

Program for 2007 Conference of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Memphis, Tennessee

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September 27-29, 2007

Conference Director: Professor Leonard Lawlor

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Thursday, September 27

Registration opens at 8:00am

9:00-9:50

Moderator: David Dillard-Wright, University of South Carolina-Aiken

Speaker: Gregory Hoskins, Villanova University

Title: "Merleau-Ponty and Jean-Luc Marion on the *Epoche*, Subjectivity, and the Value of the Lifeworld"

9:55-10:45

Moderator: Jorge Umberto Diaz, New University of Lisbon

Speaker: Luca Vanzago, Universit[^] di Pavia

Title: "The Temporality of Passivity and the Passivity of Temporality"

10:50-11:00 Refreshment break

11:05-11:50

Moderator: William Tullius, York University

Speaker: Bryan Smyth, Mount Allison University

Title: "'We Were Never Phenomenological" --Toward a Progressive

Phenomenology of Life"

11:55-12:45

Moderator: Kirk Besmer, Gonzaga University

Speaker: Jessica Wiskus, Duquesne University

Title: "At The End of Language and the 'Beginning' of Philosophical Thought: Depth, Rhythm and Expression after the later Merleau-Ponty"

12:50-2:30pm Lunch

2:30-3:20

Moderator: Bryan Bannon, University of Memphis

Speaker: Heath Massey, Beloit College

Title: "Perchance to Dream: The Phenomenology of Sleep in Merleau-Ponty's *Passivity Lectures*"

3:25-4:15

Moderator: Gayle Salamon, Princeton University

Speaker: Patricia Locke, Saint John's College, Annapolis

Title: "Sleeping with Proust and Merleau-Ponty"

4:20-5:10

Moderator: Susan O'Shaughnessy, Concordia College

Speaker: Maria Talero, University of Colorado at Denver

Title: "The Image and the Workspace: Merleau-Ponty and Levinas on Passivity"

5:15-5:30pm Refreshment Break

5:35-6:45

Moderator: Steven Watson, University of Notre Dame

Speaker: Hugh J. Silverman, Stony Brook University

Title: "Tracing Responsibility: Between Merleau-Ponty and Levinas"

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Friday, September 28

9:40-10:30am

Moderator: Rachel McCann, Mississippi State University

Speaker: Kirsten Jacobson, University of Maine

Title: "The Developed Nature of the Passivity of Home"

10:35-10:45 Refreshment Break

10:50-11:35

Moderator: William Hamrick, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

Speaker: Randy Johnson, Psychiatry (Private Practice), Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Title: "The Allure of Passivity"

11:40-12:30pm

Moderator: Gail Weiss, George Washington University

Speaker: Kym McClaren, Ryerson University

Title: "On Being Moved and Becoming Oneself: Intercorporeality as a Condition of Selfhood"

12:35-2:30pm Lunch

2:35-3:20pm

Moderator: Alia Al-Saji, McGill University

Speaker: Ann V. Murphy, Fordham University

Title: "Anonymity, Passivity, Vulnerability"

3:25-4:15

Moderator: Helen Fielding, University of Western Ontario

Speaker: Saara Hacklin, University of Helsinki

Title "Almost There: On Merleau-Ponty's Seeing with an Artwork"

4:20-5:20

Moderator: Lawrence Hass, Muhlenberg College

Speaker: Todd May, Clemson University

Title: "Metaphors"

5:20-5:35 Refreshment break

5:35-6:50

Keynote Session

Moderator: Galen Johnson, University of Rhode Island

Speaker: John Russon, The University of Guelph

Title: "Freedom and Passivity"

7:15-8:15 Reception

Saturday, September 29

9:40-10:30am

Moderator: Talia Welsh, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Speaker: Emily Lee, California State University at Fullerton

Title: "Homi Bhabha's Postcolonial Metropolitan Subject: A Comparison between Dialectic and Phenomenological Frameworks."

10:35-10:45 Refreshment Break

10:50-11:35

M. C. Dillon Memorial Lecture

Moderator: Duane Davis, University of North Carolina-Asheville

Speaker: Matthew Goodwin, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Title: "Art and the Deflagration of Being: Setting Passivity Afire"

11:40-12:30pm

Moderator: Leigh Johnson, Rhodes College

Speaker: Robert Vallier, DePaul University

Title: "Institutions: Of History"

12:35-2:30pm Business Luncheon

2:35-3:20

Moderator: David Morris, Trent University

Speaker: Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University

Title: "Giving Birth to the Other: Filiation in 'Dialogue and Perception of the Other'"

3:25-4:15

Moderator: James Morley, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Speaker: Caterina Rea, Institut Supérieur de Philosophie – Université Catholique Louvain

Title: "The Passive Background of Creativity"

4:20-5:20

Moderator: Pleshette DeArmitt, University of Memphis

Speaker: Kelly Oliver, Vanderbilt University

Title: "The Duplicious Stickleback in Merleau-Ponty and Lacan"

5:20-5:35 Refreshment Break

5:40-6:50

Keynote Session

Moderator: Mary Beth Mader, University of Memphis

Speaker: Rosalyn Diprose, University of New South Wales

Title: "Passivity and Feminism" (tentative title)

7:30pm

Conference Banquet at the Majestic Grill, 145 South Main, Memphis, (901) 522-8555. The Majestic Grill is approximately 3 blocks from the Holiday Inn Select.