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THE CHALLENGE OF GOD CONFERENCE

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APRIL 14–16, 2016 • LEWIS TOWERS



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THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

9:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS, REGENTS HALL

GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

10 AM **SESSION 1A, REGENTS HALL: WEAK THEOLOGY**

- **Wendy Crosby**, Loyola University Chicago, "God Without Power: Continental Philosophy's Challenge to the Doctrine of Providence"
- **Marius van Hoogstraten**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, "The Challenge of the Other's God: Is there a Post-Metaphysical Theology of Religions? Openness to the Religious Other in Richard Kearney and John D. Caputo"

SESSION 1B, BEANE HALL: LEVINAS AND CATHOLIC ETHICS

- **John Crowley-Buck**, Loyola University Chicago, "Mercy, Alterity, and Levinas: Reimagining Catholic Ethics 'Otherwise'"
- **Dorothy Chang**, Fordham University, "'Being-With' as Sacramental and Liberative Presence"

11 AM **SESSION 2A, REGENTS HALL: MARION AND THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF DEATH**

- **Sarah Horton**, Boston College, "Being-Toward-Resurrection: The Christian Experience of Being-Toward-Death in the Thought of Jean-Luc Marion"
- **Xin Chen**, Loyola University Chicago, "Death and Nothingness: An Investigation of Saturated Phenomenon"

SESSION 2B, BEANE HALL: CRITICAL THEORY

- **Stephen Lawson**, Saint Louis University, "Who Remembers What? Walter Benjamin and Erik Peterson on History and Remembrance"
- **Rafael Zawisza**, University of Warsaw, "Giorgio Agamben as a Roman Thinker"

NOON-1 PM BREAK

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1 PM SESSION 3A, REGENTS HALL: PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE

- **Marcos Norris**, Loyola University Chicago, "Messianic Auto-Immunity and Christian Self-Sacrifice: Exploring the Catholic Novel through the Deconstructivist Ethics of Jacques Derrida"
- **Justin Leavitt Pearl**, Duquesne University, "Unhuman Givenness: The Saturated Phenomenality of Horror"

SESSION 3B, BEANE HALL: SCHILLEBEECKX IN DIALOGUE

- **Christiane Alpers**, Radboud University Nijmegen, "Catholic identity in the encounter with secular philosophy: Edward Schillebeeckx's ontology as critique of John Milbank's stress on Catholic Superiority"
- **Daniel Minch**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, "The Human Subject and Messianic Time: Agamben's 'Messianism' Re-evaluated in Light of Christian Eschatology"

2 PM SESSION 4A, REGENTS HALL: SEEING AND NOT-SEEING

- **Jacob W. Torbeck**, Loyola University Chicago, "Behind the Gaze: The Face and the Infinite in Cusanus and Levinas"
- **Stephanie Rumpza**, Boston College, "Infinity In and Out of Bounds: Kenosis in Jean-Luc Marion"
- **Murray Littlejohn**, Boston College, "Seeing the Narrative Form: A Hermeneutic Retrieval of Augustine's *Confessions*"

SESSION 4B, BEANE HALL: INTERSUBJECTIVITY AND DISCOURSE

- **Daniel Gillis**, McGill University, "Radical Ecclesiology: Michel Henry on Intersubjectivity"
- **Dennis Vanden Auweele**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, "Reconciliation, Incarnation, and Headless Hegelianism"

3 PM SESSION 5, BEANE HALL: LACOSTE AND THEOLOGY

- **Jonathan Ciraulo**, University of Notre Dame, "Is the Eucharist a Thing? Chauvet and Lacoste on the im/possibility of a Phenomenological Sacramental Theology"
- **Matthew Farley**, University of Virginia, "Lacostian Life: A Modest Defense"

4–5 PM BREAK

OPENING ADDRESS

5 PM WELCOME, REGENTS HALL

- **Mark Bosco, S.J.**, Associate Professor of Theology and English and Director of the Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage
- **Susan Ross**, Professor and Chair of Theology at Loyola University Chicago
- **Mark Waymack**, Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago

PLENARY SPEAKER

Robyn Horner, Associate Professor in the Office of the Dean of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University, "A Phenomenology of Revelation: Contemporary Encounters with Saint Ignatius of Loyola"

Response by **J. Michelle Molina**, The John and Rosemary Croghan Chair, Associate Professor in Catholic Studies at Northwestern University

7 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION, REGENTS HALL

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FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

9 AM WELCOME, REGENTS HALL

Thomas Regan, S.J., Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and Associate Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago

PLENARY SESSION

Adriaan T. Peperzak, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago, "The Challenge of God"

Response by **David Tracy**, the Andrew Thomas Greeley and Grace McNichols Greeley Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Catholic Studies and Professor of Theology and the Philosophy of Religions at the University of Chicago

11 AM–12:30 PM SESSION 6A, REGENTS HALL: RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE AND ONTOTHEOLOGY

- **Terrance Walsh, S.J.**, Heythrop College, "The Possibility of Religious Experience in the Contemporary World"
- **Michael Martin**, Marygrove College, "The Appearing: Sophiology, Poetry, and the Call for an Absolute Catholic Phenomenology"
- **Darin McGinnis**, Wheeling Jesuit University, "The 'Shadow' of God, Ontotheology, and the Unity of Knowledge"

SESSION 6B, BEANE HALL: FAITH, LOVE, AND PHILOSOPHY

- **Majid Amini**, Virginia State University, "A Faith for a Post-Religious Age: Ricoeur on Religion and Atheism"
- **Daniel Dwyer**, Xavier University, "The Redemption of Eros: Benedict XVI and Phenomenology"
- **Isabella Guanzini**, Universität Wien, "(Post-)Secular Agape? Philosophical Receptions of a Biblical Category"

12:30–2 PM BREAK • LUNCH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

2 PM PLENARY SESSION, REGENTS HALL

Richard Kearney, the Charles Seelig Professor in Philosophy at Boston College, "What Comes After God? Some Atheist Reflections"

Response by **Hille Haker**, the Richard McCormick, S.J., Chair of Moral Theology at Loyola University Chicago

3:45–5:15 PM SESSION 7A, REGENTS HALL: AESTHETICS, LITURGY, SACRAMENTS

- **Michael Murphy**, Loyola University Chicago, "Real Presences: Liturgical Aesthetics and 'Dirty Catholic Realism'"
- **Daniel Bradley**, Gonzaga University, "The Icon and Passage Tomb: Irish Art and the Phenomenology of the Sacred"
- **Kimberly Hope Belcher**, University of Notre Dame, "Eucharistic Change and Jean-Luc Marion's 'Givenness'"

SESSION 7B, BEANE HALL: IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE

- **Michael Andrews**, University of Portland, "In Conversation: Ignatius Loyola and Edith Stein on the Challenge of Catholic Identity"
- **Andrew Staron**, Wheeling Jesuit University, "A Reduction to Cura Personalis: Phenomenological Givenness and Ignatian Spirituality"
- **Bruce Ellis Benson**, Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology, "The Improvised Subject: How Catholic Theology Has Challenged the Strong Notion of the Self"

5:30 PM PLENARY SESSION, REGENTS HALL

Jean-Luc Marion, Professor Emeritus at the University of Paris-Sorbonne, Professor at l'Institut Catholique de Paris, and the Andrew Thomas Greeley and Grace McNichols Greeley Professor of Catholic Studies and Professor of the Philosophy of Religions and Theology at the University of Chicago, "God and the Ambivalence of Being"

Response by **Hugh Miller**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago

7 PM CONFERENCE BANQUET, KASBEER HALL

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

9 AM WELCOME, REGENTS HALL

- **Colby Dickinson**, Assistant Professor of Theology at Loyola University Chicago
- **Hugh Miller**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago

PLENARY SPEAKER

- **Thomas J.J. Altizer**, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at State University of New York at Stony Brook, "Radical Catholicism and God: A Theological Exploration of Dante and Joyce"
- Response by **Adam Kotsko**, Assistant Professor of Humanities at Shimer College

11 AM–12:30 PM SESSION 8A, REGENTS HALL: RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE AND ONTOTHEOLOGY

- **Phyllis Kaminski**, St. Mary's College, "Towards a Trinitarian Divine: The Challenge of God in Luce Irigaray"
- **John Panteleimon Manoussakis**, College of the Holy Cross, "Phenomenology, Eschatology, and the Body in the Christian Tradition"
- **Daniel Rober**, St. John's University, "Embodiedness in History: Emmanuel Falque's Historical Method in Dialogue"

SESSION 8B, BEANE HALL: ON THINKING

- **Benjamin Frazer-Simsler**, DePaul University, "Transgressing God: A Phenomenological Interpretation of Pseudo-Dionysius"
- **Sarah Lilly Heidt**, Marygrove College, "To Think the Beginning: D.G. Leahy and the Apocalyptic I"
- **John McCarthy**, Loyola University Chicago, "The Challenge of Thinking God"

12:30–2 PM CONFERENCE BUFFET LUNCH, KASBEER HALL

2–3 PM SESSION 9A, REGENTS HALL: PATRISTIC RETRIEVALS

- **Lexi Eikelboom**, Indiana Wesleyan University, "Rhythm in Continental Philosophy and the Analogia Entis"
- **Erick Hedrick-Moser**, Saint Louis University, "Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Jean Daniélou Between Transcendence and Political Theology"

SESSION 9B, BEANE HALL: THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

- **Adam Kotsko**, Shimer College, "Agamben and the Problem of Evil"
- **Brian Treanor**, Loyola Marymount University, "Carnal Sacramentality and the Problem of Evil"

3:30 PM CLOSING PLENARY, REGENTS HALL

John D. Caputo, Thomas J. Watson Professor of Religion Emeritus at Syracuse University and the David R. Cook Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Villanova University "Tradition and Event: Radicalizing the Catholic Principle"

Response by **John McCarthy**, Associate Professor in the Department of Theology at Loyola University Chicago

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Thomas J.J. Altizer is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at State University of New York at Stony Brook. During his long and distinguished career, Altizer has published numerous books working out the implications of a theology of the "Death of God," recently including *Living the Death of God*, *The Apocalyptic Trinity*, and *The Call to Radical Theology*.

John D. Caputo is the Thomas J. Watson Professor of Religion and Humanities Emeritus at Syracuse University and the David R. Cook Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Villanova University. Caputo specializes in continental philosophy of religion, working on approaches to religion and theology in the light of contemporary phenomenology, hermeneutics and deconstruction, and also the presence in continental philosophy of radical religious and theological motifs. He is known especially for his notions of radical hermeneutics and the weakness of God.

Robyn Horner is an Associate Professor in the Office of the Dean of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University. Her work is focused on the contributions of phenomenology and post-structuralism, especially the work of Levinas, Derrida, and Marion, to the field of Christian theology and philosophy of religion, particularly on the topic of *r/Revelation*.

Richard Kearney holds the Charles B. Seelig Chair in Philosophy at Boston College

and has served as a Visiting Professor at University College Dublin, the University of Paris-Sorbonne, and the Australian Catholic University. He is the author of over 20 books on European philosophy and literature (including two novels and a volume of poetry) and has edited or co-edited 15 others, many on the intersection of hermeneutics and the problem of God.

Jean-Luc Marion is the Andrew Thomas Greeley and Grace McNichols Greeley Professor of Catholic Studies and Professor of the Philosophy of Religions and Theology at the University of Chicago; Dominique Dubarle Chair of Philosophy at l'Institut Catholique de Paris; Professor Emeritus at the University of Paris-Sorbonne; and a member of the Académie française. His work is well-known in the history of philosophy and in philosophy of religion, in which he has initiated and written extensively on the phenomenology of givenness.

Adriaan T. Peperzak is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago, where he held the Arthur J. Schmitt Chair from 1991-2015. His research in the history of philosophy has focused on Hegel (six books and numerous articles) and Levinas (two books and three others edited). He also published on Plato, Aristotle, Bonaventura, Descartes, Heidegger, and Ricoeur, and on thematic questions in ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphilosophy, and philosophy of religion.

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