Cross Currents:
The Environment
University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa
2021 Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference

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Keynote Speaker:
Allen Thompson, Oregon State University

Dr. Thompson is an associate professor of philosophy at Oregon State University. His primary areas of research are environmental philosophy, philosophical ethics, social and political philosophy, and practical reason. He will present his paper “A World They Don’t Deserve: Moral Failure and Deep Adaptation.”

Dates: April 16 12:30-5PM, April 17 8:30 AM -1:00 PM
Venue: Zoom Conference
Meeting ID: 982 2607 8374
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Friday, April 16th 12:30-5:00PM

12:30-1:00 Opening remarks and welcome from Dr. Tamara Albertini, Department Chair

1:00-1:30 Concerning the Absurdity of Our Ecological Crisis
Brendan Brown, University of Chicago

1:35-2:05 The Sublime in Friedrich's Paintings
Kimberly Serratos, Rice University

2:05-2:15 Ten-minute break

2:15-2:45 Arendt on What Makes Us Think
Rivkah Greig, St. John’s College

2:50-3:20 Storytelling as Hermeneutic Philosophy of Nature
Annalee Ring, University of Oregon

3:25-3:55 A Weakly Anthropocentric Environmental Ethic in the Mengzi
Chih-Wei Peng, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

4:00-5:00 Keynote Address—"A World They Don’t Deserve: Moral Failure and Deep Adaptation"
Dr. Allen Thompson, Oregon State University

Saturday, April 17th, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

8:30-9:00 Opening remarks and welcome from Emma Irwin, Doctoral Student

9:00-9:30 Ecofeminist Philosophy: A Theoretical Exploration
Mandala de la Rivière, University of Lisbon

9:35-10:05 Toward a Social Framework of Aesthetic Appreciation of Nature
Timothy Mahoney, CUNY Graduate Center

10:10-10:40 Extinction, Joy, and Eco-Linguistic Activism
Jonathan McKinney, University of Cincinnati

10:40-11:00 Twenty-minute break

11:00-11:30 Sincere Self-Care in the Face of Self-Resentment
Eric Cabato, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

11:35-12:05 The Idol Face of Nature: A Critical Examination of Bruce Foltz’s “Nature’s Other Side”
Edward Jesse Capobianco, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

12:10-12:40 Cultivating the Self to Cultivate the World: from Wu Xing, to Mengzi, then Zhongyong
Kevin Rickman, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

12:40-1:00 Concluding remarks from Hannah Morrigan, Chief Conference Organizer
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Keynote Speaker Spotlight: Dr. Allen Thompson

Dr. Thompson is currently an Associate Professor at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. He came from the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Clemson University where he also worked with the Restoration Institute, the Rutland Institute for Ethics, and the doctoral program in Planning, Design, and the Built Environment. As an undergraduate he studied at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, before earning his MA and PhD from the University of Washington, in Seattle.

His primary areas of interest are environmental philosophy (including ethics, metaphysics, and aesthetics), philosophical ethics, social and political philosophy, and practical reason. Recent publications have focused on forward-looking conceptions of human natural goodness and re-visioning our moral responsibility for managing ecosystems under conditions of global climate change.

Additionally, Dr. Thompson advised one of our very own doctoral students and conference presenters, Chih-Wei Peng. We are elated and extend our warmest alohas to Dr. Thompson for being here with us.

Publications by Name:

Ethical Adaptation to Climate Change
Co-edited with J. Bendik-Keymer
(The MIT Press, 2012)

Oxford Handbook of Environmental Ethics
Co-edited with Stephen M. Gardiner
(Oxford University Press, 2017)
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