CONCEPTS AND OBJECTIVITY  
Knowledge, Science, and Values

A Conference at the  
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KNOWLEDGE

1. “Perceptual Friction”  
   Speaker: David Sosa (UT-Austin)  
   Commentator: Bill Brewer (Warwick)  
   Chair: Nicholas Rescher (Pittsburgh)  
   Fri., 9:00-10:50am

2. “Perceptual Awareness as the Epistemically Given”  
   Speaker: Onkar Ghate (Ayn Rand Institute)  
   Commentator: Daniel Bonevac (UT-Austin)  
   Chair: James Pryor (NYU)  
   Fri., 11:10am-1:00pm

3. “Ayn Rand on Concepts, Definitions, and Objectivity”  
   Speaker: Allan Gotthelf (Pittsburgh)  
   Commentator: James Bogen (Pittsburgh)  
   Chair: Harry Binswanger (Ayn Rand Institute)  
   Fri., 3:00-4:50pm

Lunch break, 1:00-3:00pm

SCIENCE

   Speaker: Ingo Brigandt (Alberta)  
   Commentator: Gregory Salmieri (Pittsburgh)  
   Chair: Alan C. Love (Minnesota)  
   Sat., 9:00-10:50am

   Speaker: James G. Lennox (Pittsburgh)  
   Commentator: Richard M. Burian (Virginia Tech)  
   Chair: Kenneth F. Schaffner (Pittsburgh)  
   Sat., 11:10am-1:00pm

   Lunch break, 1:00-3:00pm

VALUES

6. “Objectivity and the Good”  
   Speaker: George Sher (Rice)  
   Commentator: Tara Smith (UT-Austin)  
   Chair: A. P. Martinich (UT-Austin)  
   Sat., 3:00-4:50pm

7. “Evaluative Concepts and Objective Values”  
   Speaker: Darryl Wright (Harvey Mudd College)  
   Commentator: Geoffrey Saxe-McCord (UNC)  
   Chair: Peter Railton (Michigan)  
   Sun., 9:10-11:00am

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)

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.”