

Émilie Du Châtelet's Foundations of Physics
A conference celebrating the complete English translation
April 26-28, 2018
University of Notre Dame

Program

All events take place in 210-214 McKenna Hall, unless otherwise indicated

Thursday April 26th

6:30pm Welcome banquet and celebration of the translation (Morris Inn, Salon A/B)

Friday April 27th

8:00-9:00 Continental breakfast and registration

9:00-10:30 Chair: Katherine Brading

9:00-9:30 **Katherine Brading**, Welcome and Introduction to Du Châtelet's Foundations of Physics

9:30-10:00 **Karen Detlefsen and Andrew Janiak**, The Relation of the Institutions to Du Châtelet's Other Works

10:00-10:30 **Monica Solomon**, Foundations and Empiricism: Du Châtelet's Philosophy of Time

11:00-12:30 Chair: Lydia Patton

11:00-11:30 **Ruth Hagengruber**, Du Châtelet between Leibniz and Kant: The Kant-Eberhard Controversy

11:30-12:00 **John Hanson**, The Discreteness of Matter and the Law of Continuity in Du Châtelet's Foundations

12:00-12:30 **Anne-Lise Rey**, The (metaphysical?) foundations of the theory of attraction in Émilie Du Châtelet's Institutions

12:30-2:00 Lunch (Morris Inn, Salon A/B)

2:00-4:30 Chair: Wilda Anderson

2:00-2:30 **Judith P. Zinsser**, Changing the Canon: Émilie Du Châtelet Joins the Procession

2:30-3:15 **Lauren Montes and Phillip R. Sloan**, The Manuscript of the Institutions: Some New Insights

3:30-4:00 **Anne Seul**, Du Châtelet and the Encyclopedia of Diderot and d'Alembert

4:00-4:30 **Ronald Smeltzer**, A Bibliophile Looks at Du Châtelet's Institutions de Physique

4:45-6:15 Chair: Karen Detlefsen

Roundtable discussion: Du Châtelet in philosophical context

Lisa Downing, Sarah Hutton and Marius Stan.

7:00pm Dinner (Morris Inn, Salon A/B)

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Saturday April 28th

8:00-9:00 Continental breakfast

9:00-10:30 Chair: Sarah Hutton

9:00-9:30 **Ashton Green**, *Real Forces, Mechanical Causes: Émilie Du Châtelet's Philosophy of Science in the "Dissertation on the Nature and Propagation of Fire"*

9:30-10:00 **Bryce Gessell**, *The philosophical significance of Du Châtelet's "Essai sur l'optique"*

10:-10:30 **Marcy Lascano**, *Du Châtelet on illusions*

11:00-12:30 Chair: Eric Watkins

11:00-11:30 **Keiko Kawashima**, *Reputation and ambition: Du Châtelet's revisions in her Dissertation on fire (1744)*

11:30-12:00 **Aaron Wells**, *Explanation in Du Châtelet's Institutions de Physique*

12:00-12:30 **Andrea Reichenberger**, *Émilie Du Châtelet on the Laws of Motion*

12:45-1:45 **Lunchtime discussion: Perils and pleasures of translating Du Châtelet's works**
(Lunch available outside the conference room in the East Lounge; please bring your lunch back into the conference room if you wish to participate in this informal discussion)

2:00-3:30 Chair: Katherine Brading

2:00-2:30 **George Smith**, *Émilie Du Châtelet and Newton's Principia*

2:30-3:30 **Roundtable discussion: Teaching Du Châtelet in the philosophy classroom**
Karen Detlefsen, Liz Goodnick, Ruth Hagengruber, Andrew Janiak.

3:30-4:30 Wine and cheese reception celebrating the launch of the translation

Departure