

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, Coffee** Brower Commons
- 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
- "When Religion Harms: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Trauma and Loss of Faith" Brower Commons, Room B/C
Michelle Panchuk, University of Notre Dame
- "Divine Quantifier: Ontological Pluralism and the Trinity" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
Aaron Arinder, Syracuse University
- "The Epistemic Impacts of Answered and Unanswered Prayers" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
Isaac Choi, Rivendell Institute - Yale University
- 11:35 AM - **Concurrent Session 2**
- 12:30 PM "Thomistic Eudaimonism" Brower Commons, Room A
Matthew Shea, Saint Louis University
- "The Will Not to Believe" Brower Commons, Room B/C
Jack Warman, University of York (presenting)
Joshua Cockayne, University of York (co-author)
- "Strikingness: Why Do Certain States Of Affairs Call For Explanation?" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
Dan Baras, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- "Transformed by Faith" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
****Winner, graduate student paper prize****
Rebecca Chan, University of Notre Dame
- 12:40 PM **Lunch**
- 1:45 PM - **Concurrent Session 3**
- 2:40 PM "What Happens Before Pascal's Wager: The Apologetic Project of the Pensées and the Psychology of Persuasion" Brower Commons, Room A
Daniel Collette, St. Norbert College
Joe Anderson, Central Michigan University
- "Belief, Credence, and Faith" Brower Commons, Room B/C
Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame
- "In Defense of Theistic Assuming" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
Caroline Paddock, Baylor University
- "The Bible Against Relative-Identity Trinitarianism" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
Dale Tuggy, State University of New York at Fredonia
- 2:50 PM - **Concurrent Session 4**
- 3:45 PM "Causation and Responsibility for Omissions" Brower Commons, Room A
Philip Swenson, Rutgers University
- "How to Be a Rational Foundationalist" Brower Commons, Room B/C
Chad McIntosh, Cornell University
- "Can a Life that Ends Be Happy? Augustine vs. John Duns Scotus" New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
Caleb Cohoe, Metropolitan State University of Denver

	“Could Propositions Be Divine Thoughts? A Response to Van Inwagen”	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Lorraine Keller, Niagara University	Room 108
3:55 PM	Coffee break		
4:30 PM -	Concurrent Session 5		
5:25 PM	“Pascalian Wagering and the Problems of Divine Abandonment”	Gary Mar, Stony Brook University	Brower Commons, Room A
	“Moral Problems for Pragmatic Faith”	Matthew Baddorf, University of Rochester	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“Eternal Life, Boredom, and Divine Infinity”	Jonathan Hill, University of Exeter	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
	“Christ's Faith, Doubt, and the Cry of Dereliction”	Beth Rath, Borromeo Seminary / John Carroll University	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
5:35 PM- 6:35 PM	Keynote Address 1: Lara Buchak		Brower Commons, Faculty Dining Hall
6:45 PM	Conference Dinner		Brower Commons

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 AM	Late registration, Coffee		Brower Commons
10:30 AM -	Concurrent Session 6		
11:25 AM	“Agent-Causation, the First Event, and the Origin Argument”	Jonathan Nebel, Saint Louis University	Brower Commons, Room A
	“Skeptical Theism, Plantinga's Religious Epistemology, and Debunking Arguments”	Andrew Moon, University of Notre Dame	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“Practically an Ontological Argument for Religious Engagement”	Hugh Burling, University of Cambridge/University of Notre Dame	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
11:35 AM -	Concurrent Session 7		
12:30 PM	“Intentionality as Partial Identity”	Christopher Tomaszewski, Baylor University	Brower Commons, Room A
	“The Movement of the Machine: Why Pascal's Discourse Fails to Produce Faith”	Janelle Aijian, Biola University	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“The Hagiological Argument for the Existence of God”	Robert MacSwain, School of Theology - University of the South	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
12:40 PM	Lunch		
1:45 PM -	Concurrent Session 8		
2:40 PM	“Ockham's Account of Essential Dependence: Preliminary Thoughts on a Medieval Account of Fundamentality”	Joshua Blander, The King's College New York City	Brower Commons, Room A
	“Does truth distinguish faith from fictionalism?”	Finlay Malcolm, University of Manchester	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“The Simulation Hypothesis as a Response to the Problem of 'Nautral' Evil”	Dustin Crummett, University of Notre Dame	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
	“The Paradox of the End without End”	David Vander Laan, Westmont College	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108

2:50 PM -	Concurrent Session 9	
3:45 PM	“Complex Survivalism, or How to Lose Your Essence and Live to Tell About It” Jeremy Skrzypek, Saint Louis University	Brower Commons, Room A
	“Might Moses and Mackie both be Right? Developing Theistic Moral Nihilism” Joshua Smart, Christopher Newport University	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“Relinquishing Divine Knowledge: Toward a Kenotic, Perfect Being Theology” Chris Willard-Kyle, Rutgers University	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
	“Credal Voluntarism and Christian Faith” John Pittard, Yale University	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
3:55 PM	Coffee break	
4:30 PM -	Concurrent Session 10	
5:25 PM	“A Pascalian Response to Draper-Style Arguments from Evil” David Wood	Brower Commons, Room A
	“There is No Such Thing as Self-Determination” Jesse Schupack, University of Notre Dame	Brower Commons, Room B/C
	“The Perspective of Faith” Blake McAllister, Hillsdale College	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 115
	“Rationality, Successful Arguments, and Acquiring Faith” John Keller, Niagara University	New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Room 108
5:35 PM- 6:35 PM	Keynote Address 2: Dan Garber	Brower Commons, Faculty Dining Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 AM	Late registration, Coffee	Brower Commons
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Keynote Address 3: Laurie Paul	Brower Commons, Room AB/C
11:15 AM- 12:15 PM	Keynote Address 4: Alan Hajek	Brower Commons, Room AB/C
12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Round Table Discussion with keynote speakers	Brower Commons, Room AB/C