

Indiana Philosophical Association
2009 Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 2009
IUPUI, Indianapolis
Campus Center, Room 307

— **Program** —

- 9:00–9:30am** *Coffee*
- 9:30–10:30am** *A Levinasian Reading of Plato on Friendship*
CATHERINE FOOS (IU East)
Commentator: Tom Howald (Franklin C)
- 10:30–10:45am** *Break*
- 10:45–11:45am** *A New Theory of Intrinsic Probability*
PAUL DRAPER (Purdue U)
Commentator: tba
- 11:45–1:00pm** *Lunch*
- 1:00–2:00pm** *Business Meeting* (same room)
- 2:00–3:30pm** *Causality, Contingency, and Necessity: Hume's response to the question, "Why is there something rather than nothing?"*
Stanley Tweyman (York U) — Keynote Speaker —
- 3:45–4:45pm** *The Contingent Present* – Winner, Graduate Paper Competition –
ANDREW BAILEY (U of Notre Dame)
Commentator: William Hasker (Huntington U)

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— Abstracts —

A Levinasian Reading of Plato on Friendship

CATHERINE FOOS (IU East)

This paper provides an interpretation of Plato's account of friendship through a Levinasian lens. Plato's *Lysis* is read as presenting strong reasons to reject the instrumentalist view of friendship many commentators attribute to that work. Moreover, the notion of friendship we find modeled by Socrates throughout Plato's dialogues and supported philosophically by the *Lysis*, *Gorgias*, and *Symposium* reveals several features of Levinasian ethics. Platonic/Socratic friendship will be shown to be a "relation with the other as such," a relationship that begins in desire for a transcendent good and which is manifested as a non-reciprocal responsibility for the other.

A New Theory of Intrinsic Probability

PAUL DRAPER (Purdue U)

This paper defends a new theory of intrinsic probability. The theory is supported in five ways. First, the theory suggests a solution to Hume's problem of induction. Second, it is supported by rational intuition. Third, it explains what is right and what is wrong about the principle of simplicity. Fourth, it is not vulnerable to the sort of counterexamples that refute the principle of indifference. And fifth, it rehabilitates, and thus accounts for the usefulness of, the classical theory of probability, by providing a new account of equipossibility that does not rely on the principle of indifference.

Causality, Contingency, and Necessity: Hume's response to the question, "Why is there something rather than nothing?"

Stanley Tweyman (York U)

– Keynote Speaker –

I shall provide a critical analysis of selected criticisms of the Cosmological-Ontological Proof for the existence of God, as presented in Part 9 of David Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*.

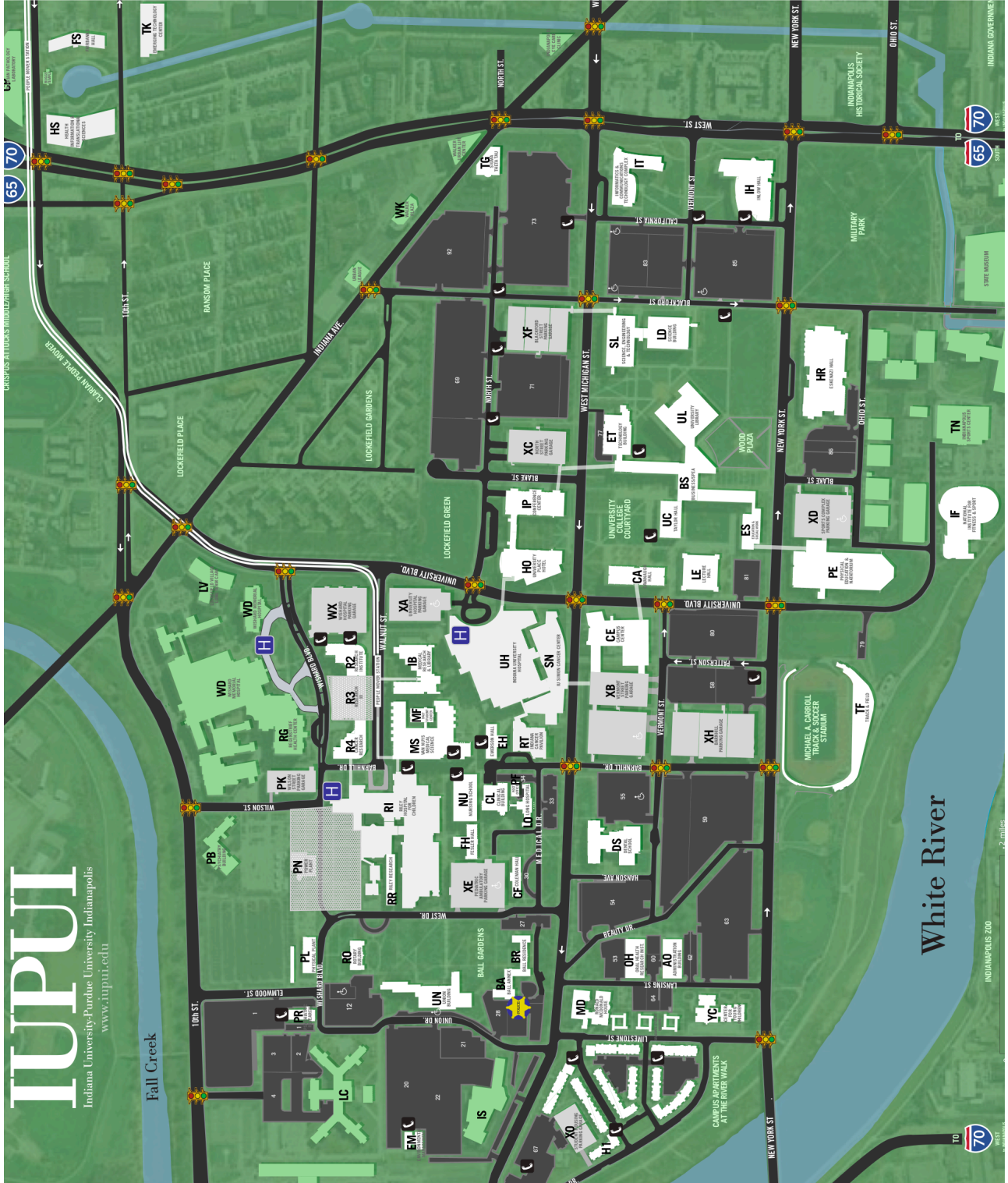
The Contingent Present

ANDREW BAILEY (U of Notre Dame)

– Winner, Graduate Paper Competition –

Roberto Loss has recently offered a Renewed Argument for incompatibilism about free will and determinism. In this paper, I show that the Renewed Argument is unsound. But it is insightful. For its unsoundness reveals a new way to be a compatibilist. While traditional compatibilist programs revolve around the (implausible) rejection of the necessity of the past or the necessity of the laws, I suggest that compatibilists should instead reject the necessity of the present.

The IPA Spring Meeting 2009 takes place in the *Campus Center*; its building code on the map below is “CE.”
 Parking is available next door (due west) in the *Vermont Street Parking Garage*, 1004 West Vermont St., building code “XB.”



Driving Directions to IUPUI

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
420 University Blvd. | Fort Wayne, IN 46202
Conference venue: Campus Center CE 307
Conference telephone: (317) 278-8511

From the Northwest (I-65 from Chicago)

Proceed on I-65 toward downtown Indianapolis. Take exit 114, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street. Proceed south on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street for about 0.4 miles through three stoplights. Continue through last light in series of four to merge onto West Street. Proceed south on West Street about .3 miles to Michigan Street. Turn right on Michigan Street to enter campus.

From the East (I-70 from Columbus, I-74 from Cincinnati)

From I-74, at the junction with I-465 take I-465 North. At the junction of I-465 North with I-70, take I-70 west. From I-70 heading west, proceed toward downtown Indianapolis. Several freeways come together near the IUPUI campus. Stay in lanes for I-65 Chicago as you near the city. DO NOT follow signs for I-70 West after you pass the Rural Street exit. The exit for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street is a LEFT EXIT. Take exit 114 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street.

Proceed south on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street for about 0.4 miles through three stoplights. Continue through last light in series of four to merge onto West Street. Proceed south on West Street about .3 miles to Michigan Street. Turn right on Michigan Street to enter campus.

From the South (I-65 from Louisville, I-70 from St. Louis)

Proceed toward downtown Indianapolis on I-65 and continue following signs for Chicago. Stay in the right hand lanes past the I-70 West Exit, then shift to the left-hand lanes. The lanes on the right go to Columbus, OH. The exit for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street is a LEFT EXIT. Take exit 114 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street. Proceed south on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street for about 0.4 miles through three stoplights. Continue through last light in series of four to merge onto West Street. Proceed south on West Street about .3 miles to Michigan Street. Turn right on Michigan Street to enter campus.

From the West (I-70 from St. Louis, I-74 from Champaign/Urbana)

From I-74, exit south on I-465 and continue on I-465 to Airport Expressway. Take Airport Expressway East (towards Downtown Indianapolis) and it will merge with I-70. On I-70, proceed toward downtown Indianapolis. Stay in the left hand lanes in order to merge onto I-65, heading for Chicago. On I-65, proceed toward downtown Indianapolis and continue following signs for Chicago. Stay in the left hand lanes. The lanes on the right go to Columbus, OH. The exit for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street is a LEFT EXIT. Take exit 114 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street. Proceed south on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street for about 0.4 miles through three stoplights. Continue through last light in series of four to merge onto West Street. Proceed south on West Street about .3 miles to Michigan Street. Turn right on Michigan Street to enter campus.

Restaurants around IUPUI campus

- **On Campus**

- University Place Hotel**

- Chancellor's Restaurant- 850 S. Michigan St. Indianapolis, IN 46202, (317) 231-5221

- **IUPUI Campus Center**

- Caribou Coffee

- Mondo Subs

- Spotz Grille

- Chick-fil-a

- Mamma Leone's

- Rio Fontera

- Wild Greens

- **Off campus: Intersection of University Blvd. and Indiana Ave.**

- Qdoba Mexican

- Au Bon Pain

- Subway

- Hotbox Pizza

- When Eddie Met Salad

- Best Taste Chinese

- Quizno's

- Taco Bell

- Papa John's Pizza

- Donato's Pizza

Spring 2009 IPA Business Meeting

**Saturday, May 9, 2000, 1:30 PM
IUPUI, CE 307**

Agenda

1. Welcome (call to order) & Acceptance of the Agenda
2. Approval of Fall 2008 Meeting Minutes (for action)
3. President's Report (for information/discussion)
4. Treasurer's Report (for information/discussion)
5. Membership Dues (for action)
6. Update on IPA Web Page (for information/discussion)
7. Program Committee Proposal (for discussion/action)
8. Fall 2009/Spirng 2010 IPA Meeting Sites (for discussion/action)
9. Election of IPA Officers 2009/2010
10. Old Business
11. New business

All members are cordially invited to attend and to participate.

INDIANA PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION FALL 2008 MEETING

November 22, 2008

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Program Speakers:

The Fall 2008 meeting took place at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW) in the Classroom Medical Auditorium CM 159.

The Program, entitled, "Religion, Science, and Law" opened at 9:30am and proceeded as follow:

Morning Speakers:

- a. John Beaudoin (NIU): Science, Theistic Evidence, and the EC
Commentator: William Connolly (U Evansville)
- b. Robert Audi: Church-State Separation and Science Education: Can Evolutionary Biology Be Religiously Neutral?

Afternoon Speakers:

- a. John Houston (Purdue U): God Commanded What?
Commentator: Kevin Harrelson (Ball State U)
- b. Jacob Tuttle (Purdue U): No Miracles, and No Questions Begged?
Commentator: David McCarty (Indiana U, Bloomington)

Business Meeting Minutes:

Present:

Jonathan Evans, (President), Bernd Buldt (Secretary-Treasurer), Robert Audi, William Connolly, Eric Dalton, Tom Howald, David McCarty, Peter Murray, Kathy Squadrito

Call to Order:

President Jonathan Evans called the meeting to order at 1:45pm

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the Spring 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bernd Buldt distributed a copy of the report:

Starting Balance:	\$309.45
Cost of Fall 2008 Meeting (covered by IPFW):	0
Petty cash found in envelope	5.00
Current total available balance:	\$314.45

Action Item: An un-cashed check dated 4/16/05 in the amount of \$20 was found.

Motion: Can/should it still be cashed? It was unanimously decided to destroy it.

IPA Constitution

Bernd announced that the IPA Constitution (rev. 1991) is now available in electronic format.

Call for Dues:

It was noted that the change to raise dues from \$3/year to \$5/year was not recorded in the Spring minutes. It was also noted that the constitution must be amended to reflect the change. Action Item: Motion to amend the constitution to reflect that effective immediately, the IPA membership dues are \$5/year payable at the beginning

of each Fall meeting passed unanimously. Dues collected from the members present totaled \$40. The money, along with the found petty cash, was given to Tom to deposit. Bernd noted that there would be no charge to IPA for this meeting as the IPFW Philosophy Dept. would incur all expenses. Bernd also suggested that another option for dues payment such as pay-pal or pay via credit card be added. Action Item: The motion to include a “Pay Pal” link to the revised IPA webpage where members could pay dues and donate via e-mail was passed unanimously.

IPA Website

Bernd has taken over construction of the new website. When ready, Bernd will send a notification via the newly created IPA listserv. He will look through the box of documents obtained from Tom and add an Archive section which should help add value. It was noted that if the IPA can prove the usefulness of this website, it should increase participation. All current active members are encouraged to promote it once it becomes active and to suggest links to add (i.e. meeting announcements, high school/undergrad/grad related info, teacher resources, recruiting tools/ placement resources for positions such as adjunct, visiting/continuing lecturer, and FTF). Bernd noted that with the new state mandate for dual programs (HS/College), it may also prove to be a good recruiting tool for Philosophy programs.

Spring 2009 Meeting

The floor was opened for discussion of the Spring 2009 meeting. Although the constitution mentions one meeting is held in Central Indiana, this was determined to be non-binding, particularly in light of the dwindling numbers of attendees. The members present agreed to try for a location which may attract more participants. Bernd expressed concern about today’s low turnout, citing that over 350 e-mails and flyers were sent advertising this Fall meeting. He was told that despite appearances, the number of attendees was up and they credit good location, topics and choice of keynote speaker.

It was decided that it was probably too soon to determine the “real” cause of low turnout; however, location is probably not the biggest issue. Continued discussion covered topics such as:

- People need to be introduced to the newly created IPA Listserv and be encouraged to use it.
- Include people from nearby states (i.e. IL, OH, KY) who may participate in IPA activities.
- Include IPA links on all members’ webpages.
- Solicit ideas for more effective advertising.
- Possibly move the Fall meeting to October (better weather for traveling). It was noted that typically it is held the first Saturday in November, this year being late.
- Create a list of grad students and work to interest them in submitting papers and becoming more involved in IPA activities. Bernd noted that four papers submitted for today’s meeting were from Purdue grad students.
- Possible locations: South Bend, Bethel, St. Mary’s, Notre Dame (but not on football days), southern Indiana to include Kentucky participants.
- Possible hold a 2 day (Friday and Saturday) meeting. A Mid-week meeting is probably not feasible.
- Locate the meeting at a site with a grad school (i.e. IU, Franklin, Purdue, IUPUI, Butler).
- The Spring meeting is usually in April; however, careful consideration needs to be made so it doesn’t conflict with already existing meetings/holidays: Central PA Feb., Pacific PA in Mar. 1st Sat UG Ethics Conf., 2nd Sat. Easter, 3rd Sat. IPFW’s Early Analytic meeting. Probable meeting date is the last Saturday in April with the last Saturday in March as a back-up choice
- Eric volunteered to investigate hosting the Spring meeting at IUPUI but said he will need help with a sponsor.

Program Committee

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Other Business

Bernd will discuss the new state mandate for high school based dual programs and the Indiana Core Library courses with other Philosophy chairs in the state and report back. He will also try to get them all to attend the upcoming Spring meeting.

Kathy asked if anyone knew of any current political activism occurring within the IPA. She said she’s recently been contacted on behalf of a grievant at Ivy Tech. She noted that this may be a good time to try and get a union formed.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Deborah Hoile.