

The University of Memphis Department of Philosophy presents the
Sixth Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference
Contemporary Philosophers Reading the Moderns



Friday, February 12, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
University of Memphis Pan-Hellenic Building

Keynote Address

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Pan-Hellenic Building Ballroom
“On the Nature of Concepts”
Daniel W. Smith, Purdue University

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Pan-Hellenic Building, Room 101

9:00—10:00 am, Session I Ambiguity and Confusion in Merleau-Ponty’s Reading of Descartes	3:10—4:10 pm, Session V <i>Absoluta Cogitatio</i> : Badiou, Deleuze, and the Equality of Powers in Spinoza
Speaker Taylor Hammer, SUNY Stony Brook Commentator Matthew Lexow	Speaker Patrick Craig, Duquesne University Commentator James Sledge
10:10—11:10 am, Session II On Doorways	4:20—5:20 pm, Session VI Can Art be Adequate in Spinoza?: Third-Order Knowing and Deleuze’s Essences
Speaker Matthew Daley, Boston College Commentator Nicolás Garrera	Speaker Chris Davidson, Villanova University Commentator Heidi Samuelson
11:20 am—12:20 pm, Session III Of Anthropogenesis and Persons Theriomorphous: Lan- guage, Technicity, and the Politics of Animality in the work of Thomas Hobbes	5:30—6:30 pm, Session VII On Hegel’s Justification of Evil in Susan Neiman’s <i>Evil in Modern Thought</i>
Speaker Chris Drain, Boston College Commentator Arsalan Memon	Speaker José Fernández, Temple University Commentator Jon Dodds
2:00—3:00 pm, Session IV Critique of Patriarchy as Counterhistory: Pateman and Foucault Read <i>Leviathan</i>	
Speaker Paul Morrow, Vanderbilt University Commentator Tina Botts	