

UOFL PHILOSOPHY | SPEAKERS' BUREAU

A **veritable beehive** of philosophical activity, the **UofL Philosophy Department** houses top scholars on a range of subjects. Trained to work in-person or online, our researchers offer lively presentations, talks, and facilitated discussions that combine scholarly rigor with stimulation and engagement. They are also available for extended consultancies for institutions seeking policy reviews, mission statements, and visions, or to serve on panels or boards requiring philosophical insight. For bookings or more information, contact phil@louisville.edu or 502-852-6811.

Guy Dove specializes in the philosophy of cognitive neuroscience, and especially how language interacts with the brain.



Consulting on:

- Philosophical approaches to Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Science of Consciousness

Some Sample Public Presentations:

- Understanding the Role of Boredom in Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Philosophical Zombies and the Promise of a Science of Consciousness
- Thinking in Words: The Role of Language in Embodied Cognition

Lauren Freeman specializes in Feminist Philosophy, Bioethics, Feminist Bioethics, and anti-oppressive philosophy.



Consulting on:

- Reproductive justice
- Issues of sex and gender

Some Sample Public Presentations:

- Why Medicine Needs Feminism
- Microaggressions
- Microaggressions in Medicine
- Race, gender, and culture in medical education and clinical practice

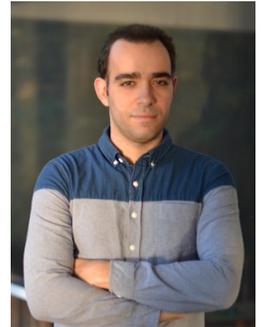
Andreas Elpidorou specializes in the philosophical study of the mind and human behavior with an emphasis on how emotions affect our lives and make it easier (or harder!) to achieve our goals

Consulting on:

- The role of emotions in the good life

Some Sample Public Presentations

- The good of boredom
- The bright side of frustration
- Emotions, self-regulation, and the good life
- What to do with negativity?



John Gibson specializes in aesthetics, the philosophy of the self, and theories of meaning. He thinks about “Puzzles of the heart”: How can we be moved by things we know to be unreal? Why do we enjoy tragedy and horror in the context of art but typically nowhere else?

Serving on panels about:

- The place of art in a just society

Some Sample Public Presentations:

- Art’s role in social and political change
- Art, trauma, and the redemptive power of beauty
- How poetry, film, & music cast light on our humanity
- The ethical and philosophical significance of art



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Avery Kolers specializes in applied ethics, especially environmental and medical ethics, and social-political philosophy. He also anchors the program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Avery also thinks about games and their place in the good life.



Consulting on:

- Ethical supply chains & stock portfolios: climate, labor, & more
- Justice, land use, environmental harms, and occupancy rights.

Some sample public presentations:

- Is life a game that we are playing?
- What, if anything, could justify punishment and incarceration?
- Should I go veg?
- Can atheists live meaningful lives?
- History, solidarity, and Confederate monuments

Boomer Trujillo thinks about what makes life worth living. Grounded in both Ancient Greek philosophy and contemporary psychology, he focuses on what kind of people tend to live well and what kind of things happy people strive for.

Consulting on:

- How to think more deeply about who you are and what you want to achieve.



Some sample public presentations:

- What's Our Purpose: Pleasure, Control, or Accomplishment?
- How Do Good People Handle Bad Luck?
- How to Use Psychology to Think Better
- What Friends Are and Why We Need Them
- Happiness vs. Meaning: Finding Reasons to Endure Hardship

Thomas Maloney taught ancient Greek philosophy, medieval philosophy, and the philosophy of religion.

Some Sample Public Presentations:

- Should creationism be taught in the science curriculum in public schools?
- "What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" The impact of reason on early Christian theology.
- Should a Christian be cautious about declaring conception to be the beginning of the human person?



Asaf Angermann is interested in exploring how philosophy can change the world. He specializes in critical social theory, a discipline that examines the impact of society, culture, and ideology on the way we think, feel, act, love, and desire. He thinks about the relations of politics, religion, race, gender, and sexual identity – how they can inform but also deform one another.

Sample public presentations:

- What are the connections between racism, sexism, and homophobia? How can they be detected and dismantled?
- Is love a religious, sexual, ethical, or political concept? Do we have to love all our neighbors?
- Jewish and African American perspectives on love, race, and civil rights.
- Philosophical idealism and critical race theory



Other potential topics in these scholars' areas of expertise – from the mind and the self to the meaning of life, from ethics in medicine and society to the role of art and religion in life – may be feasible. Please contact the UofL Philosophy Department at phil@louisville.edu (502-852-6811) for more information or to discuss possibilities.