

# 7th Annual Centre on Values and Ethics (COVE) Graduate Student Conference

## *Changing the World Through Philosophy*

March 28-29, 2015

**Location:** Room 2017 Dunton Tower (FASS Lounge) Carleton University

### **Keynote Address:**

Vida Panitch, Carleton University

Title: Capitalist Acts Among Consenting Adults: Or What (If Anything) Is Wrong With Commodifying the Body?

Saturday March 28, 4:20pm

Abstract: A number of political philosophers have argued in recent years against the commodification of bodily goods and intimate services on the grounds that sales of this sort corrupt important values. These philosophical arguments aim to capture and give voice to a widespread sentiment that the sale of such things as gametes, organs, blood, and sexual and gestational services ought to be prohibited as they improperly render unto market transactions the exchange of items that should be transferred exclusively as gifts. What I propose to demonstrate here is that there are in fact two distinct corruption-based anti-commodification arguments at work in both the philosophical literature and the public discourse. These arguments have not adequately been recognized as distinct, and must be teased apart so that we may properly evaluate their respective strengths, as well as the justifiability of prohibitions they call for regarding sales involving body parts and intimate labours.

## **PROGRAM**

### **SATURDAY March 28**

8:30-9:30

Sign in, breakfast for participants, coffee.

9:30-11:10

Arielle Stirling (Western) "The Self-Based Case for Bystander Obligations"

Drew Hoult (Carleton) "The Value of Partiality in Cosmopolitan Ethics: The Inadequacies of Impartial Duty for Taking Responsibility"

11:10-11:30 Break

11:30-12:20

Mark Garron (McMaster) "The Role of Informed Consent in Phase I Cancer Trials"

(Saturday)

LUNCH 12:30-1:30

1:30-3:10

Regina Taptich (McMaster) “Understanding Correlative Duties Against Child Labour”

Andrew Molas (York) “Silent Voices, Hidden Knowledge: Lorraine Code's 'Ecological Thinking' and the role of advocacy in mental health”

3:10-3:30 Break

3:30-4:20

Emily Jacobs (Carleton) “Removing Unfreedoms: The Need for a Better Conception of ‘Agency’”

KEYNOTE 4:20-5:45

Vida Panitch (Carleton) “Capitalist Acts Among Consenting Adults: What (if Anything) is Wrong with Commodifying the Body?”

## **SUNDAY March 29**

8:30-9:30

Breakfast for participants, coffee.

9:30-11:10

Holly Longair (Queen's) “Counteracting Testimonial Injustice: Up or Down?”

Amy Keating (Trent) “Anti-Opressive Research in Feminist Epistemology and Laden's Social Picture of Reasoning”

11:10-11:30 Break

11:30-12:20

Yussif Yakubu (McMaster) “The Evolutionary Roots of Social Bigotry”

LUNCH 12:30-1:30

1:30-2:20

Sacha Ghandeharian (Carleton) “Constructive Criticism: The ethics of care, feminist post-structuralism, and standpoint epistemology”

2:20-2:40 Break

2:40-3:30

D. Vasilis Papadopoulos (Concordia) “Collective Emotions in an Emotional Framework of Rationality”

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