

The Twenty-Fifth International Merleau-Ponty Circle

September 14-16, 2000

Conference Director: Prof. Gail Weiss

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Conference Program

All sessions on Thursday and Friday with the exception of the Plenaries will take place on the Mount Vernon Campus of GWU

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9:00-9:30 a.m. Conference Registration
Coffee, Tea, and Pastry

9:15-9:30 a.m. Welcome, Eckles Memorial Library Dean Lester Lefton (Columbian School of Arts & Sciences, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

Session 1: Opening Workshop on Carceral Embodiment, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Gail Weiss (Philosophy, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

9:30-10:15 a.m. Drew Leder (Philosophy, Loyola College, MD) "Can a Prison Be a Home?: Lived Space in the Age of Incarceration"

Session 2a: Language, Flesh, and Sexual Difference, Post Hall

Moderator: Maureen Madison (Human Sciences, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

10:15-11:00 a.m. Ann Murphy (Philosophy, University of Memphis, TN) "Language in the Flesh: The Disturbance of Discourse in Merleau-Ponty, Irigaray, and Levinas " 1

1:00-11:45 a.m. Annemie Halsema (University of Humanist Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands) "The Phenomenology of Sexual Difference. Irigaray and Merleau-Ponty"

Session 2b: Intersubjective Paradoxes, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Anne O'Byrne (Philosophy, Hofstra University, NY)

10:15-11:00 a.m. Davide Scarso (Cultural & Social Anthropology, University of Padova, Italy) "Circle and Paradoxes: Merleau-Ponty and Levi-Strauss on Intersubjectivity"

11:00-11:45 a.m. Beata Stawarska (University of Louvain, Belgium) "Reversibility and Intersubjectivity: A Critical Reading of Merleau-Ponty's Ontology"

11:45-1:30 p.m. Lunch

Session 3a: Gender, Race, Voice, and Space, Post Hall

Moderator: Ellen Feder (Philosophy, American University, Washington, D.C.)

1:30-2:15 p.m. Janice McLane (Philosophy, Morgan State University, MD) "Entering the Place We Already Live: A Phenomenology of Female Voice"

2:15-3:00 p.m. Shannon Sullivan (Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, PA) "Racing Space with Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception"

Session 3b: Othering the Other: MP, Politics, and Feminism, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: John Rose (Philosophy, Goucher College, MD)

1:30-2:15 p.m. Greg Johnson (Philosophy, Pacific Lutheran University, WA) "On the Reversibility of Perspectives: Merleau-Ponty in Dialogue with Feminist Political Philosophy"

2:15-3:00 p.m. Hwa Yol Jung (Political Science, Moravian College, PA) "The Question of the Foreign Other: Merleau-Ponty and Kristeva"

3:00-3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break, Eckles Memorial Library

Session 4a: Violent Visions, Post Hall

Moderator: Susan Poppe (Philosophy, Concordia College, MN)

3:15-4:00 p.m. Jorella Andrews (Historical & Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College, England) "Vision, Violence, and the Other: A Merleau-Pontian Ethics"

4:00-4:45 p.m. Helen Fielding (Philosophy & Women's Studies, The University of Western Ontario, Canada) "White Logic and the Constancy of Colour"

Session 4b: Merleau-Ponty's Psychology: Interrogations and Applications, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Kirk Besmer (Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, IN)

3:15-4:00 p.m. Bart Bryant (Psychology, Duquesne University, PA) "On the Need to Re-Interpret Projective Identification as Flesh"

4:00-4:45 p.m. Talia Welsh (Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook, NY) "The Logic of the Observed: Merleau-Ponty's Conception of Women as Outlined in his 1951-1952 Sorbonne Lecture, 'The Question of Method in Child Psychology'"

Session 5: Conscience and Authenticity (Invited Paper), Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Leonard Lawlor (Philosophy, University of Memphis, TN)

5:00-5:50 p.m. Martin Dillon (Philosophy, SUNY Binghamton, NY)

5:50-8:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00-9:30 p.m. Plenary at The Hotel Lombardy, 2019 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Moderator: Sharon Meagher (Office for Social Responsibility, The Union Institute, Washington, D.C.)

Kelly Oliver (Women's Studies & Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook, NY) "Beyond Recognition: Merleau-Ponty and a Vision of Ethics"

9:30-11:00 p.m. Opening Night Reception, The Hotel Lombardy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

9:00-9:30 a.m. Conference Registration Coffee, Tea, and Pastry

Session 1a: Pre-Personal Intersubjectivity, Post Hall

Moderator: Andrea Tschemplik (Philosophy, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

9:30-10:15 a.m. Esteban Garcia (Philosophy, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) "Anonymity, Opposition, and Love: The Three Modes of Alterity in Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of the Body"

10:15-11:00 a.m. Johanna Oksala (Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Finland) "The Subject of Sex: Female Subjectivity in Merleau-Ponty's Account of Sexuality"

11:00-11:45 a.m. William Hamrick (Philosophy, University of Illinois at Edwardsville, IL) "Growing Up Male"

Session 1b: Incorporating Nature, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Phillips Edward Young (Philosophy, Villanova University, PA)

9:30-10:15 a.m. Denise Brennan Watson (Women's Studies, Minnesota State University, MN) "Recipes and Reciprocity: Cooking as a Narrational Ontology"

10:15-11:00 a.m. Patricia Locke (St. John's College, MD) "Among the Hawthorns: Proust and Merleau-Ponty"

11:00-11:45 a.m. Fred Evans (Philosophy, Duquesne University, PA) "Chaosmos and Merleau-Ponty's View of Nature"

11:45-1:30 p.m. Lunch

Session 2a: Identity, Ethics, and Vision, Post Hall

Moderator: Deborah Mullen (Philosophy, Christopher Newport University, VA)

1:30-2:15 p.m. Rashmi Pandya (McMaster University, Canada) "The Borderlands of Identity and Culture: A Critique of Merleau-Ponty's Conception of Intersubjectivity"

2:15-3:00 p.m. Carolin Woolson (Philosophy, SUNY Binghamton, NY) "Merleau-Ponty: Toward a Feminist Ethics of Vision"

Session 2b: Erotic Intersubjectivity: Merleau-Ponty, Bataille, and Irigaray, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Jeffrey Cohen (English, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

1:30-2:15 p.m. Bruce Young (Humanities, University of Wolverhampton, UK) "The Language of the Lips. Merleau-Ponty and Irigaray: Toward a Culture of Difference"

2:15-3:00 p.m. Marc Van den Bossche (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium) "The Erotic Perception. Merleau-Ponty on Intersubjectivity and 'Intercorporeality'"

3:00-3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break, Eckles Memorial Library

Session 3a: Merleau-Ponty and the Ethics of Care, Post Hall

Moderator: Claire Katz (Philosophy and Jewish Studies, Pennsylvania State University, PA)

3:15-4:00 p.m. David Brubaker (Philosophy, University of New Haven, CT) "The Perspective of Care: Gilligan, Merleau-Ponty, and the Hinge of Flesh"

4:00-4:45 p.m. Maurice Hamington (Philosophy, University of Oregon at Eugene, OR) "Resources for a Feminist Ethic of Care in Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of the Body"

Session 3b: Intersubjective Circulations, Eckles Memorial Library

Moderator: Simon Glynn (Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University, FL)

3:15-4:00 p.m. Thomas Busch (Philosophy, Villanova University, PA) "Merleau-Ponty and the Circulation of Being"

4:00-4:45 p.m. Sally Fischer (Philosophy, Warren Wilson College, NC) "Ethical Reciprocity at the Interstices of Communion and Disruption"

Session 4: Intertwining and Objectification, Post Hall

Moderator: Lawrence Hass (Philosophy, Muhlenberg College, PA)

5:00-5:50 p.m. Dorothea Olkowski (Philosophy, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, CO)

5:50-8:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00-9:30 p.m. Plenary, Ambassade de France, La Maison Francaise, 4101 Reservoir Rd. NW, Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Debra Bergoffen (Philosophy & Women's Studies, George Mason University, VA)

Elizabeth Grosz (Comparative Literature, SUNY Buffalo, NY) "Merleau-Ponty, Bergson, and the Question of Ontology"

9:30-10:30 p.m. Reception, Ambassade de France, La Maison FranHaise

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

All Saturday sessions except the Plenary will be held on GW's Main Campus at the Gelman Library

Session 1a: Chiasmic Encounters: Philosophy and Literature, Rm. 202A

Moderator: Sue Cataldi (Philosophy, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, IL)

10:00-10:45 a.m. Justine Dymond (English, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MA) "'Mixing the Inside with the Outside': The Phenomenological Challenge to the Inside/Outside Dichotomy in To the Lighthouse and Tender Buttons"

10:45-11:30 a.m. Laura Doyle (English, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MP) "The Chiasm Colonized:

Narrating the Interpellated Body"

Session 1b: Interfaces: Merleau-Ponty and Architecture, Rm. 607

Moderator: Nancy Holland (Philosophy, Hamline University, MN)

10:00-10:45 a.m. Rachel McCann (Architecture, Mississippi State University, MS) "Entwining the Body and the World: The Redoubled Nature of Architecture in the Light of 'Eye and Mind'"

10:45-11:30 a.m. Susan Best (Architecture, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia) "Merleau-Ponty and an Ethics of Vision"

Session 2: Ethics of Postmodern Differences (Invited Paper), Rm. 202A

Moderator: Nancy Barta-Smith (English, Slippery Rock University)

11:45-12:35 p.m. Hugh Silverman (Philosophy and Comparative Literature, SUNY Stony Brook, NY)

12:45-2:30 Business Lunch, The Hotel Lombardy

Session 3: The Texture of the Real: Merleau-Ponty on Imagination (Invited Paper), Rm. 202A

Moderator: Duane Davis (Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Asheville, NC)

2:30-3:20 James Morley (Humanities & Social Sciences, Richmond, The American International University, London, England)

Session 4: The Seashell (Invited Paper), Rm. 202A

Moderator: John Carvalho (Philosophy, Villanova University, PA)

3:30-4:20 Patrick Burke (Philosophy, Seattle University, WA)

5:30-7 Plenary, Fungler Hall, Rm. 103, GW Main Campus

Moderator: Ines Azar (Romance Languages, The George Washington Univ., Washington, D.C.)

Judith Butler (Rhetoric and Comparative Literature, UC Berkeley, CA) "Merleau-Ponty and the Touch of Malebranche"

7:30-10:00 Conference Banquet: The Flat Top Grill, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA