Hosted by the Philosophy Department of Michigan State University, this event introduces a series of workshops that uphold the department’s long-established tradition of pursuing philosophy that contributes to the understanding and resolution of significant social and political problems, in areas such as health care practice, environmental policy, response to global inequities, and gender, racial, ethnic and indigenous justice. The series will deepen connections between scholars working in these and related areas, enhancing the quality and impact of these ideas.

“Practice Enriching Theory” Workshop
The workshop aims to consider and contribute to the ways in which philosophy’s involvement with complex and urgent social problems contribute not only to understanding and resolving those problems, but also furthers much of philosophy’s traditional agenda, both methodologically and substantially.

Friday, September 30
1:00-3:15 PM Rebecca Kukla, “Infertility, Epistemic Risk, and Disease Definitions” Respondents: Judy Andre, Jamie Nelson
3:15-3:45 PM Break
3:45-6:00 PM Chris Cuomo, “The Natural World as The Foundation of Philosophy: Recognition, Protection, and the Dramatic Legacies of Rachel Carson” Respondents: Todd Hedrick, Michael O’Rourke
Paper Presentations (40-50 min.) Responses (12-15 min.)
6:00-7:00 PM Reception
7:15 PM Dinner @ State Room, RSVP

Saturday, October 1
10:00 AM-12:15 PM Serene Khader, “Individualism and Transnational Feminisms” Respondents: Lisa Schwartzman, Kyle Whyte
12:15-1:30 PM Lunch
1:30-3:00 PM “Workplaces for Engaged Philosophers” Prompts: Given your work experiences or goals, in what ways are philosophical skill sets valuable? How do you communicate philosophy to non-academic audiences?
Comments: Mladjo Ivanovic, Sophia Pavlos, Ayanna Spencer
Panel: Chris Cuomo, Serene Khader, Judy Andre

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