



In the Footsteps of William James

A Symposium Organized by the William James Society
In Cooperation with the Chocorua Community Association and
The Houghton Library at Harvard College

August 13-15, 2010: Chocorua, New Hampshire
August 16, 2010: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Chocorua, New Hampshire

Friday, August 13th

Friday, 4:00 – 6:00 pm: Registration: Chocorua Public Library

Friday, 5:30 - 7:00 pm: Welcoming Reception: Runnells Hall

Friday, 7:00 pm Runnells Hall

Session I.

Paul Croce, Stetson University, Chair

1. Invited Speaker: Susan Gunter, Westminster College
“Alice Gibbens James and William James in Chocorua”

Saturday, August 14th

Saturday, 7:30-9:00 am: Registration at Library and Continental Breakfast at Runnells Hall

Saturday, 9:00 -9:50 am Runnells Hall

Session II.

James Pawelski, University of Pennsylvania, Chair

2. Invited Speaker: Doug Anderson, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
“William James in the Woods: Glenmore and Chocorua”

Saturday, 10:00 – 11:20 am Chocorua Community Church second floor

Session III. Psychological Philosophy and Liberal Religion

David Lamberth, Harvard University, Chair

3. Paul Croce, Stetson University
“The Psychology of Philosophizing: A Jamesian Framework for Conciliating Difference”
4. Amy Kittelstrom, Sonoma State University
“William James and Liberal Religion: The Context Hidden in Plain Sight”

Saturday, 10:00 – 11:20 am Runnells Hall

Session IV. Psychology

Lynn Bridgers, University of New Mexico, Chair

5. James Pawelski, University of Pennsylvania
“Beyond Healthy-Mindedness: William James, Positive Psychology and the Science of Well-Being”
6. Eric P. Charles, Pennsylvania State University
“Edwin Bissell Holt’s William James”

Saturday, 11:30-12:50 pm: lunch (please place lunch orders from menus available at registration)

Seminar Conversations

Seminar A, Runnells Hall: Fernando Galindo, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

“James and the Experience of Belief”

Seminar B, Village Potter: Roberto Gronda, Scuola Normal Superiore, Pisa

“Meaning is Use: Dewey’s Pragmatic Exploitation of William James’s Legacy”

Seminar C, Church second floor: Frederick R. Bauer, Assumption College

“Pragmatism: The Brain? Or God?”

Seminar D, 1776 home back porch: Dan Fellin, Portland State University

“Putting the F back in Philosophy: William James on Why Philosophy is Fun”

Saturday, 1:00–2:50 pm Library

Session V. James, Nature, and Ecology

Lynn Bridgers, University of New Mexico, Chair

7. Tyson-Lord Gray, Vanderbilt University
“The Contemporary Relevance of William James’s *Varieties of Religious Experience* for Religion and Ecology”
8. Jacob Risinger, Harvard University
“William James, Romanticism, and the Varieties of Environmental Experience”

Saturday, 1:00–2:50 pm Church second floor

Session VI. Religion: Spirituality and Culture

John Kaag, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Chair

9. J. C. Hallman, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul
“The Moral Equivalent of Paradise: William James and Utopian Thought”
10. Alexandra Pleshoyano, University of Sherbrooke, Quebec
“William James’s Varieties of ‘Spiritual’ Experience”
11. Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Boulder
“James’s Middle Way: Beyond Pragmatism”

Saturday, 1:00–2:50 pm Runnells Hall

Session VII. Philosophy: Consciousness and Experience

John Shook, Center for Inquiry, Chair

12. Donald Crosby, Colorado State University, Emeritus
“Experience, Self, and World in the Philosophy of William James”
13. Renato Kinouchi, Universidade Federal do ABC, Brazil
“Does Consciousness Still Exist?”

14. Nobuo Kazashi, Kobe University

“From James to Nishida and Soseki: Two Metamorphoses of the Jamesian Philosophy of ‘Pure Experience’ in Modern Japanese Thought”

Saturday afternoon and evening:

3:00 -5:00 pm tours of James-Peters home: departing from and returning to Runnells Hall

5:00 -7:50 pm: free time, dinner (see suggestions provided at Registration)

8:00 pm: Kenneth A. Brett Auditorium, Concert: A Night to Remember ... William James

Sunday, August 15

Sunday, 8-9 am Whittier House: Breakfast

Sunday, 9-10 am Whittier House

Session VIII.

David Leary, University of Richmond, Chair

15. Invited Speaker: Robert Richardson, Independent Scholar

“Will You or Won’t You Have It So?: James on the Will”

Sunday, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm Runnells Hall

Session IX. Culture: Politics and Pluralism

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado at Boulder, Chair

16. Miriam Strube, Paderborn University

“Racing Pragmatism”

17. Trygve Throntveit, Harvard University

“James, Obama and Deliberative Pragmatism”

18. Kevin Zdiara, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies

“Horace M. Kallen and the Legacy of William James”

Sunday, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm Church second floor,

Session X. Psychics and Psychedelics

Eric P. Charles, Pennsylvania State University, Chair

19. Tadd Ruetenik, St. Ambrose University

“The Book of James: Pragmatism and the Research of Gary Schwartz”

20. Mike Dieciuc, Xavier University

“James and the Resurgence of Psychedelic Research in Psychology”

21. Myles Leighton, Harvard University

“Standardized Measures in Psychical Research: Updated James Model for Detecting Causal Source of Agency”

Sunday, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm Library

Session XI. Philosophy: Morality and Freedom

Phil Oliver, Middle Tennessee State University, Chair

22. Mark Franklin, Brown University

“The Will to Believe and the Will to Truth”

23. Lee McBride, The College of Wooster
“William James and Weak Moral Objectivism”

Sunday, 12:30-1:50 pm: Lunch (please place lunch orders from menus available at registration) and Seminar Conversations

Seminar E, 1776 home back porch: Paul Johnson, University of Notre Dame

“Yankee Yoga and ‘The Razor’s Edge’”

Seminar F, library patio: Flavia Stara, University of Macerata, Italy

“Reading William James: Educating for Moral Insight and Values”

Seminar G, Runnells Hall: Bob Doyle, Harvard University

“Jamesian Free Will”

Sunday Afternoon Activities available: Self-guided tours of Tamworth and Chocorua Village, local hiking with guides, canoeing on Lake Chocorua, 3pm Back Porch Concert in Tamworth with local musicians. For other activities, see Registration Desk.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Monday, August 16

Monday, 9:00 – 10:00 am: Registration

*During the next two hours, participants will split alphabetically with one half attending Simon’s talk at 10am, while the other half views the exhibition, and at 11 am, we’ll reverse rooms.

*Monday, 10:00 – 10:50 am

Session XII. Curator and Exhibit

24. Forum Room, Lamont Library

Paul Croce, Stetson University, Chair

Invited Speaker: Linda Simon, Professor of English, Skidmore College; Guest Curator of the James Centennial Exhibition, “Life is in the Transitions”

“William James in Person and in the Library”

25. Houghton Library Exhibition Tour

Edison and Newman Room, Houghton Library: the William James Centennial Exhibition, “Life is in the Transitions”

*Monday, 11:00 am – 11:50 noon

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Monday, 12 noon-1:20 pm: Harvard Faculty Club Lunch

Monday, 1:30 – 2:20 pm Forum Room, Lamont Library

Session XIV

Lynn Bridgers, University of New Mexico, Chair

28. Invited Speaker: Eugene Taylor, Saybrook University, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Cambridge Institute of Psychology and Comparative Religions

"William James and Contemporary Neurophenomenology"

Monday, 1:30 – 2:20 pm Edison and Newman Room, Houghton Library

Session XV. Humanities Education at Harvard and Beyond

Hilary Putnam, Harvard University, Chair

29. Ezekiel Kimball, Pennsylvania State University

”’ Old Truth’ and ‘New Fact’ at Harvard: The Pragmatic Relationship of James & Eliot”

30. Richard Hall, Fayetteville State University

“James on the Humanities”

Monday, 2:30 – 3:20 pm Edison and Newman Room, Houghton Library

Session XVI.

Ruth Anna Putnam, Wellesley College, Chair

31. Invited Speaker: James Kloppenberg, Harvard University

"What Makes William James Significant?"

Monday, 2:30 – 3:20 pm Forum Room, Lamont Library

Session XVII. Education and Moral Awakening

Lynn Bridgers, University of New Mexico, Chair

32. Pamela Crosby, Florida State University

"The Social Value of Undergraduate Learning: William James on Educating Moral Leaders for Democracy"

33. Aostre Johnson, Saint Michael's College

“James’s Concept of Mysticism and Its Implications for Education”

Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Walking Tour of James’s Cambridge

Monday, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Closing Reception: Edison and Newman Room, Houghton Library

Getting Oriented:

Chocorua Community Church: 40 Deer Hill Road, Chocorua, NH 03817; 603-323-7186

Kenneth A. Brett School: 881 Tamworth Road, Tamworth, NH 03886; 603-323-7271

Whittier House, 2415 White Mountain Hwy (Rt16), Ossipee, NH 03864; 603-539-3887

Faculty Club: 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-5758

Houghton and Lamont Libraries: adjacent to the Widener Library, Harvard campus

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