

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual International Merleau-Ponty Circle**

**“MERLEAU-PONTY: DOING PHILOSOPHY FROM THE  
OUTSIDE”**

BROCK UNIVERSITY  
ST CATHARINES, ON

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Shuttle Pick-Up from Four Points Sheraton at 8 am**

*Location: Film Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

**8am – 8:30am** Reception and Registration

**8:30am – 9am** Welcome by Dean of Humanities, Carol Merriam; opening remarks by  
Rajiv Kaushik

**SESSION 1, 9am -10:30am**

Moderator: **Nancy Barta-Smith**, English Department, Slippery Rock University

*Reading Merleau-Ponty Reading Montaigne*

**William S. Hamrick**

Department of Philosophy  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

*‘I Can’ and ‘I Speak’: Reflections on the Outside of Expression in  
Merleau-Ponty and Blanchot*

**Don Landes**

Faculté de philosophie  
Université Laval

**BREAK 10:30am – 10:45am**

**SESSION 2, 10:45-12:15**

Moderator: **Daniel Reid Smyth**, Brock University

**PANEL: *Outside Awakening: Imagining Merleau-Ponty’s Dreams and  
Nightmares***

*(1) Outside the Present: Imagination's prehistory in childhood dreams and delusions*

**Talia Welsh**

Department of Philosophy and Religion  
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

*(2) Imagining the Excess of Being*

**Julia Jansen**

Husserl-Archives: Centre for Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy  
Institute of Philosophy  
KU-Leuven

*(3) Merleau-Ponty's Nightmare: Philosophy as its own Beyond and a Re-Thinking of Organizational Behaviour*

**Andrew Whitehead**

Department of History and Philosophy  
Kennesaw State University

**LUNCH BREAK, 12:15pm - 2 pm**

**SESSION 3, 2 pm-3:30 pm**

Moderator: **Michael "Rawb" Leon-Carlyle**, Pennsylvania State University

*Disclosing lived space: the Aural Topography of Janet Cardiff*

**Helen Fielding**

Department of Philosophy and Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research  
University of Western Ontario

*Non-Philosophy, the Imaginal, and Poetic Ontology*

**Glen A. Mazis**

Humanities and Philosophy  
Penn State, Harrisburg

**BREAK, 3:30pm -3:45pm**

**SESSION 4, 3:45pm -5:15 pm**

Moderator: **Frank Chouraqi**, Institute of Philosophy, Leiden University

*The Body, Language, and Lament: "Like something that haunts"*

**Cheryl A. Emerson**

Department of Comparative Literature  
University of Buffalo

*Jarmusch et Merleau-Ponty: Sur la dépossession du héros et la chair du visible*

**Chiara Palermo**

Faculté de philosophie  
Strasbourg University

**BREAK, 5:15pm – 5:30pm**

**SESSION 5, 5:30pm – 7 pm**

*Location: Cairns Recital Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

Moderator: **Stephen Watson**, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

**PANEL: *On Mauro Carbone's The Flesh of Images: Merleau-Ponty between Painting and Cinema, SUNY PRESS, 2015***

**Panelists: Galen Johnson** (University of Rhode Island), **Duane H. Davis** (University of North Carolina at Asheville), and **Mauro Carbone** (Université Jean-Moulin Lyon 3)

**EVENING RECEPTION, 7:15 pm**

*Location: Robertson Theatre, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

**Shuttle pick up from FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, 10:15 pm**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Shuttle pick up from Four Points Sheraton, 8 am**

*Location: Film Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

**Registration and refreshments, 8:30am – 9am**

**SESSION 1, 9am -10:30am**

Moderator: **Eleanor Godway**, Department of Philosophy, Central Connecticut State University

*In the last instance – radical non-philosophy: Marx and Merleau-Ponty*

**Randall Johnson**

psychiatry, private practice

*From Sense to Logic*

**Dimitris Apostolopoulos**

Department of Philosophy

University of Notre Dame

**BREAK, 10:30am -10-45am**

**SESSION 2, 10:45am -12:15 pm**

Moderator: **Tim Isley**, psychiatry, private practice

*The Flesh of Beauvoir and Merleau-Ponty*

**Jennifer McWeeny**

Department of Humanities & Arts  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*Difference and Trans-Identities: a response to Irigaray on behalf of Merleau-Ponty*

**Athena Colman**

Department of Philosophy  
Brock University

**LUNCH BREAK 12:15pm -2 pm**

*Special mentoring session for graduate students and recent graduates: applying for jobs and being on the job market*

*Location: Mahtay Café*

With: **Don Landes**, Faculté de philosophie, Université Laval

**Jennifer McWeeny**, Department of Humanities & Arts  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**David Morris**, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University

**Ann Murphy**, Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico

\* No special registration is required for this event

**SESSION 3, 2pm -3:30pm**

Moderator: **David Ciavatta**, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson University

*The Past as Outside and Lining of the Present: Merleau-Ponty and Bergson from institution to reconfiguration*

**Alia Al-Saji**

Department of Philosophy  
McGill University

*Institution, Passivity, and the Shifting Geographies of the Flesh*

**Gail Weiss**

Department of Philosophy  
The George Washington University

**BREAK, 3:30pm -3:45pm**

**SESSION 4, 3:45- 5:15 pm**

Moderator: **Gökbörü Sarp Tanyıldız**, Department of Sociology, York University

*The Institution of the Law*

**Bernard Flynn**

Department of Philosophy

New School for Social Research

*Perceptual Faith and non-Philosophy: Merleau-Ponty's Power Ontology*

**Frank Chouraqui**

Institute of Philosophy

Leiden University

**5:30pm – 7pm**

*Location: Cairns Recital Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

*A Portrait of the Writer as a Philosopher*

**RUDOLF BERNET**

Husserl-Archives: Centre for Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy

K.U. Leuven, Belgium

Moderator: **Amy Foley**, Literature and Culture Studies, University of Rhode Island

**Shuttle pick up from FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, 9 pm**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Shuttle pick up from Four Points Sheraton, 8 am**

*Location: Cairns Recital Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

**Registration and refreshments, 8:30am – 9am**

**SESSION 1, 9 am - 10:30am**

Moderator: **Daryl Wakunick**, Department of Philosophy, Brock University

*Merleau-Ponty, Speculative Realism, and the “Outside”*

**Marie-Eve Morin**  
Department of Philosophy  
University of Alberta

*Phenomenology of the Outside*

**Keith Whitmoyer**  
Department of Philosophy  
Pace University

**BREAK, 10:30am -10:45am**

**SESSION 2, 10:45pm - 12:15pm**

Moderator: **Kym Maclaren**, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson University

*Organismic Incarnation: On the Goldsteinian Basis of Merleau-Ponty's  
Phenomenology of Embodiment*

**Bryan A. Smyth**  
Department of Philosophy and Religion  
University of Mississippi

*Merleau-Ponty and the Innocence of Ontology*

**Ann Murphy**  
Department of Philosophy  
University of New Mexico

**BUSINESS LUNCHEON 12:15-2 pm**  
(special registration required)

*Location: Robertson Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre*

General Secretary: **Gail Weiss**, The George Washington University

Associate General Secretary: **David Morris**, Concordia University

**SESSION 3, 2pm-3:30pm**

Moderator: **Michael Berman**, Brock University

*Merleau-Ponty and Zhuangzi: the Hollow*

**Jay Goulding**  
Department of Social Science  
York University

*Looking at the flesh in Merleau-Ponty's philosophy from the point of view of  
Chinese philosophy*

**Yan Yan**  
School of Education  
Huai Bei Normal University

**BREAK 3:30-3:45**

**M.C. Dillon Memorial Lecture, 3:45pm - 4:30pm**

Moderator: **David Morris**, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University

*On Being Outside The (Normate) Body: Merleau-Ponty's Aveugle and Crip Phenomenology.*

**Joel Michael Reynolds**  
Department of Philosophy  
Emory University

**4:45pm –7:00 pm**

*Location: Art Gallery in Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*

**KEYNOTE EVENT**

*An exhibition of paintings and talks by Edward S. Casey and Veronique Foti*

**EDWARD S. CASEY**  
Department of Philosophy  
Stony Brook University

**VERONIQUE FOTI**  
Department of Philosophy  
Pennsylvania State University

Moderator: **Rajiv Kaushik**, Department of Philosophy, Brock University

**RECEPTION DINNER, 8pm**  
*The Barrel Cellar at Ravine Vineyards Estate Winery*  
(special registration required)