

Essays on Mary Shepherd: Causation, Mind, and Perception

Edited Volume Workshop Program

March 5 – 7, 2026

Harvard University

Thursday, March 5th

10:00 – 11:45am: Opening Remarks
Emerson 211 Keota Fields: “Introduction”

12:00 – 1:15: Session A
*Sever 202 Manuel Fasko: "'The Animal Power to Feel': Shepherd on Nonhuman Animal Cognition" (Via Zoom), Chair: Robert Ziegler

12:00 – 1:15: Session B
*Sever 214 Peter West: “Shepherd's Modified Berkeleian Theory” (Via Zoom), Chair: Aisling O’Leary

*Sever Hall is next to Emerson Hall. See [Campus Map](#).

1:30 – 3:00 *Break for lunch*

3:15 – 4:30 Martha Bolton Festschrift Session & Presentation of her Chapter: “Shepherd on Particular Causal Inference: ‘A Reasonable Dependence As Well As A Customary One’”, Chair: Keota Fields
Emerson 211

Friday, March 6th

9:00 – 9:30: Coffee
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9:30 – 10:45: Session A
Emerson 107 Samuel Rickless: “Shepherd's Argument for the Causal Maxim: ‘There Is No Object Which Begins to Exist, But Must Owe Its Existence to Some Cause’”, Chair: Evelyn Rose Maude

Session B
Emerson 211 Jeffrey McDonough: “Causation as Composition: Mary Shepherd and the Metaphysics of Efficient Causation”, Chair: Andrei Fomenko

11:00 – 12:15: Deborah Boyle: "Mary Shepherd's Causal Principles and Divine Creation", Chair:

Emerson 211 Don Garrett

12:30 – 1:45: *Break for lunch*

2:00 – 3:15: Session A

Emerson 107 Keota Fields: “Shepherd’s Theory of Physical Objects”, Chair: Abigail Tulenko

Session B

Emerson 211 Miren Boehm: “Hume and Shepherd on Nature and Necessity”, Chair: Robert Ziegler

3:30 – 4:45: Don Garrett: “External Existence and the Rejection of Idealism in Hume and

Emerson 211 Shepherd”, Chair: Keota Fields

Saturday, March 7th

9:00 – 9:30: Coffee

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9:30 – 10:45: Session A

Emerson 104 Antonia LoLordo: “Mary Shepherd's Account of the Mind: Its Opponents and Implications”, Chair: Aisling O'Leary

Session B

Emerson 211 Luc Peterschmitt: “Shepherd on Individuating Minds”, Chair: Keota Fields

11:00 – 12:15: David Landy: "Shepherd's First-Personal Causal-Functionalist Account of the

Emerson 211 Mind", Chair: Lousie Daoust

12:30 – 1:45: *Break for lunch*

2:00 – 3:15: Session A

Emerson 108 Claire Etchegaray: “Shepherd’s Answer to Hume’s Scepticism Concerning Perception”, Chair: Evelyn Rose Maude

Session B

Emerson 104 Philippe Hamou: “Situating Shepherd’s Account of Visual Perception”, Chair: Abigail Tulenko

3:30 – 4:45: Session A

Emerson 104 M Folescu and Tieying Zhou: “Reid and Shepherd on Beauty and the Subjectivity of Taste”, Chair: Ariel Melamedoff

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Session B

Louise Daoust: "Shepherd on Perceiving an External Universe", Chair: Andrei Fomenko

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