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Continental Philosophy Symposium



The Limits of Continental
Philosophy in a Catholic Context



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Colloquium Schedule

○ THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 ○

- 8:00am-9:00am **Breakfast**
- 9:00am-9:15am **Opening Remarks**
(Colby Dickinson, Michael Murphy, and Jack Nuelle)
- 9:20am-10:00am **Christina M. Gschwandtner,**
Fordham University
*“Fundamental Religious Structures and
Everyday Practice: For a Less Confessional
Phenomenology of Religious Experience”*
- 10:05am-10:45am **Robyn Horner,**
Australian Catholic University
*“Imagining a Future for Hermeneutic-
Phenomenological Theology in Catholic Contexts”*
- 10:45am-11:00am **15-min Break**
- 11:00am-11:40am **Connor Richie,**
Villanova University
“Is There a Future for Metaphysics?”
- 11:45am-12:25pm **Ana Rosa Clochet da Silva,**
PUC-Campinas (São Paulo, Brazil)
*“The Limits of Hermeneutics in the Christian
Philosophical and Theological Horizon: Challenges
and Alternatives to Interpret Brazilian Religious
Pluralism”*
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:45 pm-2:25pm **Colby Dickinson,**
Loyola University Chicago
*“Antinomianism as the Internal Limit of
Continental Thought”*
- 2:30pm-3:10pm **Jack Nuelle,**
Loyola University Chicago
*“Jean-Luc Marion and a Saturated Politics:
Submission Before the State and the (Political)
Limits of Theological Phenomenology”*
- 3:10pm-3:25pm **15-min Break**

Colloquium Schedule

- 3:25pm-4:05pm **Kari Martin,**
University of Chicago
“The Voice of the Beloved: Luce Irigaray and Jean-Luc Marion on the Erotic Phenomenon”
- 4:10pm-4:50pm **Douglas Barros,**
PUC-Campinas (São Paulo, Brazil)
“The Plurality of the Same: Specific Singularity as a Challenge to French Philosophical Thought and Christian Pluralism”
- 6:30pm-10:00pm **Cocktails and Colloquium Dinner** (Francesca’s)

○ FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 ○

- 8:00am-9:00am **Breakfast**
- 9:20am-10:00am **Hille Haker,**
Loyola University Chicago
“Can a Critical Political Ethics be Decolonial? Inquiries into the Legacy of Continental Philosophy”
- 10:05am-10:45am **Justin Sands,**
St. Augustine College of South Africa
“Turning Away From Subjectivity: African Communitarianism as a Reconsideration of ‘The Self’ in Phenomenology and Theology”
- 10:45am-11:00am **15-min Break**
- 11:00am-11:40am **Deo Mbonyumugenzi,**
Loyola University Chicago
“Rethinking Forgiveness Paradigm as a Response to Evil: The Limits of the Impossible Possibility” of Forgiveness in French Continental Philosophy”

Colloquium Schedule

- 11:45am-12:25pm **Francisco Budi Hardiman,**
Universas Pelita Harapan (Tangerang, Indonesia)
*“Rethinking Enlightenment: Truth Discourse in the
Contemporary Continental Philosophy amidst
Worldviews in Asia”*
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:45 pm-2:25pm **Jesús Luzardo,**
Loyola University Chicago
*“Gratuity Included: Blackness and the Gift of
Forgiveness”*
- 2:30pm-3:10pm **Avery Smith,**
Loyola University Chicago
*“Addressing the Shortcomings of Continental
Philosophy in its
Application to Exploring Exploitation,
Marginalization and
Dehumanization, a Contemporary Roman
Catholic Approach”*
- 3:10pm-3:25pm **15-min Break**
- 3:25pm-4:05pm **Léonard Katchekpele,**
Holy Trinity Parish (Frankenthal, Germany)
*“Before Original Sin, Beyond the “Pact with the
Negative” African Theology Toward a Decolonial
Soteriology”*
- 4:10pm-4:50pm **Glauco Barsalini,**
PUC-Campinas, (São Paulo, Brazil)
*“Political Theology: from Continental Philosophy
to Brazilian Social Thought – Study on the
Relations Between Religion and Politics in Brazil”*



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024



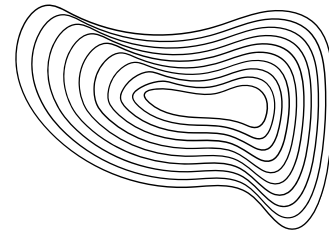
9:30am -11:30am

Breakfast & Closing Discussion

Presenters

Christina M. Gschwandtner,
Fordham University

Christina M. Gschwandtner is Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University. She is author of *Reading Jean-Luc Marion: Exceeding Metaphysics* (Indiana, 2007), *Postmodern Apologetics? Arguments about God in Contemporary Philosophy* (Fordham, 2012), *Degrees of Givenness: On Saturation in Jean-Luc Marion* (Indiana, 2014), *Marion and Theology* (T&T Clark, 2016), *Welcoming Finitude: Toward a Phenomenology of Orthodox Liturgy* (Fordham, 2019), *Reading Religious Ritual with Ricœur: Between Fragility and Hope* (Lexington Press, 2021), *Ways of Living Religion: Phenomenological Investigations of Religious Experience* (Cambridge U Press, 2024), besides many articles and translations at the intersection of phenomenology and religion.



Robyn Horner,
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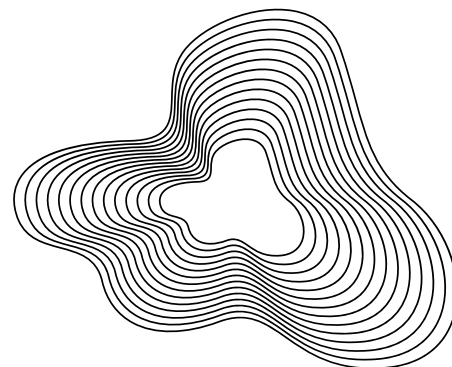
Professor Robyn Horner is a teaching and research academic within the School of Theology, and a member of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry (IRCI) at Australian Catholic University. She is the author of *The Experience of God: The Event of Revelation*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022); *Jean-Luc Marion: A Theo-Logical Introduction*. (Aldershot, Hants: Ashgate, 2005); *Rethinking God as Gift: Marion, Derrida and the Limits of Phenomenology*. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2001), and numerous journal articles, book chapters, and musical compositions.

Connor Richie,
Villanova University

Connor is a Ph.D. student in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Villanova University. He previously earned an M.A. from Boston College and a B.A. from Villanova, both of which are in philosophy. His research interests are in continental philosophy of religion, apophatic theology, and medieval mysticism, especially John Scottus Eriugena.

Ana Rosa Cloclet da Silva,
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Ana Rosa Cloclet da Silva is a professor at the Faculty of History and at the Postgraduate Program in Religious Studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of Campinas–Brazil. Doctor in History by University of Campinas (Unicamp) and Postdoctoral degree in History by University of São Paulo (USP). She is a member of the Research Group “ Religion: institutions and discourses ” and leader of the study group on History of Religions and Religiosities. From the approach of the History of Religions and the History of Concepts, she investigates the articulation between religion and politics in Brazil, with an emphasis on the dogmatic trends of Catholicism from a transnational perspective. Ana is a member of the Iberoamerican Conceptual History Network; Red de Estudios de Historia de la Laicidad y la Secularización (REDHISEL/Conicet–Argentina); Institut d’Étude du Christianisme (Strasbourg–France) and of the Global Network of Theology.

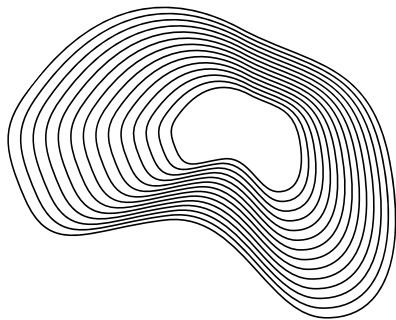


Colby Dickinson,
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Jack Nuelle,
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Kari Martin,
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Kari Martin is a PhD student at the University of Chicago Divinity School studying Christian theology and Continental philosophy of religion. Her research focuses on sociality, intersubjectivity, and nature in phenomenology and its critical reception in the 20th century.

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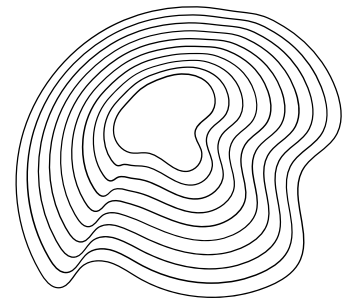
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Deo Mbonyumugenzi,
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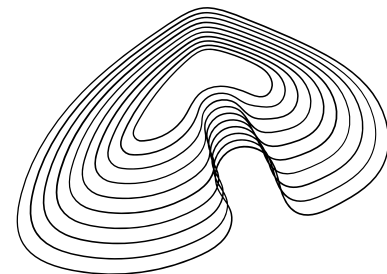
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Justin Sands is a Senior Lecturer at North-West University (South Africa). He received his PhD in theology at KU Leuven in 2015, his research is in both theology and philosophy, and his work focuses on the critique of metaphysics, hermeneutic phenomenology, and the relation between theory and praxis. He has recently his second PhD at the University of Fort Hare (South Africa), which brings together African philosophy and decolonial thought into dialogue with Martin Heidegger and early twentieth-century phenomenology.

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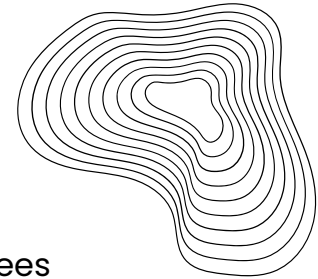
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