

Metaphysical Society of America

61st Annual Meeting

Boston University, March 5-6, 2010

Thursday Evening, March 4

6:30-8:30

Society for the Study of Process Philosophies

Moderator: *Brian G. Henning* (Gonzaga U)

Robert Neville (Boston U):

"Perpetual Apophasis and the
Existential Implosion of Worldviews"

Respondent: *George Lucas, Jr.*

(US Naval Academy)

Friday, March 5

8:30-9:00 Welcome

9:00-11:00 **Session I**

Moderator: *David Roochnik* (Boston U)

James Wood (Boston U)

"Dimensions of Negativity in Plato"

Respondent: *Mitch Miller* (Vassar)

10:05-11:05 **Session II**

Moderator: *David Jennings* (Boston U)

Thomas Upton (Gannon University):

"Negative Hypothesis in Aristotle"

Respondent: *Phillip Stambovsky* (Fairfield U)

11:15-12:15 **Session III**

Moderator: *Martin Black* (Suffolk U)

Edward Halper (U of Georgia):

"Partial Negation"

Respondent: *Al Miller* (Catholic U of America)

12:15-1:45 **Lunch**

1:45-2:45 **Session IV**

Moderator: *William Hamrick* (SIU)

Wes DeMarco (Clark U):

"A Continuum of World-Negating Acts"

Respondent: *Laura Landen* (Providence)

3:00-4:00 **Session V**

Moderator: *Anne Wiles* (James Madison U)

Tim Hyde (Stony Brook U):

"The Phenomenology of the Not"

Respondent: *Edward Papa* (Sacred Heart U)

4:00-4:30 **Business Meeting**

4:45-6:15 **Keynote Address**

Moderator: *Vic Kestenbaum* (Boston U)

Lawrence E. Cahoon (Holy Cross):

"The Orders of Nature"

6:15-7:30 **Reception**

Saturday, March 6

9:30-10:30 **Session VI**

Moderator: *Francis P. Coolidge, Jr.*

(Loyola U, New Orleans)

Frederic Tremblay (SUNY at Buffalo):

"Absence of causation,
not causation by absence"

Respondent: *Joe Cosgrove* (Providence)

10:45-11:45 **Session VII**

Moderator: *Paul Gaffney* (St. John's U)

Jude Dougherty (Catholic U of America):

"On the Amphibolous Character of
Existence: Matter and Its Negation in the
Thought of George Santayana"

Respondent: *Vincent Colapietro* (Penn State)

11:45-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-2:30 **Session VIII**

Moderator: *Sarah Glenn* (St. Anselm's)

Eileen C. Sweeney (Boston College)

"Nothing and the Metaphysics of
Finite Being in Anselm"

Respondent: *Kevin Staley* (St. Anselm's)

2:45-3:45 **Session IX**

Moderator: *Allen Speight* (Boston U)

William Desmond

(Katholieke Universiteit Leuven):

"Hegelian negation and the dearth
of ontological astonishment"

Respondent: *Garth Green* (Boston U)

4:00-5:00 **Session X**

Moderator: *George Allan* (Dickinson College)

Richard Dien Winfield (U of Georgia):

"Negation and Truth"

Respondent: *Michael O'Neill* (Providence)

5:15-6:45 **Presidential Address**

Moderator: *Thomas Flynn* (Emory U)

Daniel O. Dahlstrom (Boston U)

"Being and Negation"

7:00 pm **Banquet**

The Castle, 225 Bay State Road
Boston University

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*Fees: Registration \$15, Proceedings \$10, Banquet \$35.
The Proceedings and tickets for the Banquet are available at
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3pm. Refreshments will be available during breaks between
sessions.*