

## IARPT 2025 Schedule

### June 16

7:00 p.m. Gesche Linde Autobiography

8:30 p.m. Opening Reception

### June 17

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session 1

Robert Smid: "Losing Oneself in a Yellow Wood: On the Specter of Loneliness in American Philosophy."

Lisa Landoe Hedrick: "'But Is It Hopeful?' Black Theology and the Absurd"

Michael Raposa: "The Love that Remains: Religious Naturalism as a Manifestation of Saudade"

10:00-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Keynote 1 - Joseph Winters

"Broken Clock of the World: Fascism, (Racial) Antagonism, and the Study of Religion"

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30-3:00 p.m. Session 2

Walter Gulick: "Existential Meaning as a Counter to the Tragic Dimensions of Life"

Taylor Thomas: "The Existential Deficiencies of Religious Naturalism"

John Teehan: "Existential Anxiety and Worldviews: Enacting Meaning in a Precarious World"

3:00-3:15 p.m. Break

3:15-4:45 p.m. Session 3

Paul Croce: "Addressing the Problem of Overlooking Problems: A William James-Based Approach for Learning from Debates Over Economic Growth"

Greylyn Hydinger: “Naturalistic Approaches to Suffering in Comparative Perspective: Ethical Implications of the Metaphysics of Bliss and the Beauty of Suffering”

Wesley Wildman: ““Stop Slowing Us Down! Religious Naturalism’s Romantic Fascination with Finitude and Suffering is Mere Deathism and Must Be Overcome through Transhumanism’s Science-Borne Vision of Life-Lengthening, Suffering-Minimizing Technological Optimism”

6:00 p.m.                                      Dinner

## **June 18**

9:00-10:30 a.m.                      Session 4

Janna Gonwa: “Blaspheme the Place Ordained to Suffering: How Self-Organization Theory Can Help Theology Respond More Adequately to Pain and Grief”

Andrew Stone Porter: ““Queen Anne’s Lace in the Fall”: Green Burials and Catholic Feminist Naturalism”

Thurman Todd Willison: “Pragmatism and Recovery”

10:00-10:45 a.m.                      Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                      Keynote 2 - Monica Coleman

“How will Grandma Find Us?: What Process Metaphysics and African Traditional Religions Can Teach Us about Loss, Grief, Ancestors and Ritual”

12:00-1:30 p.m.                      Lunch (on your own)

1:30-3:00 p.m.                      Session 5

Benjamin Ball: “Beyond Philosophies of Evasion: Vernacular Theodicy and Apophatic Democratic Practice”

Daniel Dombrowski: “Dark Finitude?: Finite and Infinite as Conceptual Contrasts”

Kevin Schilbrack: “The Problem of Evil for Naturalists”

Board Meeting and Excursions

**June 19**

9:00-10:30 a.m. Keynote 3 - Demian Wheeler

"Abysmal Suffering and the Promise of Pantheistic Naturalism"

10:00-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session 6

Benjamin Chicka: "What's the Use in Trying? Pragmatic Truth as Museum Artifact"

James McLachlan: "The Ungrund: The Dark Naturalism of Jacob Boehme"

Dwight Welch: "Social Immortality"

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30-3:00 Conveners Panel

4:30 Business Meeting and Picnic