Sixth Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference

Contemporary Philosophers Reading the Moderns

Friday, February 12th: 4:30-6:30 pm
The University of Memphis
Pan-Hellenic Building, Ballroom

● “On the Nature of Concepts” ●

Keynote Speaker: Daniel W. Smith
Purdue University, Department of Philosophy
Reception to follow at: 1016 Audubon Drive
Memphis, TN 38117

Saturday, February 13th: 8:30am-6:30pm
The University of Memphis
Pan-Hellenic Building, Room 101

8:30-9:00am: Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00am: Session I

● “Ambiguity and Confusion in Merleau-Ponty’s Reading of Descartes” ●

Speaker: Taylor Hammer
SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Matthew Ryan Lexow
Moderator: William S. Allen

10:10-11:10am: Session II

● “On Doorways” ●

Speaker: Matthew Daley
Boston College, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Nicolás Garrera
Moderator: Paul Hammond

11:20am-12:20pm: Session III

● “Of Anthropogenesis and Persons
Theriomorphous: Language, Technicity, and
the Politics of Animality in the work of
Thomas Hobbes” ●

Speaker: Chris Drain
Boston College, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Arsalan Memon
Moderator: Michael Dean Burroughs

2:00-3:00pm: Session IV

● “Critique of Patriarchy as Counterhistory:
Paterna and Foucault Read Leviathan” ●

Speaker: Paul Morrow
Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Tina Botts
Moderator: Desirée Ramacus-Bushnell

3:10-4:10pm: Session V

● “Absoluta Cognition: Badiou, Deleuze, and
the Equality of Powers in Spinoza” ●

Speaker: Patrick Craig
Duquesne University, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: James Justin Sledge
Moderator: Tina Botts

4:20-5:20pm: Session VI

● “Can Art be Adequate in Spinoza?: Third-
Order Knowing and Deleuze’s Essences” ●

Speaker: Chris Davidson
Villanova University, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Heidie A. Samuelsen
Moderator: Latoya Gardner

5:30-6:30pm: Session VII

● “On Hegel’s Justification of Evil in Susan
Neiman’s Evil in Modern Thought” ●

Speaker: José Luis Fernández
Temple University, Department of Philosophy
Commentator: Jon Dodds
Moderator: Matthew Ryan Lexow

Dinner immediately following: Location TBA

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

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