

• 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

12:20pm-2:00pm: Lunch

2:00-3:00pm: Session IV

- “Critique of Patriarchy as Counterhistory:
Pateman 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 Cogitatio*: 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: Heidi A. Samuelson
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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