

MERLEAU-PONTY CIRCLE
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The University of Rhode Island

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SESSION I: Signs, Language, Logic, Texts

Moderator: Patrick Bourgeois, *Loyola University*

Gary Madison, *McMaster University/University of Toronto*

"Merleau-Ponty's Deconstruction of Logocentrism"

Hugh Silverman, *SUNY Stony Brook*

"Merleau-Ponty and Derrida: Writing on Writing"

SESSION II: Origins of Truth

Moderator: Lynn Pasquerella, *URI*

Henry Pietersma, *Victoria College, Univ of Toronto*

"Carnal Knowledge"

Don Ihde, *SUNY Stony Brook*

"Merleau-Ponty and the move to Non-Foundational Phenomenology"

SESSION III: Reversibility: Mirrors and Magic

Moderator: Betsy Behnke, *The California Center for Jean Gebser Studies*

David Levin, *Northwestern University*

"Visions of Narcissism: Freud, Descartes, Lacan, Merleau-Ponty"

Dennis O'Connor, *Concordia University*

"The Opening of Vision: Response of Levin"

Ernest Sherman, *Pace University*

"Merleau-Ponty and the Trickster: Philosophy as the Mytho-Logos of Ambiguity"

SESSION IV: Merleau-Ponty and the Irrational

Moderator: Anne Ashbaugh, *Colgate University*

Martin Dillon, *SUNY Binghamton*

"Abyss and Logos"

Patrick Burke, *Seattle University*

"Listening at the Abyss"

SESSION V: Aesthetics: Gesture and Style

Moderator: Ira Kuhn, *URI*

Carol Bigwood, *York University*

"Seeing Blake's Illuminated Books"

Michael B. Smith, *Berry College*

"The role of Proust's 'notions without equivalent' in Merleau-Ponty's Ontology"

Stephen Watson, *University of Notre Dame*

"Merleau-Ponty: Transcendental Imagination and Body- Schema"

SESSION VI: Persons, Power, Persuasion

Moderator: Gail Weiss, *Yale University*

Richard Lanigan, *Southern Illinois University*

"The Algebra of History: Merleau-Ponty and Foucault on the Rhetoric of the Person"

Merold Westphal, *Fordham University*

"Situation and Suspicion in the Thought of Merleau- Ponty: The Question of Phenomenology and Politics"

SESSION VII: Philosophy and Non-Philosophy

Moderator: Dennis Schmidt, *SUNY Binghamton*

Joseph Flay, *Pennsylvania State University*

"Merleau-Ponty and hegel: Radical Essentialism"

Richard McCleary, *Old Dominion University*

"What's the Sense of Philosophy?"

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Moderator: Fritz Wenisch, *URI*

Introduction: Bernard Flynn, *Empire State College SUNY*

**Claude Lefort, *Ecole Des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. Centre D'Etudes
Transdisciplinaires: Sociologie, Anthropologie, Politique. Paris, France***

"Flesh and Otherness (Chair et alterite)"

SESSION VIII: Selfhood and Alterity

Moderator: Ken Liberman, *University of Oregon*

Lawrence Hass, *University of Illinois*

"Consideration of Merleau-Ponty and the Value of the Other"

Wayne Froman, *George Mason University*

"Alterity and the Paradox of Being"

Robert Bernasconi, *University of Essex*

"Levinas and the Trace of Merleau-Ponty"

SESSION IX: Earth, Dwelling, Place

Moderator: C.B. Peters, *URI*

Monika Langer, *University of Victoria*

"Merleau-Ponty and Deep Ecology"

J. Barry, *SUNY Stony Brook*

"The Primacy of Perception and the Proper Place of Things"

David Abram, *SUNY Stony Brook*

"Time and Space: Animal Objections and Topological Reflections"