

Research Newsletter – September

Research Activity



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PHILOSOPHY

Carrie and Eli



Dr. Carrie Crisp presented “The Bindingness of UN Treaties” at the *3rd Annual Space Settlement Symposium*, where she offered an etiology of international agreements and reported on the relationship between rights and obligations conferred in the UN agreements.

Dr. Eli Kanon presented “Who Can Mount A Space Force? A Tale of Two Visions” at the *SSS*.

She outlined the UN’s vision for use of space and celestial bodies for the peaceful exploration and use to benefit all humankind as presented in the “Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,” signed in 1967.

This was contrasted with the Department of Defense’s August 9, 2018 report, which outlined a national interest to “usher in” non-peaceful usage of space which would “strengthen cooperation with our allies and partners”.

The UN’s inability to enforce its vision was documented by observations that most space-going societies were in non-compliance with the treaty.

Holly

Dr. Holly Lewis



has an article, “On Racecraft and Sexcraft in the American Context”, that will be a chapter in the forthcoming book *Disparate Voices: Conversations Across the Divide*, which will be edited by the **Mzala Nxumalo Centre** with a grant from the **South African National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences**.

Natasha

Dr. Natasha Mikles



presented a paper at the *International Seminar of Young Tibetologists* (ISYT) conference in St. Petersburg, Russia, where she was elected to the position of **Secretary-General** within the organization. As a result, the ISYT is now housed out of **Texas State University**.

Burkay

Dr. Burkay Ozturk



presented at two conferences in Septembers: “The Paradox of Clinical Outcomes: Are Clinical Trials Really the Gold Standard of Evidence in Medicine?” at the **Western Michigan University 2nd Medical Humanities Conference**, and “Evidential Failure and Clinical Success: Why Patients Get Better While Evidence Gets Worse” at the *8th Norder Network for Medical Humanities Congress* at the **University of Leeds**.

Isaac

Dr. Isaac Wiegman



presented a commentary, “Disgust as a Mechanism for Externalization”, on Kyle Stanford’s paper “The Difference Between Ice Cream and Nazis: Moral Externalization and the Evolution of Human Cooperation” in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.