
U.S. MIDWEST SWIP 2017 CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 3-5 AT CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Call for Abstracts:

The Midwest U.S. Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy invites papers in all areas of feminist philosophy, theory, and praxis, including but not limited to ethics, social/political philosophy, phenomenology, existentialism, epistemology, and metaphysics. U.S. Midwest SWIP is interested in enriching discussions about contemporary social and political issues, and we welcome work that interrogates how such issues intersect with race, gender, ability, and class.

In light of recent events, we are particularly interested in submissions that engage with the lives and experiences of queer, trans*, lesbian, gay, and bisexual people of color, and will give preference to submissions that address this topic.

Other potential themes include:

- Mass Incarceration, Cradle-to-prison Pipeline, and Carceral Feminisms
- Sexual Assault and Gender-based Violence
- Police and State Violence against People of Color and Trans* People
- Coloniality and Decolonial Methodologies
- Queer/Crip Theory and Disability Studies
- Insurrectional Political Action and Uprisings
- Reproductive Justice
- Climate Change, the Anthropocene, and Muzzling/Silencing of Climate Research
- Indigeneity and Indigenous Rights
- Immigration, Assimilation, and Statelessness
- Austerity Measures and Neoliberalism
- Food Justice and Food Politics
- Social Epistemology, esp. investigations into and critical readings of epistemology of ignorance and epistemology of resistance literature
- Pluralist and/or Multiplicitous theories of Identity

The program committee gives preference to women and members of other marginalized groups who are working on feminist projects that engage multiple axes of oppression. We also welcome the work of scholars at any stage in their careers.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit an extended abstract of 800-1000 words with a preliminary bibliography (We will also accept full paper submissions of no more than 3000 words). Please send all submissions as MS word documents, and include as a separate attachment, a cover page with the title, institutional affiliation, rank or occupation, and email address of the presenters to: midwestuswip@gmail.com by **July 31st, 2017**.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Host Institution

Cleveland State University
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Local Arrangement Organizer

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Travel and Lodging

The nearest airport is Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. It is located approximately 12 miles from campus. Uber, Lyft, and taxis are available at the airport. Cleveland RTA also has a train that comes from the airport to downtown (it leaves about every 15 minutes during normal hours and takes about a half hour to get into town). For the RTA rail, take the Red Line toward Stokes/Windermere. Get off at the Tower City stop. From there it is a short walk to the hotel:

- Head **north** toward **W Prospect Ave** (about 1 min, 62 ft)
- Turn **right** onto **W Prospect Ave** (about 10 mins, 0.5 mi)
- Turn **left** onto **Huron Rd E** (about 3 mins, 0.2 mi)
- Turn **left** onto **Euclid Ave**

We have 15 rooms for MSWIP reserved at the Wyndham Cleveland at Playhouse Square (1260 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115). The cost is \$115/night plus tax. Please reference "Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy." Rooms can also be booked via this weblink:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/midwest-society-for-women-in-philosophy>

Rooms will be held until 10/13/17. The hotel is located approximately 4 blocks from the CSU Student Center where talks will be held.

The CSU Campus is generally very accessibility-friendly including the building in which all talks will be held. However, if anyone desires a specific accommodation, please contact the local host (Sonya Charles at s.charles07@csuohio.edu). She will be happy to work with our local disability services to secure needed resources. Please note that a minimum of two weeks' notice is necessary for most accommodations; sign language interpreters and alternate text requests should be made four weeks in advance.

Keeping U.S. Midwest SWIP Affordable

U.S. Midwest SWIP has always sought to provide travel grants to those for whom the cost of travel is prohibitive. One need not be a member of U.S. Midwest SWIP to apply. Please contact Barry DeCoster at Barry.DeCoster@acphs.edu for more information.

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