris by Brassai and Sartre, **Larry Busk**, University of Oregon; **Caitlin Zera**, independent scholar

‘Do what you feel is right with the piece:’ Banksy’s Mobile Lovers as a socio-moral test case,  
**Susan Hansen**, Middlesex University

9:45 –10:45, Invited Address, Environmental Justice in the City, **Robert M. Figueroa**, Oregon State University, Room 238, Moderator: K. Kenneth Edusei

11:00 – 12:30, Room 236, A, *New Directions for Justice Scholarship*, Moderator: Teresa Moss

Deciphering Conceptual Barriers to Participatory Science in the City, **Martin Plumer**,  
Portland State University

Zaatari: Refugee City?, **Katherine Howard**, Emory University

Are “Poor Doors” Fair? Housing, Luck and Equality, **Jason Flato**, Georgia Perimeter College

11:00 – 12:30, Room 294, *Taking it to the Streets*, Moderator: Eli Brandom

The Comedy of the City: Ridiculousness and the Good Life from Athens to *Portlandia*, **Amy Billingsley**, University of Oregon

The Female Body in the Urban Street, **Gehad Mohamed Abdelal**, Michigan State University,  
Bologna University, Cairo University

Community, Identity, and Discursive Signaling, **Cassie Herbert**, Georgetown University

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch on your own

2:00- 3:30, Room 236, *Urbanity in Flow and Flux*, Moderator: Fábio Valenti Possamai

Urban Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: A Reply to McWilliams, **Joseph Tuminello**,  
University of North Texas

Waste-Management and the Phenomenology of Being-in-the-City, **Michael Glawson**,  
University of South Carolina

Natural Catastrophe: Climate Change and Neoliberal Governance, **Brian Elliott**, Portland  
State University

2:00- 3:30, Room 294, *Mind and City in Context*, Moderator: Nir Barak

Inter-city Responsibility, **Lior Glick**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Rethinking the Progressive City, **Tal Alster**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Situated Remembering and Urban Heterogeneity, **Ian O'Loughlin**, Pacific University

3:30 – 4:00, Coffee Break (*special screening of “Walkabout the City?: Hong Kong, Portland and Mexico City, via Manchester,” from **David Haley**, Manchester Metropolitan University will be available. An abstract is available in the program*)

4:00 – 6:00 Room 294, *Power in Transition*, Moderator: Aaron Pratt Shepherd

Transgression and Mobilization in the City: Between Foucault & Deleuze, **Eric Coleman**,  
Loyola Marymount University

Power in Pakistan: Entrepreneurial Subjectivity and Privatizing the Developmental State,  
**Tariq L. Rahman**, University of Oregon

Power, Intentions, and Morality: Transformations in the Anthropocene, **Eli Brandom**,  
University of Oklahoma

4:00 – 5:30, Room 238, *On Teaching Philosophy of City*, Moderator: Gerald J. Erion

Philosophy, The City, and Frederick Law Olmsted: Teaching the Built Environment in  
Buffalo, **Gerald J. Erion**, Medaille College

Cultivating a Land Ethic: Bioregional Imagination through Urban Ecosystem Education, **Teresa Moss**,  
University of North Texas

Proven Themes to Use in Teaching a Philosophy of Cities Course, **Jason Matteson**,  
Northern Arizona University

-Closing Remarks: **Shane Epting** and **Brian Elliott**-

6:00 – 7:00-ish, Room 294, **Philosophy of the City Research Group Business Meeting**, All are  
welcome and encouraged to attend.