

SMRP 2026: Draft Program

Monday, June 8

09:00 -10:30

1. Late Ancient/Medieval Logic (Session Chair: Caleb Cohoe (Metropolitan State University of Denver))
 - Vikram Kumar (Purdue University), “Essence and Modality in Porphyry's *Isagoge*”
 - Sebastiano Belleggia (Columbia University), “Ammonius and Kilwardby on Nominal Tense”
2. God's Relations with Creatures: Avicenna and Aquinas (Session Chair: Seyed Mousavian (Loyola University Chicago))
 - Saber Mohsen (Stony Brook University), “Avicenna on Providence and Its Necessitating Function”
 - Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University), “Can God Annihilate an Angel?”
3. Intentionality: Albert and Aquinas (Session Chair: Fr, Adrian Patrick McCaffery, OP (The Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas))
 - Samuel Pell (University of Notre Dame), “Albert the Great's Theory of Intentionality”
 - Therese Cory (University of Notre Dame), “‘Repraesentare’ vs. Representation? A Study of Aquinas's Terminology”

11:00-12:30

4. Bob Pasnau (UC Boulder), Keynote Lecture

2:30 - 4:00

5. Augustine's Philosophy of Mind (Session Chair: Susan Brower-Toland (Saint Louis University))

- Caleb Cohoe (Metropolitan State University of Denver), “Introspection and the Limits of Human Nature: Augustine on Why I Need to Know and Love God over Self”
 - Scott MacDonald (Cornell University), “Augustine’s Ontology of Cognition in *Soliloquia*: An Early Turning Point”
6. Themes in Avicenna (Session Chair: Robert Pasnau (UC Boulder))
- Rosabel Ansari (Stony Brook University), “Does God Love Those Who Love Him? Avicenna on Sainthood”
 - Seyed Mousavian (Loyola University Chicago), “Avicenna on Soul, Body, and Eschatology”
 - Ismail Kurun (Vanderbilt University), “Necessity, Certainty, and Innateness in Avicenna's Rationalism”
7. Death, Sin, and the Afterlife in Aquinas (Session Chair: Daniel Grasso (Saint Louis University))
- Ashley Comstock (College of St. Scholastica), “From Unforgivable Words to Forgivable Malice: Sinning unto Death in Aquinas and his Predecessors”
 - Jacob Tuttle (University of St. Thomas), “Seeing God Face to Face: Aquinas on Human Nature, Heaven, and the Body”

4:30-6:00

8. Medieval Conceptions of the Human Intellect (Session Chair: Adam Wood (Wheaton College))
- Pia Antolic-Piper (James Madison University), “‘De partibus intellective virtutis [...] sunt crudeliores errores quam alibi’: Understanding Roger Bacon’s Contribution to Conceptions of Intellect in MS Amiens, BM, 406”
 - Yanfu Chen (KU Leuven), “Godfrey of Fontaines on the Human Understanding in Context”
9. Virtue, Action, and Habit in Aquinas (Session Chair: Rebecca Hicks (Saint Louis University))
- Colleen McCluskey (Saint Louis University), “The Scope Problem in Aquinas’s Account of Courage”
 - Jing Fanrui (University of Notre Dame), “Aquinas on Sudden Actions from Moral Habitus: Motivation and Moral Perception”

10. Arabic and Western Philosophy in Dialogue (Session Chair: Therese Cory (University of Notre Dame))

- Nathaniel Taylor (Catholic University of America), “Averroes, Aquinas, and Avicenna on the Signification of Paronymous Terms”
- Seth Kreeger (Marquette University), “Avicenna and Aquinas on Neutrally Immaterial Being and Form as a Principle of Esse”
- Ismail Kurun (Vanderbilt University), “The Ethics of the ‘Floating Man’: Human Dignity in Avicenna?”

Tuesday June 9

9:00-10:30

11. Angels All the Way Down (Session Chair: James Pepe (Saint Louis University))

- Fr. Adrian Patrick McCaffery, OP (The Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas), “Architectonic Minds: Aquinas on Angelic Infused Knowledge and Communication Against the Scotist Alternative”
- James Kintz (Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology), “Why Can't Angels Know Our Secret Thoughts?: An Exploration of Aquinas's Understanding of Mindreading”
- Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University), “Angelic Knowledge”

12. Existence and Infinity in Muslim Philosophy (Session Chair: Stephen Ogden (University of Notre Dame))

- Zachary Candy (LMU Munich), “The Attribute of Existence Is the Same for All Essences”: Bahshamite Mu‘tazilite Arguments for the Univocity of Existence and Their Afterlife in Avicenna”
- Saad Shaukat (University of California Los Angeles), “Avicenna on Actual Infinity”

13. Medieval Philosophical Theology (Session Chair: Colleen McCluskey (Saint Louis University))

- Adam Wood (Wheaton College), “The Problem of Hell in St. Catherine of Siena's *Dialogue*”
- Richard Cross (University of Notre Dame), “Peter Auriol on the Distinction of Persons in the Trinity”

11:00-12:30

14. Aquinas on the Metaphysics of Action (Session Chair: Christopher Shields (UC San Diego))

- Francis Feingold (Kenrick-Glennon Seminary), “Locating Aquinas’s Transient Actions: A Relation-Based Model”
- Jacob Tuttle (University of St. Thomas), “Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change”

15. Cognition and Semantics (Session Chair: Pia Antolic Piper (James Madison University))

- Cameron Lugo (University of Notre Dame), “The Agent Intellect in Bonaventure’s Theory of Cognition”
- Simone Luigi Migliaro (Humboldt-University, Berlin/University of Toronto), “Thomas Manlevelt and Albert of Saxony on Singular Terms and Material Constituents”

16. Psychology and Natural Philosophy (Session Chair: Can Laurens Löwe (Saint Louis University))

- Marek Gensler (University of Lodz), “‘Aequivocatio circa animam’: Geoffrey of Aspall’s Attempt at Harmonizing Psychology”
- John Sica (Providence College), “Resolution to First Principles in Giles of Rome’s *Posterior Analytics* Commentary”

2:30-4:00

17. Puzzles in Aristotelian Theories of Motion: Aquinas & Suarez (Session Chair: Jacob Tuttle (University of St. Thomas, Houston))

- Jeffrey Brower (Purdue University), “Substantial Motion—Aquinas on Physics III and V”
- Christopher Shields (University of California San Diego), “Moving, Metaphorically”

18. Henry of Ghent’s Philosophy of Mind (Session Chair: Richard Cross (University of Notre Dame))

- Rui Xu (University of Toronto), “Henry of Ghent on the Distinction between Divine Practical and Theoretical Ideas”
- Can Laurens Löwe (Saint Louis University), “The Early Henry of Ghent on the Possible Intellect’s Potency”

19. Medieval Metaphysics: Ontology and Methodology (Session Chair: Peter Hartman (Loyola University Chicago))

- Dustin Kerb (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), "The Presence of Absence: Anselm of Canterbury's Ontology of 'Nothing'"
- Andre Martin (Humboldt-University, Berlin) "Nominalist Physics apart from a Terminist Semantics? Durand, Auriol, and Ockham and their Minimal Principles of Change"

4:30-6:00

20. Aquinas on Hope (Session Chair: Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University))

- Daniel Grasso (Saint Louis University), "A New Hope for Aquinas: Aquinas and the Contemporary Hope Literature"
- Jeffrey Hause (Creighton University), "Aquinas on Hope's Attention"

21. Willing and Cognizing in Scotus (Session Chair: Nate Bulthuis (Saint Joseph's University))

- Thomas Osborne (University of St. Thomas), "John Duns Scotus's Two Views on the Will as Collative Power"
- Matthew Wennemann (UC Boulder), "Being and Intuitive Cognition in Duns Scotus"

Wednesday June 10

9:00-10:30

22. Subjectivity and Eternity in Muslim and Jewish Philosophy (Session Chair: Menashe Roberts (Saint Louis University))

- Reza Hadisi (University of Toronto), "Ibn 'Arabi's Reality of Realities and Kantian Transcendental Subjects"
- Bruce McCuskey (University of Notre Dame), "Abraham Bibago's Theological Argument Against the Eternity of the World"

23. Ethics in Scotus and Ockham (Session Chair: Matthew Wennemann (UC Boulder))

- Benjamin Prisk (Georgetown University), "Virtue, Prudence, and Freedom in John Duns Scotus and William of Ockham"
- Eunjin Hong (UC Boulder), "Scotus as a Moral Particularist"

11:00-12:30

24. The Ontological Status of the *Ens Rationis* in Early Fourteenth-Century Philosophy of Mind (Session Chair: Scott MacDonald (Cornell University))

- Nate Bulthuis (Saint Joseph's University), "*Entia Rationis* in Walter Burley's Early Logical Commentaries"
- Peter Hartman (Loyola University Chicago), "What Do I have in My Mind? Early 14th-Century Debates about the Ontological Status of *entia rationis*"

25. Epistemology and Modality in Second Scholasticism (Session Chair: Tad Schmaltz (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor))

- Nathaniel Olson (University of Coimbra), "Sensed Objects and Demon Skepticism in Later Scholasticism: The Case of pre-Cartesian Skepticism in Francisco Suarez and John of St. Thomas"
- Philip Choi (Yonsei University), "Realism and Anti-Realism about Moral Necessity in the 17th Century"

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26. SMRP Presidential Address

- Stephen Ogden (University of Notre Dame), "TBD"

4:30-6:00

27. Matter and Dimensions (Session Chair: John Peck (Saint Louis University))

- Matthew McShurley (Catholic University of America), "The Dimensions of Informed Matter: The Real Foundation for Indeterminate Dimensions in Aquinas's Early Writings"
- Giovanni Lasorella (University of Salento, University of Cologne), "Contradictions and Development: John Picard of Lichtenberg and the Historical Interpretation of Aquinas's Theory of *Dimensiones Interminatae*"
- Abigail Whalen (University of Notre Dame), "Individuation by Dimensive Matter in Ibn Rushd's Commentaries on the *Metaphysics*"

28. Late-Medieval Nominalism (Session Chair: Jeff Brower (Purdue University))

- Susan Brower-Toland (Saint Louis University) and Jonathan Jacobs (Saint Louis University), “Nominalism without Poverty: Ockham on Things and the Ways They Are”
- Tad Schmaltz (University of Michigan), “Suárez on Universals, Formal Unity, and Nominalism”

29. Fifteenth-Century and Renaissance Thought (Session Chair: Sam Pell (University of Notre Dame))

- Monika Mansfeld (University of Lodz), “Was There a Revival of Abelardian Ethics in Vienna in the Fifteenth Century? A Curious Case of John Berwart of Villingen”
- Nicoletta Nativio (Charles University, Prague), “Averroes, Albert, and the *Moderni*: Paduan Debates on Psychology”