Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Inaugural Conference

October 3–6, 2021

University of Notre Dame
McKenna Hall Conference Center
# Conference Schedule

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Mind & Knowledge I 206 McKenna

Moderator: Edith Lagarde, University of Notre Dame

Sensation, Perception, Apprehension
José Filipe Silva, University of Helsinki

Thomas Aquinas and the Legacy of Pre-Socratic Theories of Perception
Maxwell Wade, Boston College

Adam of Wodeham and Walter Chatton on the Controversy over the Two Sorts of Awareness
Lydia Deni Gamboa, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

5:45–6:45 p.m. Keynote McKenna Auditorium

It Isn’t That Simple: Plantinga and al-Ghazālī on Divine Simplicity
Jon McGinnis, University of Missouri, St. Louis
(Dinner on your own)

Tuesday, Oct. 5

8–9 a.m. Continental Breakfast Outside McKenna 205

9–10:30 a.m. Session V

Everywhere is God: Versions of Pantheism in Renaissance Thought
Paul Richard Blum, Loyola University Maryland

The Location of God: A Medieval Question and Its Responses in Early Modernity
Joseph Matula, Charles University, Prague

The Location of God according to Leone Ebreo
Elizabeth Blum, Palacky University Olomouc

Elements of Life: The Transformation of Ancient Elemental Physics in Tommaso Campanella’s Panvitalist Cosmology
Lydia Deni Gamboa, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

Mind & Knowledge II 205 McKenna

Moderator: John O’Callaghan, University of Notre Dame

Self-Awareness, Intelligible Being, and ‘A Participated Likeness of the Uncreated Light’
James S. Kintz, Saint Joseph’s College of Maine

Intellectual Overflow: Thomas Aquinas on the Cogitative Power and the Agent Intellect
Sean Hafner, Boston College

The Object of the Intellect and Self Knowledge in Thomas Aquinas
Matthew Kostelecky, St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta

10:30–11 a.m. Break with refreshments Outside 205 McKenna

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Session VI

The Ontology of Mental Acts in the High Middle Ages 202 McKenna

Moderator: Machessa Samz, Nazareth College

The Species-Theory of Mental Acts: Peter Auriol and Later Nominalist Theories of Mental Acts
Jordan Lavender, University of Notre Dame

Peter John Hartman, Loyola University Chicago

Metaphysics IV 205 McKenna

Moderator: Samuel Pell, Purdue University

Henry of Ghent on the Possibility of an Eternally Created World
Mark D. Gossiaux, Loyola University New Orleans

Henry of Ghent on the Relational Character of Causal Powers
Can Laurens Löwe, Humboldt University of Berlin, and Gillian Lee, Purdue University
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**Philosophy of Religion II**

**Moderator:** Dylan MacFarlane, University of Notre Dame

**Thomism in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries: Christology as Test-case**
Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame

**Thomas Aquinas on God's liberum arbitrium in Creating**
John W. Peck, S.J., Saint Louis University

**Ockham & Chatton**

**Moderator:** Susan Brower-Toland, Saint Louis University

**English Indivisibilism and its Critics**
Rondo Keele, Louisiana Scholars’ College

**Ockham's Unparsimonious Epistemology**
Charles Bolyard, James Madison University

**Mind & Knowledge III**

**Moderator:** Therese Cory, University of Notre Dame

**Be Wary of Contemporary Testimonial Theories Applied to Pre-Enlightenment Thinkers**
Brett Yardley, DeSales University

**Avicenna on Intuition: An Analytic Interpretation**
Ismail Kurun, Vanderbilt University

**Al-Ghazâlî on taqlīd**
Stephen R. Ogden, University of Notre Dame

**Metaphysics V**

**Moderator:** Mack Sullivan, University of Notre Dame

**The Disastrous Eighth Paragraph of De Primo Principio I**
Tom Ward, Baylor University

**The Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Identity and Distinction in Scotus**
Dominic LaMantia, University of Notre Dame

**Cajetan on Formal Unity and Universals: Scotist Problems and Thomist Answers**
Andreas Waldstein, University of Notre Dame

**Social & Political Philosophy**

**Moderator:** Leonardo Francalanci, University of Notre Dame

**Reading the Bubbles: The Performance of Prophecy in Machiavelli**
Sean Erwin, Barry University

**The Political Philosophy of Niccolò Machiavelli**
Andrea Polegato, California State University, Fresno

**A Naturalistic Account of Social Ontology in the Middle Ages: Giles of Rome's De regimine principum**
Christian Rode, Universität Bonn

**3:30–4 p.m.**

**Author Meets Critics:**

**Moderator:** Fr. John Peck, S.J., Saint Louis University

**Tobias Hoffmann, Free Will and the Rebel Angels in Medieval Philosophy**
Tobias Hoffmann, Sorbonne Université

**Calvin Normore, University of California, Los Angeles**
Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Zita Toth, KU Leuven**

**Ethics III**

**Moderator:** Colleen McCluskey, Saint Louis University

**Aquinas on Special Obligations**
Yu Qiu, University of Notre Dame

**Animal Instinct and Natural Law in Aquinas**
Sarah Byers, Boston College

**Environmental Ethics in Aquinas: God's Artistic Property**
Rich Eva, Baylor University

**Mind & Knowledge IV**

**Moderator:** Philip Choi, Purdue University

**Nicole Oresme on Singular Cognition**
Diego Espinoza, Catholic University of America

**Presence and Individuality in Matthew of Aquasparta: A Source for Scotus’s Intuitive Cognition**
Machessa Samz, Nazareth College

**Divorcing Intelligible Species from Conceptual Content**
Samuel Pell, Purdue University
Wednesday, Oct. 6

8–9 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
Outside 205 McKenna

9–10:30 a.m.  Session IX
Metaphysics VI 205 McKenna

Moderator: Stephen Ogden, University of Notre Dame
Aquinas on Composition as Identity and the Analogy of Being
John Gregor MacDougall, Fordham University
Existere in Consolation of Philosophy 3.10: To Exist or to Appear?
Michael Wiitala, Cleveland State University
The Metaphysics of Miracles: Ghazâlî versus Avicenna on Divine Causation
Emann Allebban, Providence College

The Emotions 206 McKenna

Moderator: Ellen Friesen, University of Notre Dame
How Cognitive is Thomas Aquinas’s Account of the Emotions?
Chris Bobier, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota
Thomas Aquinas on the Passions in Context
Eileen Sweeney, Boston College
Aquinas and Verbum Cordis: The Role of Desire in Language
Annie Smalley, Center for Thomistic Studies

10:30–11 a.m.  Break with refreshments
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12:30 p.m.  Session X
Nature and Mathematics 202 McKenna

Moderator: Diego Espinoza, Catholic University of America
Formal Abstraction and Its Problems in Aquinas
David Svoboda and Prokop Sousedik, Czech Academy of Sciences
Mechanics and Natural Philosophy: Exactness, Demonstration, or Certitude?
Jonathan Ettel, Stanford University

Ethics IV 205 McKenna

Moderator: Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., Catholic University of America
Macrobius’s Fourfold Division of Virtue in Aquinas’s Summa Theologiae
Thomas M. Osborne Jr., University of St. Thomas, Houston
Conformed by Praise: Medieval Liturgy and Confucian Virtue Ethics
Jacob J. Andrews, Loyola University Chicago

Mind & Knowledge V 206 McKenna

Moderator: Andreas Waldstein, University of Notre Dame
Falsity and the Mental Monster: Aquinas’s Naturalizing Account of Reasoning
Therese Cory, University of Notre Dame
Augustine and the Problem of Conceptual Intersubjectivity
Vikram Kumar, Cornell University
The Role of Sense Perception and Experience in al-Fârâbî’s Account of Music
Eriko Okamoto, Georgetown University