

# *PhilSci at APA & CPA*

## *2017 Eastern Division Guide*

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### **Colloquium: Science and Language – 1A**

Wednesday  
January 4  
11:00AM-1:00PM

**Chair:** Michael Townsen (University of Oxford)

**Speaker (2<sup>nd</sup> of two speakers, no start specified):**

Richard Lauer (St. Lawrence University)

“Is Understanding Factive? Responding to the Objection from Scientific Idealizations”

**Commentator:**

Brandon Boesch (University of South Carolina)

### **Symposium: On the Concept of Organism in Biology: A Step toward a Biologically Grounded Ethical Naturalism – 1H**

Wednesday  
January 4  
11:00AM-1:00PM

**Chair:** Stephan Blatti (University of Memphis)

**Speaker:** Parisa Moosavi (University of Toronto)

“On the Concept of Organism in Biology: A Step toward a Biologically Grounded Ethical Naturalism”

**Commentators:**

Sylvia Hobbs (Oberlin/Boston University School of Public Health)

Said Saillant (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

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## Colloquium: Philosophy of Race – 2E

Wednesday  
January 4  
1:00-3:00PM

### Chair:

Illya Davis (Clark Atlanta University)

### Speaker (2<sup>nd</sup> of two speakers, no start specified):

Kamuran Osmanoglu (University of Kansas)

“The Biological Reality of Race does not Underwrite the Social Reality of Race: A Response to Spencer”

### Commentator:

Quayshawn Spencer (University of Pennsylvania)

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## Invited Symposium: Causation and Causal Explanation

Thursday  
January 5  
9:00AM-12:00PM

### Chair: Lawrence Lombard (Wayne State University)

### Speakers:

Christopher Hitchcock (California Institute of Technology)

Christian Loew (University of Luxembourg)

Michael Strevens (New York University)

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## Invited Symposium: Biological Complexity – 7E

Thursday  
January 5  
2:00-5:00PM

### Chair:

Clement Leo (University of Minnesota, Morris)

### Speakers:

Sandra Mitchell (University of Pittsburgh)

William Bechtel (University of California, San Diego)

Robert Richardson (University of Cincinnati)

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## APA National Prizes

Thursday  
January 5  
5:00-6:00PM

### Award: Gittler Prize 2016

### Recipient: Brian Epstein (Tufts University)

*The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences*

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**Author Meets Critics: Tim Lewens, *Cultural Evolution: Conceptual Challenges* – 12C**

Friday  
January 6  
1:30-4:30PM

**Chair:** Mitchell Green (University of Connecticut)

**Critics:**

Michael Bradie (Bowling Green University)  
Charles Rathkopf (Iona College)

**Author:**

Tim Lewens (University of Cambridge)

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**Society for Realist/Antirealist Discussion – G14F**

Friday  
January 6  
7:00-10:00PM

**Topic:** Metaphysics of Science

**Chair:** Otavio Bueno (University of Miami)

**Speakers:**

Steven French (University of Leeds)  
“Building Bridges with the right Metaphysical Tools: Modality and Modern Science”  
Kerry McKenzie (University of California, San Diego)  
“Being Realistic: The Problem of Theory Change Meets the Metaphysics of Scientific Realism”  
Otavio Bueno (University of Miami)  
“Modalism: Modality in Mathematics and in the Sciences”

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**Invited Symposium: Radical Ontic Structural Realism – 17A**

Saturday  
January 7  
1:30-4:30PM

**Chair:** Chuang Liu (University of Florida)

**Speakers:**

Valia Allori (Northern Illinois University)  
Anjan Chakravathy (University of Notre Dame)

**Commentator:** Steven French (University of Leeds)

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**Invited Symposium: Are There Top-Down Influences in Vision? – 17E**

Saturday  
January 7  
1:30-4:30PM

**Chair:** John Morrison (Barnard College)

**Speakers:**

Alison Reiheld (Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville)

Amy Olberding (University of Oklahoma)

Karen Stohr (Georgetown University)

**Author Meets Critics: Wolfgang Spohn, *The Laws of Belief***

Saturday  
January 7  
1:30-4:30PM

**Chair:** Stefan Lukits (British Columbia Institute of Technology)

**Critics:**

Branden Fitelson (Northeastern University)

James Woodward (University of Pittsburgh)

**Author:** Wolfgang Spohn (University of Konstanz)

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The purpose of *PhilSci at the APA & CPA* is twofold. First, we hope to encourage philosophers of science to attend and participate at annual meetings of the APA and CPA. Second, we intend to track the extent to which philosophy of science is included in these meetings. Guides and statistics can be found at <http://www.ckwaters.com/on-the-web.html>.

This guide is based on the program published on the APA website on 17 February 2017. Our aim is to include all presentations that address the topics and use the approaches characteristic of presentations and posters at conferences such as the *Philosophy of Science Biennial Meetings*, of articles published in journals such as *Philosophy of Science*, and of preprints posted at sites such as the *PhilSci-Archive*. We apologize if you are presenting a philosophy of science talk, commentary, or poster at this conference that has not been included in this guide. Please contact Ken Waters ([ckwaters@ucalgary](mailto:ckwaters@ucalgary)) if you would like your presentation, commentary, or poster added.