

**Essays on Mary Shepherd: Causation, Mind, and Perception**

**Edited Volume Workshop Program**

March 5 – 7, 2026

Harvard University

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 – 11:45am:** Opening Remarks  
Emerson 211 Keota Fields: “Introduction”
- 12:00 – 1:15:** Peter West: “Shepherd's Modified Berkeleian Theory” (Via Zoom), Chair: Aisling  
Sever 214 O’Leary
- 1:30 – 3:00** *Lunch*
- 3:15 – 4:30** Martha Bolton Festschrift Session & Presentation of her Chapter: “Shepherd on  
Emerson 211 Particular Causal Inference: ‘A Reasonable Dependence As Well As A  
Customary One’”, Chair: Keota Fields

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 – 9:30:** Coffee  
Emerson 211
- 9:30 – 10:45:** Samuel Rickless: “Shepherd's Argument for the Causal Maxim: ‘There Is No  
Emerson 211 Object Which Begins to Exist, But Must Owe Its Existence to Some Cause’”,  
Chair: Evelyn Rose Maude
- 11:00 – 12:15:** Jeffrey McDonough: “Causation as Composition: Mary Shepherd and the  
Emerson 211 Metaphysics of Efficient Causation”, Chair: Andrei Fomenko
- 12:30 – 1:45:** *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 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 9:30:** Coffee  
Emerson 211

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

**11:00 – 12:15:** David Landy: "Shepherd's First-Personal Causal-Functionalist Account of the Mind", Chair: Lousie Daoust  
Emerson 211

**12:30 – 1:45:** *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 Luc Peterschmitt: “Shepherd on Individuating Minds”, Chair: Robert Ziegler

Session B  
Emerson 211 Louise Daoust: “Shepherd on Perceiving an External Universe”, Chair: Andrei Fomenko

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