

**Philosophy and Waste**  
14th Annual "Building Bridges"  
Graduate Student Philosophy Conference  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

**November 4-5, 2011**

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Timothy Morton**

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**Deadline for submissions: September 15, 2011**

This year's Building Bridges conference will be held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale November 4-5, 2011. The topic is the concept of "waste" – the useless, used up, decayed, disgusting, and/or dismissible. Today we speak of wasting food, time, words, and lives; we produce waste that piles up in landfills, oceans, and homes. What does philosophy have to say about this concept, its presuppositions, and its consequences for contemporary life? We welcome contributions that explore different styles, forms, and media. We construe this topic broadly and invite papers and presentations from all areas of philosophy, as well as philosophically interesting papers from other disciplines.

Submission Guidelines:

Papers should not exceed 3000 words and should be prepared for blind review. Please do not include any personal information in the paper. On a separate cover page include the following items:

- The paper's title
- The author's name
- Institutional affiliation
- E-mail address
- Word count (3000 words maximum)
- An abstract (150 words maximum)

E-mail a copy of your paper and your personal information, as attachments, in MS Word format (.doc) or in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) to [nsmaligo@siu.edu](mailto:nsmaligo@siu.edu). Please title the file of your paper with an abbreviated paper title and title the file of your contact information with your last name and first initial.

Conference Statement:

The purpose of "Building Bridges" is to bring into dialogue diverse elements not commonly associated. We seek interdisciplinary as well as intra-disciplinary themes that address problems from multiple philosophical standpoints, from different traditions, or in which two or more thinkers not customarily brought into conversation are compared. Our goal is to provide a pluralistic forum for constructive and critical communication across boundaries.