

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle

September 17 - 20, 2003.

Conference Director: Prof. Helen Fielding

The University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

All sessions to be held at Windermere Manor unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Registration at Windermere Manor from 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 18

8:30 - 9:00am *registration and coffee*

(Registration continues throughout the day except during lunch)

9:00 - 9:15 *welcome remarks*

Dean Kathleen Okruhlik, Faculty of Arts, UWO

Helen Fielding, Conference Director, UWO

Session One

Moderator: Nancy Barta-Smith, *Slippery Rock State College*

9:15 - 10:00 Kym Maclaren, *Northern Arizona University*

'Life is Inherently Expressive'

10:00 - 10:45 Ted Toadvine, *University of Oregon*

'Life's Refrain: Expression without Organisms'

10:45 - 11:00 *break*

Session Two

Moderator: Duane Davis, *University of North Carolina at Asheville*

11:00 - 11:45 David Morris, *Trent University*

'What is Living and What is Non-Living in Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Movement and

Expression'

11:45 - 12:45 *invited speaker*

The Department of Philosophy and the Centre for Women's Studies and Feminist Research have also provided administrative support Martin C. Dillon, *Binghamton University*

'Life—Death'

12:45 - 2:00 *lunch*

Session Three

Moderator: Chris Nagel, *California State University, Stanislaus*

2:00 - 2:45 Robert Vallier, *The George Washington University*

'Institutions of Life'

3:00 - 3:30 Brett Buchanan, *DePaul University*

'Some huge animal whose organs our bodies would be': Merleau-Ponty and Heidegger on animal life'

3:30 - 4:15 David Farrell Krell, *DePaul University*

'Daimonic Flesh: Merleau-Ponty, Heidegger, and a Possible Ontology of Nature'

4:15 - 4:30 *break*

Keynote Address

Moderator: Lawrence Hass, *Muhlenberg College*

4:30 - 6:00 keynote speaker:

Françoise Dastur, *Université de Nice*

'Merleau-Ponty and the Husserlian life-world problematic'

6:15 transportation to Museum London

6:30 - 8:00 *reception*

Friday, Sept. 19

8:30 - 9:00am *coffee and registration*

Session Four

Moderator: Brigitte Sassen, *McMaster University*

9:00 - 9:45 Alia Al-Saji, *McGill University*

'Merleau-Ponty and Bergson: Life, Rhythm and Flesh'

9:45 - 10:30 Davide Scarso, *Universidade Classica de Lisboa*

'Merleau-Ponty and the secret illness of Saussure'

10:30 - 10:45 *break*

Session Five

Moderator: Francine Wynn, *The University of Toronto*

10:45 - 11:30 Andreas Niederberger and Philipp Schink, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität
'Political World of 'Life' or Lifeworld? — A Criticism of the 'Biopolitics' — Diagnosis by Means of Maurice Merleau-Ponty's Social Ontology'

11:30 - 12:15 Leonard Lawlor, *The University of Memphis*
'Un Écart infime: Foucault's critique of the phenomenological concept of lived experience (vécu)'

12:15 - 1:30 *lunch*

Session Six

Moderator: Susan O'Shaughnessy, *Concordia College*

1:30 - 2:15 Jenny Slatman, *Universiteit van Amsterdam/Universiteit Maastricht*
'Erlebnis — Empfindnis: The Locus of Lived Experience'

2:15 - 3:00 Felix O'Murchadha, *National University of Ireland, Galway*
'Being Alive: The Place of Life in Merleau-Ponty and Descartes'

3:00 - 4:00 *invited speaker*

Dorothea Olkowski, *University of Colorado, Colorado Springs*
'The Impersonal, The One'

4:00 - 4:15 break and transportation to Conron Hall, *University College*

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Keynote Address - Conron Hall, UWO

Moderator: Gail Weiss, *The George Washington University*

4:30 - 6:00 keynote speaker

Renaud Barbaras, Sorbonne

'The Phenomenology of life as a path to Ontology'
(Sponsored by The Consulate General of France)

6:00 - 7:00 reception: 224a & 225 *University College*

Saturday, Sept. 20

8:30 - 9:00am *coffee and registration*

Session Seven

Moderator: Stephen Lofts, *Kings College, UWO*

9:00 - 9:45 Matthew Dowd, *Southern Illinois University, Carbondale*
'A Constitutive Duet in the Key of the Flesh'

9:45 - 10:30 Antonio Calcagno, *University of Guelph*
'Michel Henry and the Possibility of an Husserlian-Inspired Transcendental Life'

10:30 - 10:45 *break*

Session Eight

Moderator: Helen Fielding, *The University of Western Ontario*

10:45 - 11:30 Rachel McCann, *Mississippi State University*
'Experiencing Architecture: Transformative Exchange in Merleau-Ponty and Irigaray'

11:30 - 12:30 invited speaker
Samuel Mallin, *York University*
'Body Hermeneutics Demonstrated Through the Earliest Art'

12:30 - 2:00 *business lunch*

Session Nine

Moderator: Carol Bigwood, *York University*

2:00 - 2:45 Suzanne Cataldi, *Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville*
'Breathing (New) Life into Flesh. Merleau-Ponty, Irigaray and the Regeneration of Sexual Difference'

2:45 - 3:30 Galen Johnson, *University of Rhode Island*
'The Posthuman Body: A Phenomenological Response to the Biotechnology Debates'

3:30 - 3:45 *break*

Session Ten

Moderator: David Koukal, *University of Detroit Mercy*

3:45 - 4:30 Stefanie Wenner, *Freie Universität Berlin*
'Nativity and Pregnancy. Hannah Arendt and Merleau-Ponty'

4:30 - 5:30 *invited speaker*
Hugh J. Silverman, SUNY Stony Brook
'Merleau-Ponty/ Derrida: Living on (Borderlines)'

6:00pm banquet at Windermere Manor

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