

# “Disability, Civic Responsibility, and Community Friendship”

Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA) Symposium  
Bryant Hall Gallery, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS  
Friday and Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Program

### Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

- 5 – 6 pm Registration and opening reception
- 6 – 7:30 pm **Conversational Session 1:** “What disability means in our lives”

### Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

- 8 – 11 am **Paper Session:** Formal presentations and works in progress (see reverse for details)
- 11 am – 12:30 pm **Conversational Session 2:** “Framing disability and opportunity”  
Readings: Davis’s “A Thoughtful Look at Disability” and Justice Marshall’s Dissent
- 12:30 – 1:45 pm Lunch (provided)
- 1:45 – 3:15 pm **Conversational Session 3:** “Disability, Rights, and Civic Responsibility”  
Readings: Gostin’s “International Human Rights Law and Mental Disability”  
and Silvers’s “Rights are Still Right: The Case for Disability Rights”
- 3:30 – 5 pm **Conversational Session 4:** “Friendship and Flourishing in Rural America”  
Readings: Snow’s “Inclusive Education: A Primer” and Freeland’s case study

#### Facilitators:

Dr. Nancy Tuana, DuPont/Class of 1949 Professor of Philosophy and  
Director of the Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State Univ., State College, PA

Dr. Robin Wilkerson, Professor of Nursing, Director of the North Mississippi Campus  
Sites at the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s School of Nursing

Dr. Eric Thomas Weber, Executive Director of SOPHIA and Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi

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<http://www.philosophersinamerica.com/disability.html>

## Details for the Paper Session:

In this session, scholars from around the country will present works in progress on subject related to ethics and disability. Each scholar will give a presentation that lasts between 15 and 20 minutes, allowing 10 to 15 minutes of discussion after each presentation.

The presentations will include:

**Michael Waddell**, St. Mary's College

“Should We Tell Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders That They Have Autism?  
A Question for Disputation.”

**Shane Ralston**, Penn State University at Hazelton

“Pragmatist Ethics, Disability and Educative Growth”

**Michael Seifried**, Columbia University

“Taking Natural Impairments Seriously”

**Hanoch Sheinman**, Rice University

Work in progress

**Bertha Manninen**, Arizona State University

Work in progress

## Continuing Education Credits

**Attorneys** – approved for **3 hours** of credit for attending Conversational sessions 2 and 3. For credit, we will need you to fill out a CLE form and to write a check for \$4.50 (1.50 per credit hour) made out to the University of Mississippi mentioning CLE in the memo line. We will need you to fill out an evaluation form at the end of the program.

**Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and Physical Therapists** – approved for 7.5 hours of credit for attending the whole event, counting 1.5 hours of credit per session (including the paper session). There will be a flat fee of \$20 for processing these credit hours – please make your check out to the University of Mississippi for this, writing CE Credits in the memo line. It is also required you to fill out an evaluation form, then list your name and sign the form. Finally, we will need you to fill out a special registration form (ask the program organizer), where you will need to include your name and address.

**School teachers** – Given that our program was approved by the University of MS Medical Center, you may be able to self-report your hours. If you need information about the event for reporting, make sure that you have signed in for the event and contact Dr. Weber with questions or requests: [etweber@olemiss.edu](mailto:etweber@olemiss.edu) or 662.202.6301.

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