

## EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS

October 20-22, 2016

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:30 AM     **Registration, Continental Breakfast & Coffee**             Brower Commons, Room A and Room B/C
- 10:30 AM - **Concurrent Session 1**
- 11:25 AM     “Theistic Evolutionists Should Kill Methodological Naturalism”             Brower Commons, Room A  
                   Steve Dilley, St. Edward’s University  
                   Chair: Philip Swenson, Rutgers University
- “When Religion Harms: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Trauma             Brower Commons, Room B/C  
                   and Loss of Faith”  
                   Michelle Panchuk, University of Notre Dame  
                   Chair: Matthew Baddorf, University of Rochester
- “Divine Quantifier: Ontological Pluralism and the Trinity”             New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
                   Aaron Arinder, Syracuse University             Room 115  
                   Chair: Daniel Rubio, Rutgers University
- “The Epistemic Impacts of Answered and Unanswered Prayers”             New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
                   Isaac Choi, Rivendell Institute - Yale University             Room 108  
                   Chair: Robert MacSwain, School of Theology - University of the South
- 11:35 AM - **Concurrent Session 2**
- 12:30 PM     “Thomistic Eudaimonism”             Brower Commons, Room A  
                   Matthew Shea, Saint Louis University  
                   Chair: Beth Rath, Borromeo Seminary / John Carroll University
- “The Will Not to Believe”             Brower Commons, Room B/C  
                   Jack Warman, University of York (presenting)  
                   Joshua Cockayne, University of York (co-author)  
                   Chair: Marilie Coetsee, Rutgers University
- “Strikingness: Why Do Certain States Of Affairs Call For Explanation?”             New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
                   Dan Baras, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem             Room 115  
                   Chair: Daniel Rubio, Rutgers University
- “Transformed by Faith”             New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
                   \*\*\*Winner, graduate student paper prize\*\*\*             Room 108  
                   Rebecca Chan, University of Notre Dame  
                   Chair: Robert MacSwain, School of Theology - University of the South
- 12:40 PM     **Lunch Provided**             Brower Commons Room A and Room B/C
- 1:45 PM - **Concurrent Session 3**
- 2:40 PM     “What Happens Before Pascal’s Wager: The Apologetic Project of the             Brower Commons, Room A  
                   Pensées and the Psychology of Persuasion”  
                   Daniel Collette, St. Norbert College  
                   Joe Anderson, Central Michigan University  
                   Chair: Janelle Aijian, Biola University
- “Belief, Credence, and Faith”             Brower Commons, Room B/C  
                   Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame  
                   Chair: Blake McAllister, Hillsdale College
- “In Defense of Theistic Assuming”             New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
                   Caroline Paddock, Baylor University             Room 115

- Chair: Shane Wilkins, Fordham University  
 “The Bible Against Relative-Identity Trinitarianism” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Dale Tuggy, State University of New York at Fredonia Room 108  
 Chair: Zita Toth, Fordham University
- 2:50 PM - **Concurrent Session 4**
- 3:45 PM “Causation and Responsibility for Omissions” Brower Commons, Room A  
 Philip Swenson, Rutgers University  
 Chair: Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame
- “How to Be a Rational Foundationalist” Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Chad McIntosh, Cornell University  
 Chair: Aaron Arinder, Syracuse University
- “Can a Life that Ends Be Happy? Augustine vs. John Duns Scotus” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Caleb Cohoe, Metropolitan State University of Denver Room 115  
 Chair: Zita Toth, Fordham University
- “Could Propositions Be Divine Thoughts? A Response to Van Inwagen” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Lorraine Keller, Niagara University Room 108  
 Chair: Daniel Rubio, Rutgers University
- 3:55 PM **Coffee break**
- 4:30 PM - **Concurrent Session 5**
- 5:25 PM “Pascalian Wagering and the Problems of Divine Abandonment” Brower Commons, Room A  
 Gary Mar, Stony Brook University  
 Chair: Dan Baras, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- “Moral Problems for Pragmatic Faith” Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Matthew Baddorf, University of Rochester  
 Chair: Finlay Malcolm, University of Manchester
- “Eternal Life, Boredom, and Divine Infinity” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Jonathan Hill, University of Exeter Room 115  
 Chair: David Vander Laan, Westmont College
- “Christ's Faith, Doubt, and the Cry of Dereliction” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Beth Rath, Borromeo Seminary / John Carroll University Room 108  
 Chair: Cameron Domenico Kirk-Giannini, Rutgers University
- 5:35 PM- **Keynote Address 1: Lara Buchak** Brower Commons, Faculty Dining Hall  
 6:35 PM
- 6:45 PM **Conference Dinner** Brower Commons, Faculty & Staff Dining Room

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:30 AM **Late Registration, Continental Breakfast & Coffee** Brower Commons, Room A and Room B/C
- 10:30 AM - **Concurrent Session 6**
- 11:25 AM “Agent-Causation, the First Event, and the Origin Argument” Brower Commons, Room A  
 Jonathan Nebel, Saint Louis University  
 Chair: Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame
- “Skeptical Theism, Plantinga's Religious Epistemology, and  
 Debunking Arguments” Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Andrew Moon, University of Notre Dame  
 Chair: Matt Smith, Princeton Theological Seminary
- “Practically an Ontological Argument for Religious Engagement” New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
 Hugh Burling, University of Cambridge/University of Notre Dame Room 115  
 Chair: Eddy Chen, Rutgers University
- 11:35 AM - **Concurrent Session 7**

- 12:30 PM "Intentionality as Partial Identity" Brower Commons, Room A  
 Christopher Tomaszewski, Baylor University  
 Chair: Matt Smith, Princeton Theological Seminary
- "The Movement of the Machine: Why Pascal's Discourse Fails to Produce Faith" Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Janelle Aijian, Biola University  
 Chair: Chris Willard-Kyle, Rutgers University
- "The Hagiological Argument for the Existence of God" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115  
 Robert MacSwain, School of Theology - University of the South  
 Chair: Eli Shupe, Rutgers University
- 12:40 PM **Lunch Provided** Brower Commons Room A and Room B/C
- 1:45 PM - **Concurrent Session 8**
- 2:40 PM "Does truth distinguish faith from fictionalism?" Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Finlay Malcolm, University of Manchester  
 Chair: Marilie Coetsee, Rutgers University
- "The Simulation Hypothesis as a Response to the Problem of 'Nautral' Evil" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115  
 Dustin Crummett, University of Notre Dame  
 Chair: Philip Swenson, Rutgers University
- "The Paradox of the End without End" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108  
 David Vander Laan, Westmont College  
 Chair: Chris Willard-Kyle, Rutgers University
- 2:50 PM - **Concurrent Session 9**
- 3:45 PM "Complex Survivalism, or How to Lose Your Essence and Live to Tell About It" Brower Commons, Room A  
 Jeremy Skrzypek, Saint Louis University  
 Chair: Caleb Cohoe, Metropolitan State University of Denver
- "Might Moses and Mackie both be Right? Developing Theistic Moral Nihilism" Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Joshua Smart, Christopher Newport University  
 Chair: Dan Baras, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- "Relinquishing Divine Knowledge: Toward a Kenotic, Perfect Being Theology" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115  
 Chris Willard-Kyle, Rutgers University  
 Chair: David Vander Laan, Westmont College
- "Credal Voluntarism and Christian Faith" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108  
 John Pittard, Yale University  
 Chair: Marilie Coetsee, Rutgers University
- 3:55 PM **Coffee break**
- 4:30 PM - **Concurrent Session 10**
- 5:25 PM "A Pascalian Response to Draper-Style Arguments from Evil" Brower Commons, Room A  
 David Wood, Independent Scholar  
 Chair: Chris Hauser, Rutgers University
- "There is No Such Thing as Self-Determination" Brower Commons, Room B/C  
 Jesse Schupack, University of Notre Dame  
 Chair: Philip Swenson, Rutgers University
- "The Perspective of Faith" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115  
 Blake McAllister, Hillsdale College  
 Chair: Caleb Cohoe, Metropolitan State University of Denver
- "Rationality, Successful Arguments, and Acquiring Faith" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108  
 John Keller, Niagara University  
 Chair: Daniel Rubio, Rutgers University

5:35 PM- **Keynote Address 2: Dan Garber** Brower Commons, Faculty & Staff Dining Room  
6:35 PM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 AM **Late Registration, Continental Breakfast & Coffee** Brower Commons, Room AB/C

10:00 AM- **Keynote Address 3: Laurie Paul** Brower Commons, Room AB/C  
11:00 AM

11:15 AM- **Keynote Address 4: Alan Hajek** Brower Commons, Room AB/C  
12:15 PM

12:15 PM **Lunch Provided** Brower Commons, Faculty & Staff Dining Room

1:00 PM- **Round Table Discussion with Keynote Speakers** Brower Commons, Room AB/C  
3:00 PM