

65th Annual Meeting The Metaphysical Society of America

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April 11-12, 2014

All sessions will be held in Griffin Hall at Williams College

Thursday

8:00–9:30 Meeting of the Society for the Study of Process Philosophies (all MSA members are welcome)

Location change: Greylock Room, Williams Inn

Moderator: George Allan (Dickinson College)

Speaker: Larry Cahoon (College of the Holy Cross), “Realism and Naturalism: A Century-Long Conversation”

Respondent: Robert Neville (Boston University)

Friday

9:00–10:00 Session I

Moderator: George R. Lucas, Jr. (VADM James Stockwell Center for Ethics)

Speaker: Christina Schneider (University of Munich)

“Today’s Metaphysics Between Scylla and Charybdis: Between Redundancy and Esoterics.”

Commentator: Dominic Balestra (Fordham University)

10:10–11:10 Session II

Moderator: William Hamrick (Southern Illinois University)

Speaker: Brian G. Henning (Gonzaga University)

“In Defense of Speculative, Systematic Metaphysics”

Commentator: William Hamrick (Southern Illinois University)

11:20–12:20 Session III

Moderator: George Allan (Dickinson College)

Speaker: Robert Neville (Boston University)

“Being as Determinate and its Ground”

Commentator: Joshua Tepley (St. Anselm College)

2:00 Session IV

Moderator: Timothy Eastman (Aries Scientific)

Speaker: Oliva Blanchette (Boston College)

“Questions of Being and the Question of Being”
Commentator: George Lucas (VADM James Stockwell Center for Ethics)

3:10–4:35 Keynote Address

Introduction: Alan White (Williams College)
Speaker: Lorenz B. Puntel (University of Munich)
“Is Leibniz’s question ‘Why Is There Anything Rather Than Nothing?’ a Meaningful One?”

4:45–6:10 Presidential Address

Introduction: Richard Dien Winfield, President-Elect (University of Georgia)
Speaker: Alan White (Williams College)
“Rearticulating Being”

Saturday

9:00–10:00 Session V

Moderator: Wesley DeMarco (Clark University)
Speaker: Brad Patty, Winner of the Aristotle Prize (University of Georgia)
“The Form is the Thing”
Commentator: Elizabeth Robinson (Boston University)

10:10–11:20 Session VI

Moderator: Melvin Woody (Connecticut College)
Speaker: Richard Livingston (Claremont Graduate University)
“Khoralogical Connections”
Commentator: James Murdock (Villanova University)

11:20–12:30 Session VII

Moderator: Oliva Blanchette (Boston College)
Speaker: Renato M. R. G. Brandão (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)
“Parmenidean Monism”
Commentator: Wesley DeMarco, Clark University

2:00–3:00 Session VIII

Moderator: James Murdock, Villanova University
Speaker: May Sim (College of the Holy Cross)
“Questioning the One and the Many with Aristotle and Zhu Xi”
Commentator: Joey Carter, University of Georgia

3:10–4:10 Session IX

Moderator: Dominic Balestra (Fordham University)
Speaker: Eric v. d. Luft (SUNY Upstate Medical University)

“The Principle of Sufficient Reason as the Principle of the Ultimate Ground of Being”

Commentator: Melvin Woody (Connecticut College)

4:20–5:20 Session X

Moderator: May Sim, College of the Holy Cross

Speaker: Michael Baur (Fordham University)

“The Being of Groups”

Commentator: Brian G. Henning (Gonzaga University)

5:30–6:30 Session XI

Moderator: Richard Livingston (Claremont Graduate University)

Speaker: Vincent Colapietro (The Pennsylvania State University)

“Being, Existence, and Reality: Peirce on the Modes of Being”

Commentator: Oliva Blanchette (Boston College)

6:40 Business meeting