

## Call for Papers

# “Moral Progress”

March 23 and 24, 2023 - Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics at Georgia State University

The program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Georgia State University

Featured speakers:

- Michele Moody-Adams (Columbia University)
- Hanno Sauer (Utrecht University)
- David Schmitz (University of Arizona, and, West Virginia University)

Some see evidence of moral progress in the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade as well as in increased civic, political, and economic opportunities for persons in historically marginalized groups. These and other widespread welfare gains are improvements over times past, but critics wonder whether they are or represent moral progress. Critics also worry that the idea of moral progress might be inherently indeterminate or yield merely local instances that are invariably offset by stubbornly persisting inequities. This interdisciplinary conference will bring together leading scholars in philosophy, political theory, economics, and related fields, to present original scholarship on the conceptual, substantive, and related dimensions of moral progress.

Possible topic areas include:

- The [in]coherence of the notion of moral progress
- Material progress as [evidence of] moral progress
- The social institutions for seeking, realizing, and sustaining moral progress
- Are Western modes of technological progress consistent with moral progress?
- Evoconservatism and prospects for moral progress
- How/whether increasing moral attention to nonhuman animals counts as moral progress
- Monistic vs. pluralistic accounts of moral progress
- Standards of justification for pursuing moral progress
- Standards for justifying claims about moral progress
- Biomedical moral enhancement and moral progress

The conference will include a public symposium, including presentations by:

- Dale Jamieson (Philosophy, NYU)
- Alex Zamalin (Africana Studies, Rutgers)

To submit a proposal:

1. Prepare an extended abstract, suitable for blind review, as an attachment in MS Word or a .pdf (500-750 words, including select bibliography).
2. Email abstract and contact information to Donna C Hardaway at [ethics@gsu.edu](mailto:ethics@gsu.edu) by Noon ET December 21, 2022.
3. Include in the body of the email all relevant contact information: the author(s), department(s) and affiliation(s), mailing address(es), email address(es); and phone number(s).

Authors of accepted proposals notified by mid-January 2023. For more information, see [ethics.gsu.edu](http://ethics.gsu.edu).

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