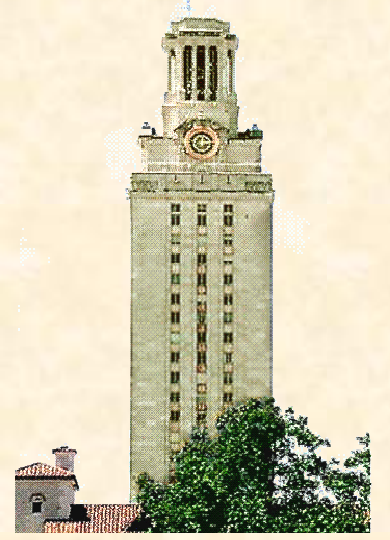




CONCEPTS AND OBJECTIVITY

Knowledge, Science, and Values



A Conference at the
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KNOWLEDGE

1. **“Perceptual Friction”** Fri., 9:00-10:50am
Speaker: David Sosa (UT-Austin)
Commentator: Bill Brewer (Warwick)
Chair: Nicholas Rescher (Pittsburgh)
2. **“Perceptual Awareness as the Epistemically Given”** Fri., 11:10am-1:00pm
Speaker: Onkar Ghate (Ayn Rand Institute)
Commentator: Daniel Bonevac (UT-Austin)
Chair: James Pryor (NYU) Lunch break, 1:00-3:00pm
3. **“Ayn Rand on Concepts, Definitions, and Objectivity”** Fri., 3:00-4:50pm
Speaker: Allan Gotthelf (Pittsburgh)
Commentator: James Bogen (Pittsburgh)
Chair: Harry Binswanger (Ayn Rand Institute)

SCIENCE

4. **“Scientific Practice, Conceptual Change, and the Nature of Concepts”** Sat., 9:00-10:50am
Speaker: Ingo Brigandt (Alberta)
Commentator: Gregory Salmieri (Pittsburgh)
Chair: Alan C. Love (Minnesota)
5. **“Ayn Rand on Concepts, Theory Change, and Scientific Progress”** Sat., 11:10am-1:00pm
Speaker: James G. Lennox (Pittsburgh)
Commentator: Richard M. Burian (Virginia Tech)
Chair: Kenneth F. Schaffner (Pittsburgh) Lunch break, 1:00-3:00pm

VALUES

6. **“Objectivity and the Good”** Sat., 3:00-4:50pm
Speaker: George Sher (Rice)
Commentator: Tara Smith (UT-Austin)
Chair: A. P. Martinich (UT-Austin)
7. **“Evaluative Concepts and Objective Values”** Sun., 9:10-11:00am
Speaker: Darryl Wright (Harvey Mudd College)
Commentator: Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (UNC)
Chair: Peter Railton (Michigan)

ALL FRIDAY MEETINGS ARE IN RM. 817R CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING (Center for Philosophy of Science)
ALL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MEETINGS ARE IN MARTIN ROOM, 4127 SENNOTT SQUARE

Conference organizers: Allan Gotthelf (Pitt), Tara Smith (Texas); *consultant:* Jim Lennox (Pitt)
Conference website: <http://www.pitt.edu/~hpsdept/news/news/ConceptsObjConf2006.pdf>

NOTE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING: A limited number of rooms have been set aside at a reduced rate at the Holiday Inn Select—University Center, 100 Lytton Ave, Pittsburgh (412-682-6200). To secure one of those rooms you need to book by September 5th and tell Reservations that you are booking for the “Joint Conference.”