

## IARPT 2026 Schedule

### *Experience:*

*Philosophical Topics from Dewey for Inquiry with Other Pragmatists, Process Philosophers, Naturalists, and Religious Liberals*

All Conference Events will be held in Swift Hall.  
The University of Chicago Divinity School  
1025 E 58th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

Panels and keynote will be in Room 106 of Swift Hall.  
The Banquet will be held in the Common Room of Swift Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

### **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Welcome

Scot Yoder

Greylyn Hydinger

7:15 Plenary: Robert Cummings Neville: "John Dewey All Around Us"

8:30 Opening Reception

### **Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:45-10:45 Experiences of Grief, Trauma, and Silence

Wesley Wildman: "Why Birkenau Drove Me to Silence: The Biology of Axiological Sensitivity"

Benjamin Ball: "The Sin of Simplification: Representative Heuristics, Digital Contempt, and Emersonian Faith"

Dwight Welch: "Grief and the Crises of Meaning in America"

Janna Gonwa: "Explosive Plasticity: Experience and the Neurobiology of Trauma"

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Think Theoretically, Act Experientially

Paul Croce: "The Narrative Workshop: Religious and Philosophical Theories as Public Resources"

Scott Maybell: "William James vs. the Octopus: Religious Naturalism, Appreciation, and Meliorative Demonology"

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

1:30-3:00 Comparative Philosophy

Carl Estrada: "I AM DEWEY'S HERETIC: Comparative Religion at Its Most Foundational - A New Approach"

Rob Smid: "Monica Coleman as Comparative Theologian: An Exploration of Discipline, Method, and Lineage"

Dominic Prianti, III: "From Performance to Humane Formation: Reclaiming Education after AI"

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-5:15 Democracy and Experience

Logan Isaac: "The Receipts Democracy Can't Discard: Scapegoated Communities, Semiotic Realism, and the Limits of Dewey's Democratic Inquiry"

Nikhil Sanjay-Rekha Adsule: "Gender Justice and the Limits of 'Associated Living': B.R. Ambedkar, the Hindu Code Bill, and the Pragmatic Pursuit of Equality"

Bridget Ritz: "Peirce's Groundwork for A Sociology of Doubt"

José Morales: "How Can Political Experience Be Aestheticized? Political Praxis and/as Works of Art"

6:00 Dinner: Catered in the Common Room of Swift Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

### **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-10:30 Aesthetics, Games, Technology, and Pedagogy

Benjamin Chicka: "Video Games as Experience"

Susan Haarman: "Dungeons & Dragons & Democracy: Dewey's Untapped Ludic Pedagogy for Democracy"

Julie Geredien: "Experiencing the Right Attitude: What Alain LeRoy Locke's Theory of Value Transformation Teaches Us About Dewey's "Moral Good" and Transformative Learning"

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Plenary: Nancy Frankenberry: "Defending Rorty"

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

1:30-3:20 The Live Creature

Jacob Waldenmaier: "The Educational Experience of Brains on Chips (Or, what is it like to be a mini-brain?)"

Greylyn Hyding: "The Live Creature and the World Well Found"

AJ Rawa: "Aesthetic Experience and Consummatory Value" (Student Presentation: 25 minutes)

Isabel Ovaneso: "Experience Before the Brain: Reversing the Order of Mind" (Student Presentation: 25 minutes)

3:20/3:30 Board Meeting and Excursions

### **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:45-10:45 Aesthetics

Dan Dombrowski: "Aesthetic Experience and Nonhuman Animals"

David Breeden: "Consummatory Imagination: Experience, Aesthetics, and Transcendence in the Anthropocene"

Jason Barry: "Poetic Thinking: Symbol, Duality, and Perception in Ryan Wilson and Ian McGilchrist"

Walt Gulick: "Expanding Dewey's Theory of Aesthetic Experience"

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Plenary: Bill Hart, "Santayana and Dewey on Beauty, Art, and Experience"

12:15-1:45

1:45-2:45 Religious Experience

Michael Raposa: "Ideality, Imagination, and Adjustment: Dewey on  
Religious Experience"

Robert Corrington: "Whither Ecstatic Naturalism?"

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-3:30 Conveners' Forum

3:45-4:45 Business Meeting: Scot Yoder