43rd Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle

The Normal and the Abnormal

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8th
All Thursday sessions are in the Raccoon Mountain Room in the University Center at the University of Tennessee of Chattanooga.

8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast and Registration: Raccoon Mountain Room
9:00-9:15  Opening Remarks: Talia Welsh, Conference Director

Session 1: Fundamental Concepts in Merleau-Ponty’s Conceptions of Normality and Abnormality
  Moderator: Susan Bredlau, Emory University

9:15-10:00  Neal DeRoo, King's University Alberta: “Merleau-Ponty and Ab/Normal Phenomenology: The Husserlian Roots of Merleau-Ponty’s Account of Expression”

10:00-10:45  Jan Puc, Czech Academy of Science: “Neither Bad Habit nor Bad Faith. The Ambiguity of the Unconscious in early Merleau-Ponty”

10:45-11:00  Break

Session 2: Challenges to Classical Theories of Perception
  Moderator: Catherine Fullarton, Emory University

11:00-11:45  Peter Antich, University of Kentucky: “Hallucination and Perceptual Faith”

11:45-12:30  Adam Blair, Stony Brook University: “Ground Without Figure: A Phenomenology of Peripheral Sightedness”

12:30-2:00  LUNCH BREAK

Session 3: Memory and Reversibility
  Moderator: Gayle Salamon, Princeton University

2:00-2:45  Chiara Palermo, Université de Strasbourg: “Reflecting memory. Trauma and history in Kader Attia’s work.”

2:45-3:30  Lin Ma, Renmin University: “On the Topology of Chiasma, Chiasme, and Reversibility: Merleau-Ponty's Later Ontology”
3:30-3:45 Coffee break

**Session 4: Decolonization and World-Making**

*Moderator: Glen Mazis, Penn State Harrisburg*

3:45-4:30 Gail Weiss, George Washington University: “Living Between-Worlds: Decolonizing and De-Pathologizing Multiple Worlds of Sense”


**KEYNOTE: Raccoon Mountain Room**

*Introduction: Talia Welsh, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga*

5:30-7:00 Jenny Slatman, Tilburg University

*“What is Abnormal Embodiment?”*

7:30-10:00 *Performance by Rachel McCann & Carnal Echo* and Reception

Bessie Smith Hall-Vilma Fields Atrium, 200 E. Martin Luther King Blvd.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**

*All Friday sessions, apart from the keynote, will all be in the Signal Mountain Room in the University Center at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.*

8:30 -9:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration: Signal Mountain Room

**Session 5: Spectrum of Autism**

*Moderator: Nancy Barta-Smith, Slippery Rock University*

9:00-9:45 Jennifer Bradley, Duquesne University: “Figures with No Ground: an exploration of the (dis)orienting Perceptual Experiences in Autism through the lens of Merleau-Ponty”

9:45-10:30 Jennifer Wang, Villanova University: “(Ab)normality as Spectrum: Merleau-Ponty, Post-Kleinians, and Lacan on Childhood Autism”

10:30-10:45 Break

**Session 6: Transgender & Sociotechnical Systems**

*Moderator: Shiloh Whitney, Fordham University*

11:00-11:30 Claus Halberg, University of Bergen: “Transgendering the Merleau-Pontian Body: Not Necessarily an Easy Task.”

12:15-1:45  Lunch Break

Session 7: Extending the Body
Moderator: Austin Kippes, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

1:45-2:30  Randall Johnson, Psychiatry-Private Practice: “Dark Pedagogies: Unlearning Whiteness as Transparency”

2:30-3:15  James Rakoczi, King's College London: “Moving Without Movement”

3:15-3:30  Coffee Break

Session 8: Pathologies Mental and Physical
Moderator: Whitney Ronshagen, Emory University

3:00-4:15  Gabrielle Jackson, Stony Brook University: “What Does the Pathological Reveal About the Normal? Merleau-Ponty and Neuropsychology”

4:15-5:00  Joel Michael Reynolds, University of Massachusetts Lowell: “Health and Other Reveries”

5:00-5:15  Break

KEYNOTE: Grote 129
Introduction: Jim Morley, Ramapo College

5:15-6:45  Lawrence Hass, Dean of the McBride Magic & Mystery School, Las Vegas/Retired Austin College
“What Is Magic? The Philosophy and Psychology of a Neglected Art Form”

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH
All Saturday sessions will be in the Signal Mountain Room in the University Center at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

8:30 -9:00  Continental Breakfast and Registration: Signal Mountain Room, University

Session 9: Dispossession and Abnormality
Moderator: Hanna Lipkind, Vanderbilt University

9:00-9:45  Whitney Howell, La Salle University: “The Insight of Dispossession: Merleau-Ponty on the Spatial Level”

9:45-10:30  Hannah Venable, University of Dallas: “The Need for Merleau-Ponty in Foucault’s Account of the Abnormal”

10:30-10:45  Break
### Session 10: Height and Institution

**Moderator:** Tim Isley, Psychiatry Private Practice

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<td>“Living Body as an Institution: Merleau-Ponty on Experiential Norms”</td>
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<td>11:30-12:15</td>
<td>Maria Cristina Murano, Linköping University/Children’s Mercy Kansas City</td>
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### Session 11: Disability, Trauma, and Race

**Moderator:** Lucy Vollbrecht, Vanderbilt University

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<td>Noel Kirsch, School of the Art Institute of Chicago</td>
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### Session 12: WINNER OF THE 2018 Martin Dillon Award

**Introduction:** David Morris, Concordia University

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