

# Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

*Inaugural Conference*



## October 3–6, 2021

**University of Notre Dame**

McKenna Hall Conference Center



# Conference Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 3

8–10 p.m. Reception

Morris Inn Private Dining Room

Monday, Oct. 4

8–9 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration

Outside 205 McKenna

9–10:30 a.m. Session I

**Logic & Language I** 202 McKenna

**Moderator:** Jordan Lavender, University of Notre Dame

**Mullā Ṣadrā on Logic**

Sayeh Meisami, University of Dayton

**Not So Great: Albert on Demonstration in Metaphysics**

Fr. Philip-Neri Reese, O.P., University of Notre Dame

**Conditionals and the Future Tense in Ockham's Semantics of Prophecy**

César Reigosa Soler, University of Groningen

**Metaphysics I** 205 McKenna

**Moderator:** Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Statues and Lumps: Peter Abelard on the Material Constitution of Works of Art**

Andrew LaZella, University of Scranton

**Medieval Realism about Artifacts: Artificial Forms as Accidents**

Kamil Majcherek, University of Toronto

**Thomas Aquinas on the Metaphysical Structure of Artifacts**

Jeremy Skrzypek, University of Mary

**Action Theory I** 206 McKenna

**Moderator:** Dominic LaMantia, University of Notre Dame

**The Mystery of the Missing Second Angel: Scotus's Development of Anselm's Two Wills Theory Reconsidered**

Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., Catholic University of America

**Incommensurable Motivations in the Thought of John Duns Scotus**

Logan Weir, Catholic University of America

10:30–11 a.m. Break with refreshments

Outside 205 McKenna

**11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session II**

**Mental Being and Mental Language in Late Medieval Philosophy** 202 McKenna

**Moderator:** Jordan Lavender, University of Notre Dame

**Presence to Mind: Peter Auriol on Cognitive Activity, Intentional Being, and the Place for Non-conscious States**  
André Martin, McGill University

**Idealization and Imagination: The Logic of The Imaginable and Scientific Modelling in 14th Century Natural Philosophy**  
Graziana Ciola, Radboud University Nijmegen

**Philosophy of Nature** 205 McKenna

**Moderator:** Claire Murphy, University of Notre Dame

**Aquinas on Final Causation in Nature**  
Gloria Frost, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

**The Use of Climate Theory in Albertus Magnus's Natural Philosophy**  
Colleen McCluskey, Saint Louis University

**Logic & Language II** 206 McKenna

**Moderator:** Nicholas Babich, University of Notre Dame

**Walter Burley's Two Theories of Truth**  
Nathaniel Bulthuis, St. Joseph's University

**From Being to Truth: The Philosophical Basis for Wyclif's Propositional Realism**  
Stephen Lahey, University of Nebraska

**12:30–2 p.m. Lunch** Morris Inn, Smith Ballroom

**2–3:30 p.m. Session III**

**Action Theory II** 202 McKenna

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

**John of Pouilly's Intellectualist Theory of How We Control Our Choices**  
Tobias Hoffmann, Sorbonne Université

**Human Agency between falsafa and kalām: al-Ash'ari's Doctrine of iktisāb and its Philosophical Background.**  
Giulio Navarra, University of Salento/CETEFIL – Universität zu Köln/Thomas-Institut

**Complacentia and velle: The Passivity of the Will in Aquinas's Psychology**  
Francis Feingold, St. Patrick College and Seminary

**Philosophy of Religion I** 205 McKenna

**Moderator:** Mark Spinnenweber, University of Notre Dame

**Thinking a Philosophical Harmony between Plato and Aristotle: Ficino and the Debate on Providence**  
Valentina Zaffino, Pontifical Lateran University and University of Notre Dame Rome Global Gateway

**Avicenna on Divine Infinity and Perfection**  
Mark Schulz, Marquette University

**Emunah, Choice, and Joy: Hasdai Crescas's Account of Religious Belief**  
Philip Choi, Purdue University

**Ethics I** 206 McKenna

**Moderator:** Yu Qiu, University of Notre Dame

**Three Allied Motives for Mercy in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice**  
Kevin M. Kambo, Hope College

**Mercy vs. Clemency in Aquinas**  
John O'Callaghan, University of Notre Dame

**Metaphysics II** 207 McKenna

**Moderator:** Dominic LaMantia, University of Notre Dame

**Durand of St. Pourcain on Gappy Existence**  
Zita Toth, KU Leuven, and Adam Wood, Wheaton College

**Suarez's Theory of Matter as a Partial Substance**  
Nicholas Westberg, Boston College

**For Dust Thou Aren't: Thomistic Hylomorphism and Respect for Corpses**  
Joshua Merlo, University at Buffalo

**3:30–4 p.m. Break with refreshments** Outside 205 McKenna

**4–5:30 p.m. Session IV**

**Ethics II** 205 McKenna

**Moderator:** Fr. Henry Stephan, O.P., University of Notre Dame

**Enjoyment and Divine Acceptance: A Relational Teleology according to Franciscus de Mayronis**  
Damian Park, Boston College

**Peter of Trabibus, Thomas Aquinas, and Duns Scotus: On Disability and Transition Costs before Original Sin**  
Scott M. Williams, University of North Carolina, Asheville

**The Disputation at Paris between Godfrey of Fontaines and Duns Scotus on Virtues in the Will**  
Stephen D. Dumont, University of Notre Dame

**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**

202 McKenna

**Moderator:** Samuel Roberts, University of Notre Dame

**The Location of God: A Medieval Question and Its Responses in Early Modernity**

Paul Richard Blum, Loyola University Maryland

**The Location of God according to Leone Ebreo**

Jozef Matula, Charles University, Prague

**Elements of Life: The Transformation of Ancient Elemental Physics in Tommaso Campanella's Panvitalist Cosmology**

Elizabeth Blum, Palacký University Olomouc

**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 Haefner, Boston College

**The Object of the Intellect and Self Knowledge in Thomas Aquinas**

Matthew Kostecky, St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

**Neo-Platonism**

206 McKenna

**Moderator:** Vikram Kumar, Cornell University

**The Divine Processions and the Divine Energies**

David Bradshaw, University of Kentucky

**'Morte bella pareo nel suo bel viso': The Neoplatonic Reading of**

**Petrarch's Tr. Mortis in Lorenzo de' Medici's Comento**

Leonardo Francalanci, University of Notre Dame

**Metaphysics III**

207 McKenna

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

**Nominalism's Modal Paradise Lost**

Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado, Boulder

**'Squeezing Plato's Heaven into God's Mind': Aquinas on the Rationes Aeternae**

Raphael Mary Salzillo, O.P., University of St. Thomas, Houston

**Aquinas on Locomotion**

Jeffrey Brower, Purdue University

**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

**Durand's Early Relation-Theory of Mental Acts and its Legacy: Prosper de Reggio Emilia and Richard Drayton on the Ontological Status of Mental Acts**

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



**Philosophy of Religion II** 206 McKenna

**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** 207 McKenna

**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

**12:30–2 p.m. Luncheon** Morris Inn, Smith Ballroom

**2–3:30 p.m. Session VII**

**Mind & Knowledge III** 202 McKenna

**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-Ghazālī on *taqlīd***

Stephen R. Ogden, University of Notre Dame

**Metaphysics V** 205 McKenna

**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** 206 McKenna

**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. Break with refreshments** Outside 205 McKenna

**4–5:30 p.m. Session VIII**

**Author Meets Critics:** 202 McKenna

**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** 205 McKenna

**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** 206 McKenna

**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

**6:30–9 p.m. Banquet and Presidential Address** Morris Inn, Smith Ballroom

Therese Cory, University of Notre Dame

**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

**Exsistere in Consolation of Philosophy 3.10: To Exist or to Appear?**

Michael Wiitala, Cleveland State University

**The Metaphysics of Miracles: Ghazālī 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**

Outside 205 McKenna

**11 a.m.–  
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

**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-Fārābī's Account of Music**

Eriko Okamoto, Georgetown University

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