Fifth Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference

The Sacred and the Secular:
Philosophy and Religion in the 21st Century

Friday, February 20th: 4:30-6:30 pm
The University of Memphis
Pan-Hellenic Building, Ballroom

“A Theology of Flesh: Possibilities for a Postmodern Religion”
Keynote Speaker: John Caputo
Syracuse University, Departments of Religion and Philosophy
Reception to follow at: 3532 Cowden Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111

2-3pm: Session IV
“On the Secular Sacred”
Speaker: Todd Kesselman
The New School for Social Research, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: John Dodds
Moderator: Cigdem Yazici

3:10-4:10pm: Session V
“The Use of Genealogy in Charles Taylor’s A Secular Age”
Speaker: Peter Woodford
Stanford University, Religious Studies
Commentator: Clifton Granby
Moderator: William Allen

Saturday, February 21st: 8:30am-6:30pm
University of Memphis
Pan-Hellenic Bldg. Rm. 101

8:30-9am: Continental Breakfast

9-10am: Session I
“Mapping Post-secular Religion: Graham Ward and Jacques Derrida”
Speaker: Dan Miller
Syracuse University, Department of Religion
Commentator: Arsalon Memon
Moderator: Amy Livingston

10:10-11:10am: Session II
“The (Proper) Domain of Religious Beliefs: A Kantian Suggestion”
Speaker: Greg Stoutenburg
Boston University, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Tim Golden
Moderator: Matt Bower

11:20am-12:20pm: Session III
“Orpheus in the Cave: A Reading of the Republic and the Phaedo”
Speaker: Elizabeth Suergiu
Boston College, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Heidi Samuelson
Moderator: Avril Fuller-Abiodun

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4:20-5:20pm: Session VI
“The Tension between Reason and Revelation: Attempting to Understand Leo Strauss’s Critique of Heidegger”
Speaker: David Tkach
University of Ottawa, Dept. of Philosophy
Commentator: Nicolas Garrera
Moderator: Heidi Samuelson

5:30-6:30pm: Session VII
An (An-)Ethics of Ignorance: Anselm, Simone Weil, and the Neighbor"
Speaker: James Aycock
Emory University, Philosophy Alumnus
Commentator: Jacob Neal
Moderator: Matt Lexow

Dinner immediately following: Location TBA

All commentators and moderators are graduate students of the Philosophy Department, University of Memphis

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