

# MENTAL ILLNESS & POWER

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## Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

1:00-3:00pm

UC 300

*Histories of Mental Illness*

Moderator: Sarah Marshall (University of Memphis)

“An Uneasy Alliance: Psychiatry, Social Control and Power. A Case Study”

Penny Busetto (University of Cape Town)

“The Power of Medicalization: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Feeble-mindedness”

Justin Freedman (Syracuse University)

“The Personhood and Agency of the Mentally Ill in Medieval Law”

Brandon Parlopiano

“Gender Identity Disorder and the Disciplinary Power of Gender”

Skramz Geist (Binghamton University)

3:15-4:45pm

UC 300

*Critical Assessments of the DSM-V*

Moderator: Lorena De Frias (University of Memphis)

“Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Environmental Adaptation or Harmful Dysfunction?”

D. A. Voynovich (University of Cincinnati)

“Grief’s Medicalization: Recovering the Value of Suffering”

Michael Cholbi (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)

5:00-6:30pm

UC 300

*Keynote*

“The McDonaldisation of Mental Health: Science, Language, and Social Class”

David Goodman (Lesley University/Harvard Medical School)

7:00-9:00pm

*Reception*

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30-9:00am

UC 261

*Breakfast*

9:00-10:30am

UC 261

*Ethical Problems of Diagnosis*

Moderator: Luc Olsen (University of Memphis)

“Culturally Unbound: Scientific Psychiatry and Cross-Cultural Cognitive Diversity”

Natalia Washington (Purdue University)

“War in Psychiatric Paradigms: A Levinasian Critique of Naturalistic Models of Diagnosis”

Erik Bormanis (Ryerson University)

“Balancing Rights through Biological Measures of Mental Health”

Christopher Boom (Tulane University) & Leslie Kelley (University of New Orleans)

10:45am-12:15pm

UC 261

*Mental Illness and Disciplinary Power*

Moderator: Chris Lucibella (University of Memphis)

“The (Explanatory) Power of (Disciplinary) Power”

Alina Vaisfeld & Jonathan Chalier (New School for Social Research)

“Making Up Criminals”

Phoebe Friesen (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

12:15-1:30pm

Garibaldi's Pizza, 3530 Walker Avenue

*Lunch*

1:30-3:00pm

UC 261

*Mental Illness and Responsibility*

Moderator: Jonathan Wurtz (University of Memphis)

“‘I’m Glad It Wasn’t Me after All.’ Mental Illness and Our Sense of Agency”

Derek Jones (University of Evansville)

“Expertise and Power: Ethical and Epistemic Justifications for Patients Shaping Psychiatric Classification”

Rebecca Johnson (National Institute of Health’s Department of Bioethics)

“Shifting Power: Existential Therapy and Public Health”

Mara Collins (Kindred Southern Healing Justice Collective)

3:15-4:45pm

UC 261

*Keynote*

“Say When It Hurts: The Time of Pathology in Mental Illness”

Mary Beth Mader (University of Memphis)

6:00pm

India Palace, 1720 Poplar Avenue

*Dinner*

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