

# 66th Annual Meeting The Metaphysical Society of America

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## Self-determination and Metaphysics

April 17-19, 2015

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

All sessions will be held in Room 115 Peabody Hall

### Thursday, April 16

**7:00–9:30 PM** “Process Philosophy, Self Determination, and Ideology” Panel of the Society for the Study of Process Philosophies (all MSA members are welcome)

*Moderator:* George R. Lucas, Jr. (Reilly Center, University of Notre Dame)

*Speakers:* Derek Malone-France (George Washington University) and George Allan (Dickinson College, emeritus)

*Respondent:* Hollis Phelps (University of Mount Olive)

### Friday, April 17

**3:30 PM Welcome** by Pamela Whitten, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (University of Georgia)

#### **3:40-4:55 PM Session I**

*Moderator:* Donald Phillip Verene (Emory University)

*Speaker:* May Sim (College of the Holy Cross), “Self-determination and the Metaphysics of Human Nature in Aristotle and Mencius”

*Commentator:* Jonathan Sanford (Franciscan University)

#### **5:05–6:20 PM Session II**

*Moderator:* Francis P. Coolidge, Jr. (Loyola University New Orleans)

*Speaker:* Jude Dougherty (Catholic University), “Maimonides on Free Will”  
*Commentator:* Phillip Stambovsky (Fairfield University)

**6:30–7:45 PM Session III**

*Moderator:* Brian Henning (Gonzaga University)  
*Speaker:* Andrew German (Ben Gurion University, Be'er Sheva Israel), “Speculari Aude: Self-Consciousness and Post-Kantian Metaphysics in Dieter Henrich”  
*Commentator:* Michelle Mahoney (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

**8-10:00 PM Dinner Reception**

**Saturday, April 18**

**8:45–10:00 AM Session IV**

*Moderator:* Laura Landen (Providence College)  
*Speaker:* Kris Klotz (Pennsylvania State University), “Autonomy and Abstraction”  
*Commentator:* Anne M. Wiles (James Madison University)

**10:00-10:15 AM Coffee Break**

**10:15-11:30 AM Session V**

*Moderator:* Carl Rapp (University of Georgia)  
*Speaker:* Lawrence Cahoon (College of the Holy Cross), “Self-, Social-, or Neural-Determination?”  
*Commentator:* C. Wesley DeMarco (Clark University)

**11:35–12:50 AM Session VI**

*Moderator:* Nastassja Saramago de ar Pugliese (University of Georgia)  
*Speaker:* Eric v. d. Luft (Gegensatz Press), “On Free Will: Pöls versus Ravven”  
*Commentator:* Heidi Ravven (Hamilton College)

**12:50-2:05 PM Lunch Break**

**2:05–3:20 PM Session VII**

*Moderator:* Oliva Blanchette (Boston College)  
*Speaker:* Melvin Woody (Connecticut College), “Freedom and Trauma”  
*Commentator:* Eric Helleloid (Augsburg College)

**3:25–4:40 PM Session VIII**

*Moderator:* Dilek Huseyinadzegan (Emory University)  
*Speaker:* Sean McGrath (Memorial University of Newfoundland), “The Logic of Schelling's Freedom Essay”  
*Commentator:* Richard Velkley (Tulane University)

**4:40-5:00 PM Coffee Break**

**5:00–6:30 PM Presidential Address: “Self-determination in Logic and Reality”**

*Introduction:* President-Elect George R. Lucas Jr. (Reilly Center, University of Notre Dame)

*Speaker:* Richard Dien Winfield (University of Georgia)

**6:35-7:45 PM Business Meeting**

**8:00-10:00 PM Banquet at Cine (234 West Hancock Avenue) catered by The National**

**Sunday, April 19**

**9:00–10:15 AM Session IX**

*Moderator:* Rene Jagnow (University of Georgia)

*Speaker:* Daniel Stambovsky (USAF), “Self-Determination of the Emergent: Formal Essence, Reinvention, and Downward Causation”

*Commentator:* Joseph Paul Carter (University of Georgia)

**10:25–11:40 AM Session X**

*Moderator:* Thomas R. Flynn (Emory University)

*Speaker:* Edward Halper (University of Georgia), “Self-determination as a First Principle”

*Commentator:* William Maker (Clemson University)

**11:50–1:05 PM Session XI Aristotle Prize Winner**

*Moderator:* Bradley Alan Patty (University of Georgia)

*Speaker:* Gregory Moss (Clemson University), “The Concept as Self-Determination: Hegel on the Conceivability of Self-Determination”

*Commentator:* Kenneth Lambert (Washington and Lee University)