

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: International Merleau-Ponty Circle**  
Fordham University New York, New York Sept. 20-22, 2012

## **Self & Others, Silence & Solitude**

### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

\*All sessions are in the Lowenstein Building at W. 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbus Ave. To get to the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge, enter at main entrance, go down hall and right up the escalators to the elevator bank. Elevators 5 and 6 will take you to the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. You can also take the other elevators to the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and then the open staircase up to the 12<sup>th</sup>. The lounge is to the left as you exit the elevators.

Registration can be found here:

<http://faculty.fordham.edu/anmurphy/Conference/conference.html>

8:30 -9:15 Registration: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

9:15-9:30 Opening remarks

Session 1A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Moderator: Ian Rhoad, New School

- 9:30-10:15 **Duane Davis**, University of North Carolina Asheville: “*Le Corps Propre: Our Pact with the World and its Impact in the Orientation of Authentic Relations*”
- 10:15-11:00 **Véronique Fóti**, Penn State University: “The Irreducibility of Expression: Merleau-Ponty’s Ontology and its Wider Implications”

Session 1B: Room 816

Moderator: Eva Alerby, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

- 9:30-10:15 **Jennifer McWeeny**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute: “Merleau-Ponty’s ‘Flesh’ Is Actually Beauvoir’s Concept: The Solitude of Immanence and the Flesh of the Woman-Other”
- 10:15-11:00 **Erinn Gilson**, University of North Florida: “Openness Upon the World: Merleau-Pontian Resources for Thinking Vulnerability, Passivity and Silence”

11:00-11:30 Coffee break 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Session 2A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Moderator: Annabelle Dufourcq, Charles University, Czech Republic

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- 11:30-12:15 **Fiona Utley**, University of New England, Australia: “The Silent Operation of Phenomenological Trust”
- 12:15-1:00 **Sue Cataldi**, Southern Illinois University: “Sheltering Spaces and Dynamics of Retreat: Safekeeping in Merleau-Ponty”

Session 2B Room 816

Moderator: Jakub Čapek, Charles University, Czech Republic

- 11:30-12:15 **Joseph Keeping**, York University: “Living with Strangers: The Othering of the Self in Mental Illness”

- 12:15-1:00 **Stefan Kristensen**, Université de Genève, Switzerland: “The Noisy World of the Flesh: Autism, the Feldenkrais Method, and Merleau-Ponty’s Ontology”

1:00-2:30 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Nancy Barta-Smith, Slippery Rock University

- 2:30 – 3:20 **Susan O’ Shaughnessy**, Concordia College: “Unsettled Selves, Origins of Truth and Julian Barnes’ *The Sense of an Ending*”

Session 4: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Andrew Jampol-Petzinger, Fordham University

- 3:20-4:10 **Alia Al-Saji**, McGill University: “Merleau-Ponty, Bergson and the Power of Hesitation: Undoing racializing habits of perception”

4:10-4:30 Coffee 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Session 5: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: David Morris, Concordia University

- 4:30-6:00: KEYNOTE LECTURE: **Lisa Guenther**, Vanderbilt University: “Merleau-Ponty and the Space of the Supermax”

6:00-7:00 Reception 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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Session 1A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Damian Kingsley Creaser, University of Adelaide, Australia

- 9:30-10:15 **Dylan Trigg**, Les Archives Husserl, École Normale Supérieure: “Regions of Silence’: Merleau-Ponty and the Prehistory of the Self”
- 10:15-11:00 **Keith Whitmoyer**, New School for Social Research: “The Weakness of Philosophy and the Silence of the Past.”

Session 1B: South Lounge (Plaza Level off of Cafeteria) Moderator: Olga Louchakova, Sophia University

- 9:30-10:15 **April Flakne**, New College of Florida: “A Deathly Silence? Merleau-Ponty, Intercorporeity, and the Death of the Other”
- 10:15-11:00 **Brandon Shaw**, Brown University: “Phantom Pains and Pain from Phantoms: Existential Depth and the Dance of Grief”

11:00-11:30 Coffee break 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Session 2A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator Ida Mara Freire Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil

- 11:30-12:15 **Helen Fielding**, University of Western Ontario: "Give voice to this split image of voice silence: Norms of resistance in M. Nourbese Philip and Merleau-Ponty"
- 12:15-1:00 **Patricia Locke**, St. John's College, Annapolis: "Merleau-Ponty and Agnes Martin on the Experience of Others"

Session 2B South Lounge (Plaza Level off of Cafeteria) Moderator: Gail Hamner, Syracuse University

- 11:30-12:15 **Devin Fitzpatrick**, New School for Social Research: "Meaning Incarnate: Bodily Normativity as a Metaethical Foundation"
- 12:15-1:00 **Randall Johnson**, Practicing Psychiatrist: "Resisting the Kiss of a Dream of Reading"

1:00-2:30 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Leonard Lawlor, Penn State University

- 2:30-3:15 **M.C. Dillon Award Winner: David Pena-Guzman**, Emory University: "Pathetic Normativity: Merleau-Ponty and Canguilhem's Philosophy of Norms"

Session 4: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Samir Haddad, Fordham University

- 3:15-4:05 **Gayle Salamon**, Princeton University: "The Simple Click of her Heel on the Ground: Gendered Phenomenologies of Walking"

4:10-4:30 Coffee 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Session 5: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Kyoo Lee, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/ CUNY

- 4:30-6:00: KEYNOTE LECTURE: **Gail Weiss**, Chair and Professor of Philosophy and Human Sciences, George Washington University: "The Silent Communion of Self and Other: Merleau-Ponty's Intersubjective Ontology"

6:00-7:00 Reception 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge \*\*With comments by Ernest Sherman and a toast in his honor.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

\*All sessions are in the Lowenstein Building at W. 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbus Ave

Session 1A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Scott Marratto, Michigan Tech

- 9:30-10:15 **Emmanuel Alloa**, Universität St. Gallen, Switzerland: "Diacritical Thinking: Aristotle, Saussure, Merleau-Ponty"
- 10:15-11:00 **Richard Kearney**, Boston College

Session 1B: South Lounge (Plaza Level off of Cafeteria) Moderator: David Gadon, Fordham University

- 9:30-10:15 **Sarah LaChance Adams**, University of Wisconsin Superior: "The Ambiguous Logic of the Flesh: Merleau-Ponty's Hegelianism"
- 10:15-11:00 **Shiloh Whitney**, McGill University: "Affects and Images in Child Perception: Self-other Difference in Merleau-Ponty's Sorbonne Lectures"

11:00-11:30 Coffee break 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge

Session 2A 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: David Grunner, Fordham University

- 11:30-12:15 **Glenn Mazis**, Penn State Harrisburg: "Merleau-Ponty's Singular Silence"
- 12:15-1:00 **Jack Reynolds**, LaTrobe University, Australia: "Body Reading before Mind Reading? Intersubjectivity and the Centrality of Non-Inferential Perception of Others"

Session 2B South Lounge (Plaza Level off of Cafeteria) Moderator: Noah Moss Brender, Boston College

- 11:30-12:15 **Bryan Bannon**, University of North Florida: "Nature and 'the Silent Science': A Phenomenological Account of the Laws of Nature"
- 12:15-1:00 **Darian Meacham**, University of Western England: "The Ground That Gives Way Beneath Our Feet: steps toward a philosophy of institutional realism"

1:00-3:00 **BUSINESS LUNCH @ Rosa Mexicano** 61 Columbus Ave. at 62<sup>nd</sup> St. (Exit Main entrance of Building, go left (north), restaurant up two blocks on corner.)

Session 3 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Adrian Switzer, W. Kentucky University

- 3:10-4:00 **Ted Toadvine**, University of Oregon: "Folding Nature's Hands: Cézanne and the Impossibility of Silence"

Session 4: 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge Moderator: Frank Weiner, Virginia Tech University

- 4:00-5:00 **Galen Johnson**, University of Rhode Island: "From the World of Silence to Poetic Language: Merleau-Ponty and Paul Valéry"

6:00-10:00 **CONFERENCE BANQUET @ Salam Restaurant** (West Village), 104 West 13<sup>th</sup> St. (Between 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., very near the corner of West 13<sup>th</sup> St. & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

Directions to Conference Banquet:

Take the A, C, 1 or 2 trains downtown from Columbus Circle/ 59<sup>th</sup> St. station (2 blocks from conference site). Exit at the W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. station. Walk east on W. 13<sup>th</sup> St, towards 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. The restaurant is in the bottom floor of a brownstone, look for a small patio outside, and holiday lights wrapped around the tree out front. (Café Loup, across the street, has a good bar for those of you who arrive early, or stay late.) A cab from Fordham's Lincoln Center campus to the restaurant would run around \$15.

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