

SAVE THE DATE!

The Philosophers' Society Club Inaugural Kickoff Event!

After meeting informally for many years as a group of concerned individuals who just loved philosophy, the Philosophers' Society Club is now OFFICIALLY a Fordham University recognized club! We will celebrate this momentous achievement on...

Wednesday, February 1st
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Dealy 207

Food and refreshments will be served!

Special Guest Speaker

Michael S. Dauber!

Michael S. Dauber, FCRH '15, is a Philosopher in Residence at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. He has written and presented on topics including mitochondrial replacement therapy (the technique that produces "three-parent babies"), cognitive enhancement, philosophical frameworks for teaching and conducting clinical ethics consultation, medical ethics, and the relationship between neuroscience, psychology, and normativity.



Discussion Topic

Robot Revolution & Ethics

Many philosophers take it as a given that it would be intrinsically bad if the human species ceased to exist. They believe there is something particularly morally undesirable about such an outcome. This is often expressed in terms of there no longer being "creatures like us," though that tends to refer specifically to human beings. This assumption has largely gone unchallenged in bioethical literature, specifically in regard to the possibility that either alien species visit Earth, or artificially intelligent entities (robots!) took over society. My presentation will explore some of the biases at play in such assumptions. Specifically, we have three biases: we are speciesist, organicist, and naturalist in our preference for our own species' survival. At the end of the presentation, we will be able to thoroughly discuss the question, "What's so bad about robot revolution?"

Please contact ttsang@fordham.edu with any questions or inquiries!

