

Murray Spindel

Murray Spindel was a great friend to the University of Memphis and to the faculty members and students in the Philosophy Department. For many years, he participated in philosophy courses and became actively involved in the intellectual and social life of the department.

Murray and his wife, Chris, established an endowment at the University of Memphis for the Philosophy Department to fund an annual conference on varying philosophical topics. Over the years, they hosted many events in their home, including a BBQ dinner during each Spindel Conference. On July 7, 1999, Murray died of cancer, but Chris continued to host the BBQ dinners for many years.

For over three decades, the Spindel Conference has brought to campus the highest caliber of philosophers from around the world. Now an internationally renowned event, the conference has greatly enhanced the intellectual life of the campus by enabling undergraduate and graduate students to interact with the top scholars in philosophy and by inviting the community to discuss provocative ideas. Both a scholarly and a social event, the Spindel Conference has come to define what is best about philosophy in Memphis and what Murray Spindel loved most: the friendly, but lively and engaging pursuit of truth.

Each year, the proceedings of the conference are published as a supplement to The Southern Journal of Philosophy. These Spindel Supplements represent important contributions to philosophy. Contents and ordering information for prior supplements can be found online at [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)2041-6962/homepage/custom_copy.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)2041-6962/homepage/custom_copy.htm).

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:00 - 7:30 pm** **Registration and Refreshments**
- 7:30 pm** **Welcome** – Stephan Blatti (University of Memphis)
- 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm** **Opening Keynote Address**
 Speaker John Dupré (University of Exeter)
 "How Organisms Persist"
 Chair Mark Newman (Rhodes College)
- 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm** **Reception** – Folgelman Executive Center (sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:30 am - 10:00 am** **Refreshments**
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** **Session I**
 Speaker Eric Olson (University of Sheffield)
 *"The Metaphysical Implications of
 Conjoined Twinning"*
 Commentator Carl Gillett (Northern Illinois University)
 Chair Elizabeth Schechter (Washington University in St. Louis)
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm** **President's Luncheon** – University Center, Ballroom C
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Session II**
 Speaker Lori Gruen (Wesleyan University)
 "Death as a Social Harm"
 Commentator David Shoemaker (Tulane University)
 Chair Remy Debes (University of Memphis)
- 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm** **Session III**
 Speaker Colin Allen (Indiana University)
 *"Models, Mechanisms, and Animal Minds:
 The Limits of Experimentation"*
 Commentator Robert Lurz (Brooklyn College, CUNY)
 Chair Cameron Buckner (University of Houston)
- 6:30 pm -** **Spindel Conference Dinner**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:30 am - 10:00 am** **Refreshments**
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** **Session IV**
 Speaker Christina van Dyke (Calvin College) and
 Sam Baron (University of Sydney)
 *"Animal Interrupted, or Why Accepting Pascal's
 Wager Might Be the Last Thing You Ever Do"*
 Commentator Neil Manson (University of Mississippi)
 Chair Elizabeth Schechter (Washington University in St. Louis)
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm** **Lunch Break**
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Session V**
 Speaker Steven Luper (Trinity University)
 "Persimals"
 Commentator Marya Schechtman (University of Illinois at Chicago)
 Chair Donovan Wishon (University of Mississippi)
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm** **Session VI**
 Speaker Paul Snowdon (University College London)
 "Animalism and the Lives of Human Animals"
 Chair Kathy Behrendt (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Except where indicated, all events will take place in the Fountain View Room, University Center.

