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

Hosted by the University of Memphis

September 27-29, 2007

Conference Director: Professor Leonard Lawlor
Conference Assistant Director: Bryan Bannon
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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, Universitá di Pavia
Title: "The Temporality of Passivity and the Passivity of Temporality"

10:50-11:00 Refreshment break

11:05-11:50
Moderator: William Tulius, 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
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| 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 Superieur de Philosophie – Universite 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 Duplicitous 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)
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<td>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.</td>
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