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## Editor-in-Chief Werdie van Staden Discusses New Developments for *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*

The plan for *PPP* is to build on its history and generate new initiatives that serve to adapt to the evolving publishing environment, and to increase uptake and the impact of the journal. New processing initiatives include strategies for the faster publication of accepted papers, and access to *PPP* for a broader audience. We plan on extending the advanced online publication ahead-of-print capability, and exploring with Johns Hopkins University Press, a hybrid model of both open and subscription access.

The current scholarly impact of *PPP* in the field of philosophy is partly reflected in its Clarivate Analytics Impact Factor of 2.6 – among the highest for 326 other philosophy journals. These citation indices reflect topicality and popularity but do not necessarily capture the depth and quality of publications. First and foremost, *PPP* aspires to foster quality and diversity of content by also publishing pioneering theoretical advances on less, or not yet popular topics. We encourage and invite authors to submit the following alongside the usual contributions:

A. Articles for the thematic series on Epistemology and Mental Health (see p. 14 in this Newsletter).

B. Multi-authored articles, mobilising the synergistic contributions of authors in conjoint work from philosophers, psychiatrists, psychologists, patients or those with an interest in these fields.

C. Exploration of clinical applications of topics that feature in articles of a more theoretical and philosophical nature in *PPP* and other prominent journals or books.

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# Philosophy of Psychiatry News

## The International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) Transitions to New Executive Directors: Bergquist, van Staden, and Zachar

The International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) is a coordinating and support organization whose mission is to embrace the many traditions of thought and practice bearing on mental health and well-being that are available from around the world. The INPP has significant overlap with the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP), especially with regard to managing the journal *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*. The annual AAPP conferences draw attendees from throughout the world and are held in the U.S. or Canada. The INPP conferences are managed by host countries and occur in those countries.

Since its founding, the INPP has been led by Executive Directors Bill (KWM) Fulford, John Z. Sadler, and Giovanni Stanghellini. As Executive Directors, they have lent their support to over twenty-five international conferences and meetings, from the first meeting in Malaga, Spain (1997) to the most recent meeting in Vienna (2024). With an eye toward the ensuring future of the organization, each of the Executive Directors has transitioned to the position of Founding Executive Director.

Bill Fulford will occupy the position of Consulting Executive Director for the new team.: Anna Bergquist is a Reader in Philosophy at the Manchester Metropolitan University. Werdie van Staden is the Nelson Mandela Professor of Philosophy and Psychiatry at Pretoria Medical School and the Editor-in-Chief of *Philosophy, Psychology, and Psychiatry*. Peter Zachar is Professor of Psychology at Auburn University Montgomery and past-President of the AAPP.

## The International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) to add Regional Coordinators

International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) is seeking volunteers to serve as Regional Coordinators. The Regional Coordinators would be part of a larger INPP leadership team working alongside the Executive Directors. The scope of a 'region' is not fixed other than it should have some internal coherence and rationale.

Coordinators will work with the Executive Directors to promote the INPP and increase its presence within a region – and across the disciplines of philosophy, psychiatry, and psychology within a region. In addition to working with potential conference hosts, regional coordinators would identify both established and emerging scholars who can contribute to the philosophy of psychiatry. This would include networking within and outside a region and encouraging both meeting and writing for PPP and other scholarly outlets.

Statements of interest should be sent to Anna Bergquist ([Bergqvist@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:Bergqvist@mmu.ac.uk)), Werdie van Staden ([cwvanstaden@icon.co.za](mailto:cwvanstaden@icon.co.za)), and Peter Zachar ([pzachar@aum.edu](mailto:pzachar@aum.edu))

Please include a short C.V., identify your proposed region, describe your existing network of connections in that region, and articulate how you would promote INPP and encourage participation in the INPP community within this region.





## Remembering the AAPP Bulletin continued....

Also in 2007, Jean Naudin and Françoise Dastur led a discussion of Paul Ricoeur's notion of ipseity. Their presentation was written in French and translated by the Bulletin editor. In 2011, Ronald Pies, Sairah Thommi, and Nassir Ghaemi, developed a 39-page symposium on "Getting it from both sides: Foundational and anti-foundational critiques of psychiatry." Sorting out psychiatry and anti-psychiatry was the issue in this symposium. In 2013, with "'Sanity' and the origins of psychiatry," Robert Daly led a 42-page consideration of the relationship between psychiatry and neurology. In 2017, we had a long, 56-page discussion of Peter Zachar's core text, *A Metaphysics of Psychopathology*. This discussion began with a summary of the book by Zachar, followed by a series of commentaries on the book, and finally by a response by Zachar to the commentaries. And finally, in 2021, with "Consent and capacity in the age of the opioid epidemic: the drug dealer's point of view," Louis Charland developed an interesting exchange on addictions.

In the review of the Bulletin, I hasten to add that much else can be found in the various issues: book reviews, announcements and descriptions of our annual conferences, notes on other conferences, activities of AAPP members, etc. Also, let me remind you that all issues of the Bulletin can be found on the AAPP website.

<https://aapp.press.jhu.edu/index.php/publications/aapp>

In closing this review, I am posting a photo from the very first AAPP executive committee meeting at Michael Schwartz's house in Westport, CT in 1990.



From left: Jim Phillips, Al Freedman, Manfred Spitzer, Paul McHugh, Michael Schwartz, Jerry Kroll, George Agich, Phil Slavney, Ozzie Wiggins, John Sadler, & Bill Fulford.

## News Items, Interviews, and Media

### Richard Gipps

Who gets to call whom mad? And with what right?

Royal Institute of Philosophy  
([royalinstitutephilosophy.org/](http://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/))

<https://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/event/who-gets-to-call-whom-mad-and-with-what-right/>

*Psychiatry at the Margins* is a newsletter by **Awais Aftab** about exploring critical, philosophical, and scientific debates related to the psy-sciences.

<https://www.psychiatrymargins.com/>

### Shaun Gallagher

Blog. *The Self and its Disorders*. A blog post at *The Page 99 Test* (January 2024)

<http://page99test.blogspot.com/>

### Shaun Gallagher

Podcast and interview. *The Self and its Disorders*. Interview on *The Dissenter* Podcast with Richard Lopez. (7 June 2024).

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Djlss-rWJEI>.

On Spotify: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/thedissenter/episodes/951-Shaun-Gallagher-The-Self-and-its-Disorders-e2ifp43>

## Honors, Awards, & Achievements

**Nassir Ghaemi**, MD Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University was inaugurated as President of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society in May 2024: <https://www.psychiatry-mps.org/>

**Shaun Gallagher** Awarded Humboldt Fellowship (2024-2026): The pattern theory of mind. Ruhr University-Bochum. And Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Rome-Tre. (May-June 2024).

**Kathryn Rose Petrozza** successfully defended her Ph.D, dissertation at the University of Utah. The title was “Mental Illness as a Life Sentence: The (Mis)treatment of Psychiatric Diagnoses in the Courtroom.” Directed by Natalia Washington.

**Nick Zautra** successfully defended his Ph.D dissertation at Indiana University. The title was “Psychiatry’s Second Validity Crisis: The Problem of Disparate Validation.” Directed by Peter Zachar and Kurt Ludwig.

## Jaspers Award 2023 Arthur Krieger: Recipient



Arthur Krieger is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Philosophy at Temple University (Philadelphia, PA, USA). He works in philosophy of action, philosophy of psychiatry, and bioethics. He has mostly written about agency in addiction, defending the view that addiction is a compulsion--which is increasingly controversial among philosophers. He is currently developing papers on the ethics of prescribing habit-forming pharmaceuticals, and the metaphysics of practical necessity. Arthur's doctoral work is supervised by Professor Eugene Chislenko.

Arthur's Jaspers Award submission, "The Epistemic Prerequisites of Reliable Abstinence in Addiction," proposes that most addicts lose the ability to reliably abstain, while remaining able to regain this ability. He argues that reliable abstinence in addiction requires special self-knowledge and metacognitive skills that usually must be learned through trial and error, and with significant help from others. On this picture it is easy to see how addiction can be a compulsion, despite the fact that many people recover. The "Epistemic Prerequisites Model" is strongly informed by work from Owen Flanagan, Lennart Nordenfelt, G. Alan Marlatt, and Chandra Sripada.

## Honorable Mention, Zach Schwartz

Zach Schwartz, MD, MA recently completed his psychiatry residency at the University of Utah, where he will be joining the faculty as an attending inpatient psychiatrist in Fall 2024. He is a graduate of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (MD) and the University of Central Lancashire Program in Philosophy and Mental Health (MA). His current philosophical interests include medical epistemology and the ethics of routine clinical encounters.

His paper, "First-Person Knowledge of Illness: A Critical View," argues that first-person knowledge of illness (i.e., claims made by patients about their own diagnosis and/or treatment, presumably based on lived experience) is more constrained than it may appear. On one level, this is a critique of certain assumptions put forward in the literature on epistemic injustice in medicine; on another level, it is an attempt to moderate the kinds of epistemic conflicts that commonly occur in clinical practice. The paper ultimately concludes that patients' claims about their own diagnosis and treatment (especially where these contradict "expert opinion") may very well be valid, but these claims are justified by medical-scientific understanding rather than lived experience.



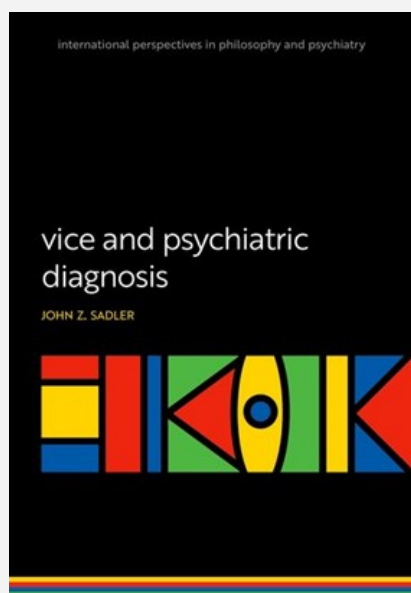


Natalia Washington Ph.D. was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Utah.

Starting August 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Mosley will be a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Bioethics and Interdisciplinary Studies at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

## Promotions, New Positions, or Other Changes

## Publications January 2024 to June 2024 (mostly)2024

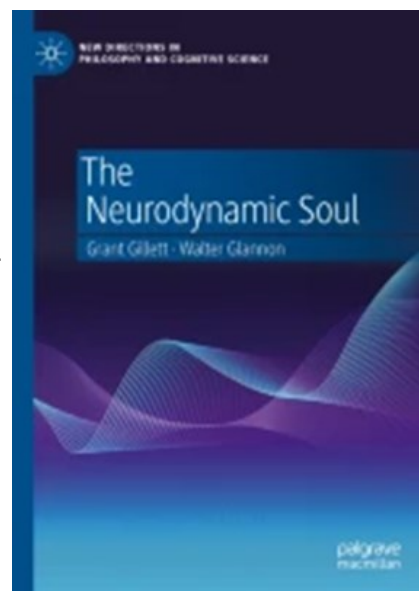


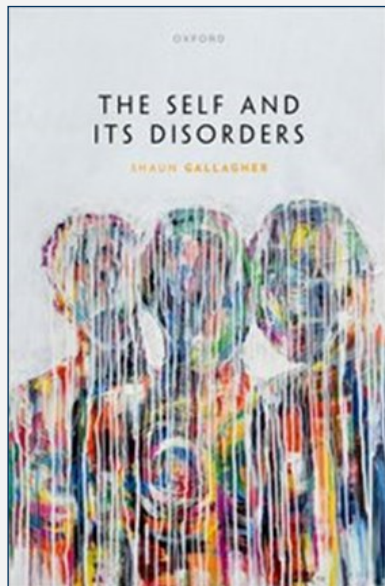
**Johns Sadler's *Vice and Psychiatric Diagnosis*** (Oxford) begins by asking why some categories of mental disorder include immoral or criminal conduct as diagnostic features, while most mental disorders in the DSM and ICD do not involve such 'vice-laden' concepts. While this initial puzzle seems to concern only the limited domain of psychiatric nosology, Sadler's scholarship reveals that this simple question leads inexorably to complex questions about the role of 'madness and morality' in intellectual history, and to today's many conflicts and contradictions in the policy and culture of mental health, criminal justice, and related social welfare efforts.

In his pursuit of untangling these threads of vice and psychiatric diagnosis, Sadler provides a brief history of ideas about madness and morality, beginning in prehistory and extending into the late 20th century. He concludes by formulating an alternative way of thinking about the vice-mental disorder relationship in clinical practice and public policy, culminating in "Forty Theses."

**Grant Gillett** (New Zealand) and **Walter Glannon** (Canada) recently published *The Neurodynamic Soul* through Palgrave/Macmillan (London).

The book relates human thought about being in the world, discourse, cognition, and ethics to a Wittgensteinian framework that is naturalistic and anti-reductive about deeply human phenomena such as philosophy, psychology, culture and religion. It also discusses human pathologies such as 'locked in syndrome', strokes, 'factitious disorder', and psychosis. It is part of the 'New Directions in Philosophy and Cognitive Science' series.





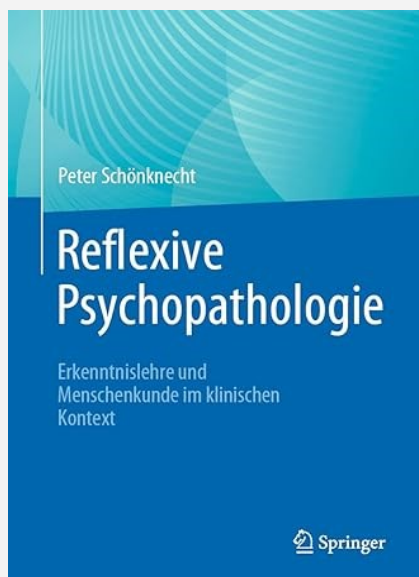
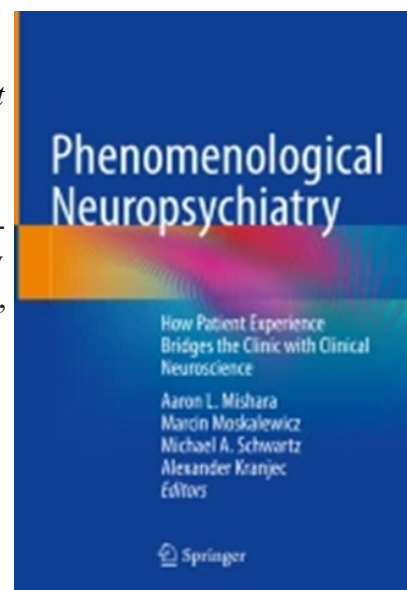
**Shaun Gallagher** offers an account of psychopathologies as disorders of the self. *The Self and its Disorders* (Oxford) develops an interdisciplinary approach to an 'integrative' perspective in psychiatry. In contrast to some integrative approaches that focus on narrow brain-based conceptions, or on symptomology, this book takes its bearings from embodied and enactive conceptions of human experience.

Gallagher offers an understanding of the self as a pattern of processes that include bodily, experiential, affective, cognitive, intersubjective, narrative, ecological and normative factors. He provides a philosophical analysis of the notion of self-pattern; then, drawing on phenomenological, developmental, clinical and experimental evidence, he proposes a method to study the effects of psychopathologies on the self-pattern. The book includes discussions of schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, depression, borderline personality disorder, and autism, as well as torture and solitary confinement. It also explores a variety of issues that relate to therapeutic approaches, including deep brain stimulation, meditation-based interventions, and the use of artificial intelligence and virtual reality.

**Aaron Mishara, Marcin Moskalewicz, Michael Schwartz, & Alexander Kranjec** (Eds). *Phenomenological Neuropsychiatry. How Patient Experience Bridges the Clinic with Clinical Neuroscience*. Springer Cham.

This innovative book offers a multidimensional exploration of the epistemological foundations of psychiatry and its major disorders. By emphasizing the importance of phenomenology in unravelling the intricate interplay between basic categories of human experience and neurobiological processes, it advocates for a shift in both psychiatric research and clinical practice.

*Phenomenological Neuropsychiatry* presents psychiatry as a hybrid discipline that synthesizes subjective mental experiences with objective neuroscientific findings and forms an integrative and interdisciplinary structure that provides a dialectical bridge between understanding, compassion, and explanation.



**Peter Schönknecht**. *Reflexive Psychopathologie: Erkenntnislehre und Menschenkunde im klinischen Kontext* (Reflexive psychopathology: epistemology and human science in a clinical context, Springer)

Psychopathology aims to capture psychological change as such - always conceptually - and does not see itself as an alternative method to the natural sciences, but rather as a basic science of psychological constitution in general. In the first part of this book, the central categories of psychopathology are presented in parallel with their transcendental philosophical foundation. Against this background, the majority of the alleged method conflicts can be identified as dilemmas. In the second part, the results of the discussion about the specific character of the psychological are presented and criticized as circular or dogmatic. The criteria for a meaningful psychopathological conceptualization are the transparency for the triad of intention, intension and extension, the ways of dealing with uncertainty and the relativity of attempts at understanding. (From German via Google translate.)





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## Conferences, Workshops, and Funding Opportunities

### From Philosophy of m/Madness to m/Mad Philosophy

September 25, 2024 - September 26, 2024 (in person)

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford  
Mansfield College

The conference will explore what it means to think m/Madness philosophically. The title reflects our interest in 'madness' as both a speculative (lower case 'm') and a practical/political (upper case 'M') term. Furthermore, it reflects our interest in the different ways in which m/Madness might be approached - either as an object of philosophical attention (with 'of' conceived as the objective genitive) or as a place from which philosophy might be done (with 'of' conceived as the subjective genitive).

Registration deadline: September 13, 2024, 9:00am BST

How to register: [paul.lodge@mansfield.ox.ac.uk](mailto:paul.lodge@mansfield.ox.ac.uk)

List of invited speakers: <https://philevents.org/event/show/121814>

### Varga, Büter, & Steglich-Petersen Velux Foundation Grant

Somogy Varga (Aarhus University) will be the Principal Investigator for a four-year research project, supported by a grant of approximately \$850,000 USD from the Velux Foundation.

The project will focus on exploring the intersections of epistemic rationality, mental health, and stigmatization and will involve close collaboration with Anke Büter and Asbjørn Steglich-Petersen.

Postdoctoral positions will be available, so interested candidates should stay tuned for opportunities to join the team.

### Call for Papers: Book Symposium on *Neuroethics: Agency in the Age of Brain Science* (OUP 2023) by Joshua May

*Neuroethics: Agency in the Age of Brain Science* by Joshua May will be a critical resource for philosophers grappling with this burgeoning area of research. PhiMiSci will host a symposium in 2025, edited by associate editor Carolyn Dicey Jennings, that will include commentaries by [Jonathan Pugh](#), [Adina Roskies](#), [Stephen Morse](#), and [Natalia Washington](#). We also welcome submissions from the wider philosophical and scientific community, which should be between 1,000 and 3,500 words.

**Manuscript Submission Period: April 30<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

### Book Launch

**Contemplating *Vice & Psychiatric Diagnosis*. A half-day hybrid (virtual + actual) conference at The Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice, St. Catherine's College, Oxford.**

Thursday, October 3, 2024. 1400- 1800 London time (GMT+1.00), 8:00 am- noon CST (GMT – 5.00)  
Save the date – registration information to follow! <https://valuesbasedpractice.org/>

#### Speakers:

John Z. Sadler MD, provides an overview of his new book, *Vice and Psychiatric Diagnosis*

Phillip Candilis, MD, considers the forensic and correctional psychiatry perspective

Peter Zachar PhD, considers the psychopathology perspective

Anna Bergqvist PhD, and David Krepaz-Keay consider the public interest perspective

Rebecca Weintraub Brendel MD, JD, considers the mental health and social policy perspective.

John Sadler provides a brief response and open discussion follows.

### Three-year Interdisciplinary Project on Expertise-by-experience Funded by The Dutch Research Council.

*Who knows what? Experiential knowledge in mental health care*

Experts-by-experience are increasingly common in mental health care. The intuition behind this is that they have unique insights due to their experiences of illness and recovery. However, what such 'experiential knowledge' consists of remains unclear, making it difficult to determine the exact role of experts-by-experience.

This project combines theoretical insights from epistemology and phenomenology with a qualitative study on stories submitted to the 'Psychiatry Story Bank' by (former) patients in mental health care, in order to establish a conceptually sound view on experiential knowledge that can serve as a basis for determining the role of experts-by-experience in mental health care.

The project, led by Prof. Scheepers, will be carried out by two postdocs - Dr. Roy Dings and Dr. Linde van Schuppen- at Radboud University Nijmegen and Utrecht University Medical Center, respectively.

### ***Philosophy Psychiatry & Psychology* calls for papers in its series on Epistemology and Mental Health**

In its series that will span several issues, PPP invites scholarly papers on epistemology and mental health. With practical relevance for individuals and/or public mental health, papers may address the scope, the terms of verification, strengths, and limitations that pertain to the various **kinds of knowledge**, and why and how differentiation between various kinds of knowledge is important for an individual's mental health, for clinicians providing mental health care, and in research methodology.

Please submit papers at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ppandp> , and make reference to this series in the cover letter.

Papers will be conjointly edited by Prof Werdie van Staden (Editor-in-Chief) and Prof Drozdsoj (Drossi) Stoyanov as Series Guest Editor.



## 2025 KARL JASPERS AWARD: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) holds an annual competition for students and trainees. Eligibility includes undergraduate students, graduate students in philosophy, psychology and related fields, medical students, and residents and fellows in psychiatry. Entrants must meet eligibility requirements as of the dates of authorship and submission.

The Karl Jaspers Award is given for the best paper in the area of philosophy of psychiatry. Entries cannot have been published, nor can they have been submitted or accepted for publication, prior to submission for this award. Resubmissions will not be accepted. Papers may have more than one author but all authors must be eligible for the award.

Papers must have relevance for psychiatric theory, clinical practice, or psychiatric research. Papers on general topics in philosophy of mind or cognitive science without relevance to psychiatry, broadly understood, are not appropriate for this award. Similarly, clinical reports or reflections that do not advance philosophical understanding are also inappropriate entries for this competition.

Winning submissions will be offered publication, following appropriate review and editing to meet journal guidelines, in the electronic version of *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*. The award carries a cash prize of \$350 and recognition in AAPP publications.

The deadline for submission for the 2025 Karl Jaspers Award is Sunday, December 8, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. ET (UTC - 5:00).

Please send submissions to Dr. G. Scott Waterman (Scott.Waterman@uvm.edu).

Each submission must be between 3000 and 7500 words in length, excluding citation footnotes and bibliographies. Substantive footnotes do count toward the minimum and maximum.

Each submission must be in PDF format and include a word count.

Each submission must be ready for blind review and not contain the author's name or other information that will make the author identifiable.

Each entrant must also send separately an explanation of her or his current career status and eligibility to enter the competition. In cases where the work is part of a project undertaken with others, entrants should also add explanations of the contributions of advisors or others to the work submitted.

A more detailed version of this call is on AAPP website. <https://aapp.press.jhu.edu/index.php/jaspers>

# Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry Call for Abstracts

36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

March 22-March 23, 2025

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

**Theme : Open Topic, with a Special Symposium on Psychedelics**

## Conference Organizers:

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## Conference Description:

The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) aims to promote discussion between the fields of philosophy and psychiatry.

AAPP invites abstracts for presentation on any philosophical issues relevant to psychiatry, or any psychiatric issues or experiences that are relevant to philosophy. Our aims for this conference are to bring together thinkers from many disciplines who are interested in the philosophy of psychiatry, while providing a forum for the presentation of exciting work on both emerging and well-recognized issues in these overlapping domains.

### *Special Symposium on Psychedelics*

While we will accept meritorious papers on any topic in the philosophy of psychiatry, we will host a special symposium related to philosophical issues in psychedelic research and treatment. Psychedelic substances include classic 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor agonists such as psilocybin, DMT (ayahuasca), mescaline, and LSD, and in some classifications such agents as MDMA and ketamine. There is clearly increasing interest in the use of psychedelics for the treatment of psychiatric illness and for other purposes, such as promoting personal growth, increasing creativity, or delivering spiritual insight. Research into the clinical applications of psychedelics is burgeoning; many states are legalizing or considering the legalization of psychedelic compounds for different purposes. While welcome in some respects, these phenomena raise deep issues in the philosophy of psychiatry.

We will consider abstracts addressing any philosophical issues related to psychedelic use.

## Submission Instructions:

Abstracts of no more than 500 words, prepared for anonymous review and saved as a PDF, should be sent to [brent.kious@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:brent.kious@hsc.utah.edu). Abstracts are due before 5pm Pacific Time on October 15, 2024. Notices of acceptance or rejection will be sent in January, 2025. Presentations will be strictly limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion.

A more detailed version of this call with suggestions for topics is on AAPP website. <https://aapp.press.jhu.edu/node/63>

**Online Workshop - September 24 & 25, 2024**  
**09:30 -14:30 (EST) / 15:30 - 20:30 (CET)**

## **The Identity Crisis in Psychiatry**

*Call for registrations*

There is a consensus that the field of psychiatry is facing a crisis (e.g., Tekin & Poland 2017) but the exact nature of the problem is less clear. Psychiatry is, as she has been for ages, searching for an identity as a discipline between the biomedical sciences and human sciences and between science and art. The aim of this online workshop is to understand the different dimensions of the crisis and to develop a multidimensional response accordingly. The crisis is partly *epistemological* in nature: there is widespread doubt concerning the validity of symptoms and disorders used to diagnose patients. Though its categories are grounded in objective epidemiological data, they also depend on social concepts of normality that change over time and culture. Since our societies are complex, volatile, uncertain and ambiguous, our concept of normality is undefined. There is a *socio-economic* crisis: mental disorders have an unprecedented high level of prevalence globally. Despite record levels of funding, there remains substantial unmet need for psychiatric care, especially among children and adolescents. The desperate response of governments to regulate that state of disarray has led to excessive control and distrust in mental health services, resulting in an *institutional* crisis: clinicians have less and less time to work with patients to develop a robust therapeutic relationship. Administration and management has taken over sophisticated patient care. There is a *treatment* crisis; the psychopharmacology and psychotherapy professionals currently rely on are limited in their efficacy, and new discoveries in genetics and clinical neuroscience have so far failed to translate into new treatment options for improving the lives of patients. There is a *metaphysical* crisis: the categories used to diagnose disorders fail to pick out “real” disorders and their causes as opposed to artificial clusters of symptoms. Mental disorders, unlike the diseases treated by other medical disciplines, are essentially subjective depending on the lived experience of suffering, and the uniqueness to each patient of their symptoms. Finally, there is the *identity crisis* itself, expressing the impotence and helplessness of the professional himself looking for a scientific and paradigmatic foothold.

### **Invited speakers:**

Awais Aftab (Psychiatry, Case Western University)  
*A Beleaguered Discipline: Diagnosing Crises Within and Without*

Dan Stein (Psychiatry, University of Cape Town)  
*Beyond Scientism and Skepticism*

Serife Tekin (Philosophy, SUNY Upstate Medical University)  
*Responding to Psychiatry's Identity Crisis: A Science in Practice View*

Rachel Cooper (Philosophy, Lancaster University)  
*Three Puzzles of Psychiatric Classification: Why Psychiatry Isn't Like Other Sciences*

Jennifer Radden (Emerita, Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston)  
*A Psychiatry of the Future need not Abandon All Biomedical Matters*

Damiaan Denys (Lemon Tree Center/Psychiatry, Amsterdam University Medical Center)  
*The Manifold Face of Psychiatry, Its Crises and Psychotherapeutic Salvation*

This event is the first in the series of online workshops organised by the Lemon Tree Interdisciplinary Center for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Philosophy, Amsterdam University Medical Center. It will take place **online**, via Zoom.

To register for the conference and to receive the Zoom link, please send an email to:

[r.p.j.m.dings@amsterdamumc.nl](mailto:r.p.j.m.dings@amsterdamumc.nl)

Places are limited so send your registration asap.





# OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

## Save The Date

### Phenomenology, Values-based Practice and Personalisation in Mental Health: New Models for Global Clinical Care

14-18 July 2025

A five-day summer school exploring:

- Values-based practice in mental health - history and challenges for personalisation
- Clinical Phenomenology as a guiding tool for personalisation
- Philosophical basis of Clinical Phenomenology
- Philosophy and implementation of personalisation in public mental health
- Phenomenology, values and personalisation in depression, psychosis and personality disorder
- Challenges in global mental health - developing and delivering in LMICs

The course is suitable for clinicians (psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, social workers, nurses, students) as well as service users, policy-makers and other healthcare providers.



Course Directors – Prof Guilherme Messas (Brazil), Prof Bill Fulford and Prof Ashok Handa (Oxford)

Find out more:



[ruth.devaraj@ndorms.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.devaraj@ndorms.ox.ac.uk)

The course is run by the Collaborating Centre for Values-based Practice, which is linked to the below institutions:



## **Announcement of the 26<sup>th</sup> International INPP Conference**

**Date:** Thursday 29 May, 2025 to Saturday 31, May 2025

**Place:** Leipzig, Germany

**Bibliothek:** Albertina at Leipzig University

**Conference Theme:** Psychopathology: Interface of Basic Sciences and Scholarly Disciplines

**Contact:** Peter Schönknecht: e-mail: [peter.schoenknecht@medizin.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:peter.schoenknecht@medizin.uni-leipzig.de)

More specific information on the program and how to submit will be forthcoming on the INPP Website and a *Philos. Psychiatry Newsletter* update.

### **THE *PHILOS. PSYCHIATRY NEWSLETTER* WILL RETURN.**

The next issue will be published in January 2025. Content for that issue should be sent to Peter Zachar ([pzachar@aum.edu](mailto:pzachar@aum.edu)).

**Requested content includes:**

**Philosophy of Psychiatry News**

**Interviews and Media**

**Publications for the period July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.**

**Honors and Awards**

**Promotions, New Positions, or Other Changes**

**In Memoriam Notices**

**Conference and Workshop Announcements, Funding Opportunities**

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