Murray Spindel

Murray Spindel was a great friend to the University of Memphis and to the faculty members and students in the Philosophy Department. For many years, he participated in philosophy courses and became actively involved in the intellectual and social life of the department.

Murray and his wife, Chris, endowed a gift to the Philosophy Department to fund an annual conference on varying philosophical topics. Over the years, they hosted many events in their home, including a BBQ dinner during each Spindel Conference. On July 7, 1999, Murray died of cancer, but Chris continued to host the BBQ dinners for many years.

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2012 Spindel Conference
October 4-October 6
Pleshette DeArmitt, Conference Director
31st Annual Spindel
“Freudian Futures”
University Center, Fountain View Room

Thursday, October 4

Opening Keynote Session: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm
Welcome and Opening Remarks: 7:30 pm
Pleshette DeArmitt, University of Memphis
Keynote Lecture I: 7:45 pm-9:30 pm
Wiley-Blackwell Wine Reception at Holiday Inn: 9:30 pm-11:00 pm

Friday, October 5

Session 1: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Speaker: Tracy McNulty, Cornell University, “The New Man’s Fetish”
Commentator: Steven Miller, University at Buffalo, SUNY
Moderator: Mary Beth Mader, University of Memphis
Lunch Break: 12:00 pm-1:45 pm

Session 2: 1:45 pm-3:45 pm
Speaker: Adrian Johnston, University of New Mexico, “Drive between Brain and Subject: An Immanent Critique of Lacanian Neuropsychoanalysis”
Commentator: Ed Pluth, California State University, Chico
Moderator: Somogy Varga, University of Memphis

Coffee Break: 3:45 pm-4:00 pm
Session 3: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Speaker: Paul Moyaert, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, “The Death Drive and the Nucleus of the Ego: An Introduction to Freudian Metaphysics”
Commentator: Jeffrey Bloechl, Boston College
Moderator: Leigh Johnson, Rhodes College

Saturday, October 6

Coffee and Pastries: 10:00 am-10:30 am

Special Session “Sovereign Cruelty of Psychoanalysis”: 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Speaker: Martin McQuillan, Kingston University/London Graduate School, “Departures: the American Future of Psychoanalysis”
Moderator: Angela Hunter, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
Lunch: 12:00 pm-1:45 pm

Session 4: 1:45 pm-3:45 pm
Speaker: Gil Anidjar, Columbia University, “Jesus and Monotheism”
Commentator: Emily Zakin, Miami University of Ohio
Moderator: Jonathan Judaken, Rhodes College

Coffee Break: 3:45 pm-4:00 pm

Keynote Lecture II: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Speaker: Elissa Marder, Emory University, “Real Dreams”
Moderator: Claire Katz, Texas A&M University
Spindel Banquet: 7:30 pm