

**Seventh International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, 2025
Carleton University**

Wednesday, June 25				
	Plenary Room	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
9:00-9:45	Coffee & Welcome			
9:45-10:00	Introductory Remarks			
10:00-10:45		<p>Speaker: Aribiah David Attoe (University of the Witwatersrand), Are Africans' Lives Anti-meaningful?</p> <p>Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Roland Kipke (Bielefeld University), Meaning in Life as a Matter of Moral Philosophy: The Example of Human Dignity</p> <p>Chair: Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria)</p>	<p>Speaker: Jonah Goldwater (College of William and Mary), What's in an Article?: On the Meaning of Life, Meaning in Life, and the Meaning of a Life</p> <p>Chair: Kiki Berk (Southern New Hampshire University)</p>
10:45-11:00	Comfort Break			
11:00-11:45		<p>Speaker: Kirsten Egerstrom (Whatcom Community College), Grief Work, Mourning Rituals, and Meaning in Life</p> <p>Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Yusuke Nagato (Osaka University), The Moral Value of Redeeming Oneself: Moral Recovery and Life's Meaning</p> <p>Chair: Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria)</p>	<p>Speaker: Brian Lightbody (Brock University), Vignettes of the Absurd: Am I Nagel's Ant?</p> <p>Chair: Kiki Berk (Southern New Hampshire University)</p>
11:45-12:30		<p>Speaker: Héritier Kinzamba (Boston College), On Meaning in Suffering</p> <p>Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Drew Chastain (Loyola University New Orleans), Absurd Art and Meaningful Living</p> <p>Chair: Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria)</p>	<p>Speaker: Rivka Weinberg (Scripps College, Claremont Consortium), Cosmic Meaning: What Can A Miracle Do For You?</p> <p>Chair: Kiki Berk (Southern New Hampshire University)</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00-14:45			<p>Speaker: Yuval Eytan (Columbia University), The Open Nature of Life's Meaning as the Source of Mill's Rejection of Happiness</p> <p>Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Shawn Graves (University of Findlay), Love and Meaning in Life</p> <p>Chair: Rivka Weinberg (Scripps College, Claremont Consortium)</p>
14:45-15:30		<p>Speaker: Nawroz Ali Rohani Nizhad (Ahlul Bayt International University), Philosophical Analysis of the Components of Life's Meaning for Cancer Patients</p> <p>Chair: Masahiro Morioka (Waseda University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Christopher McGrath (Carleton University), The Value of Life in Kant's Critique of the Power of Judgment: Culture, Art, and Religion</p> <p>Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)</p>	<p>Speaker: Peter Baumann (Swarthmore College), Meaning and Immortality</p> <p>Chair: Rivka Weinberg (Scripps College, Claremont Consortium)</p>
15:30-15:45	Comfort Break			

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15:45-16:30		Speaker: René Baston (TU-Dortmund), Reassessing Suicide Risk through Practical Rationality Chair: Masahiro Morioka (Waseda University)		Speaker: Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria), Types of Great Meaning in Life Chair: Rivka Weinberg (Scripps College, Claremont Consortium)
17:00-18:30	Conference Buffet Dinner			

Thursday, June 26

	Plenary Room	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
9:30-10:00	Coffee			
10:00-11:15	Keynote Address: Iddo Landau (University of Haifa), Meaning in Life: Narrative or Value?			
11:15-11:30	Comfort Break			
11:30-12:15		Speaker: Tatsuya Murayama (Tohoku University), Life's Meaning and Second-Order Volition without First-Order Desire Chair: Masahiro Morioka (Waseda University)	Speaker: Indrani Bhattacharjee (O. P. Jindal Global University), Communing with Nature to Understand Ourselves: Tagore, Naess and Sundry Nature-lovers Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)	Speaker: Tiger Roholt (Montclair State University), Meaning in Practice Chair: Drew Chastain (Loyola University New Orleans)
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break			
13:45-14:30		Speaker: George Backen (Saint Cloud Technical and Community College), Meaning and the Self-World Relation Chair: Tatsuya Murayama (Tohoku University)	Speaker: Fausto Grimaldi (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome), Meaning of Life and the Relationship "Person-Body": Their Connection with Neuroscience Chair: Lorraine Yeung (Hong Kong Baptist University)	Speaker: David Matheson (Carleton University), Two Modes of a Meaningful Life Chair: Drew Chastain (Loyola University New Orleans)
14:30-15:15		Speaker: Jonathan Strand (Concordia University of Edmonton), The Significance Value of Free Will Chair: Tatsuya Murayama (Tohoku University)	Speaker: Tyler Sproule (University of Illinois, Chicago), Meaningful Beings: An Enactive Account of Meaning in Life Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)	
15:15-15:30	Comfort Break			
15:30-16:15		Speaker: Masahiro Morioka (Waseda University), The Collapse of a Life Framework and Bernard Williams's Ground Projects Chair: Tatsuya Murayama (Tohoku University)	Speaker: Angel On Ki Ting (Hong Kong Baptist University), The Role of Meaning in Life in Bioethical Decision: Body Integrity Identity Disorder (BIID) as an Example Chair: Nobuo Kurata (Soka University)	Speaker: John Uglietta (Grand Valley State University), Living Like You Mean It: Expressive Meaning and Its Value Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)
16:15-17:00			Speaker: Masoud Toossi Saeidi (Shahid Beheshti University), Emotionalized AI and Meaningful Life: AI Ethics from the Perspective of Absurdity of Life Chair: Nobuo Kurata (Soka University)	Speaker: Cade Schafer (Binghamton University), Nihilism & Narrative: Nishitani, Cioran, and A Critique of Narrative Meaning Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)

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9:30-10:00	Coffee			
10:00-11:15	Keynote Address: Kiki Berk (Southern New Hampshire University), Simone de Beauvoir and Samuel Scheffler on the End of the World			
11:15-11:30	Comfort Break			
11:30-12:15		Speaker: Lawrence Lengbeyer (United States Naval Academy), Contextualism & Pluralism in Meaning-in-Life Assessment Chair: Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria)	Speakers: Lorraine Yeung, Angel On Ki Ting and Yvonne Wong (Hong Kong Baptist University), Bridging the Gap Between Philosophical and Empirical Inquiries in Meaning in Life Chair: Christopher McGrath (Carleton University)	Speaker: Nobuo Kurata (Soka University), Narrative Approach to the Philosophy of the Meaning of Life Chair: David Matheson (Carleton University)
12:15-12:30	Closing Remarks			