

**Postmodernism, Culture and Religion 4**  
***“The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion”***  
**Program**

(Updated 3/11/11)

**Thursday**

**3:30-5:30**

**CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

**Panel A: Focus on Harvey Cox Comstock A**

Moderator: David L. Miller, Syracuse University

*Affirmations, Negations, Counter-Reformations: The S-Word in the Theologians' Pit*

Lissa McCullough, Independent Scholar

*Does the Religious Intellectual have a Future? Harvey Cox, Post-Secular Spirituality, and Living Religiously in Public*

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University

Respondent:

Harvey Cox, Harvard Divinity School

**Panel B: Engaging Malabou Comstock B**

Moderator: Thomas Brockelman, LeMoyne College

*On Reading- Catherine Malabou*

Randall Johnson, Psychiatry, Chapel Hill, NC

*Future Blindness*

William Robert, Syracuse University

*Plasticity in Contemporary Islamic Subject*

John Tibdeau, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Panel C: Kierkegaard on God, Faith, and the Eschatological Comstock C**

Moderator: Bruce Benson, Wheaton College

*The Broken Binary & Interstitial God: Finding Faith in the Margin of the Text*  
Jensen Suther, Elon University

*Speculating about Kierkegaard's God: (Pseudonymous) Authorship and Authority*  
Dave Mesing, Duquesne University

*The Humility of Faith as Eschatological Trust in the Unhoped For: Chretien and Kierkegaard*  
Mark Tazelaar, Dordt College

**5:30-7:00**      **Dinner**

**7:00-8:30**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Catherine Malabou**      **Ballroom**  
Moderator: Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

*The Future of Derrida*

**8:30-10:30**      **Reception**

**Friday**

**9:00-11:00**      **CONCURRENT SESSION 2**

**Panel A:**      **Focus on Peter Rollins**      **Comstock A**  
Moderator: Phil Snider, Drury University

*The Cosmic Double-Cross: The Psycho-Christ Event*  
Creston Davis, Rollins University

*Peter Rollins and the Deconstructed Church: How Pub Churches, Continental Philosophy, and Provocative Preaching is Shaping the Future of Emerging Christianity*  
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Respondent:  
Peter Rollins

- Panel B: Engaging Deleuze and Immanence** **Waverly**  
Moderator: William Rowe, University of Scranton
- Deleuze's Christology: Or, Deleuze, "Please Meet Irenaeus"*  
Francis Sanzaro, Syracuse University
- Love and Time: Possibility of Immanent Enchantment in Augustine, Woolf, and Joyce*  
Jeffrey McMurry, Duquesne University
- Divine Folds of Bifurcation: When Chaos and Tehom Fold into Each Other*  
An Yountae, Drew University
- Panel C: Religious Politics and/or Political Religion** **Adams**  
Moderator: Ludger Viefhues-Bailey, LeMoyne College
- Of Religion & Politics: Refusing the Space-Between*  
Geraldine Finn, Carleton University
- Complementary Learning for the Critique of Empire*  
Joseph Bartlett, Eden Theological Seminary
- Radical Theology & the Dangerous Memory of Jesus*  
Cameron Freeman, University of Adelaide
- Panel D: Liturgy, Futurity, and the Apocalypse** **Comstock B**  
Moderator: Daniel Wood, Loyola University of Chicago
- Overwhelming Abundance & Everyday Liturgical Practices: For a Less Excessive Phenomenology of Religious Experience*  
Christina M. Gschwandtner, University of Scranton
- The Future of 'Theological' Phenomenology is . . . Phenomenology and the Future*  
Neal DeRoo, Dordt College
- Postmodern Apocalypse: Placing Levinas & Derrida in Line with Transcendental Methodology*

Ronald Mercer, Oakland City University

**Panel E: Why Can't We Be Friends? Analytic and Continental Philosophies of Religion Comstock C**

Moderator: Joseph Godfrey, St. Joseph's University

*Trying to Understand How Barbarian I Am: Challenging Moreland's Invectives Against All Things Postmodern*

Carlos Bovell, Institute for Christian Studies

*Exposures & Acknowledgements: Philosophy of Religion the Day After Tomorrow*

Tyler Roberts, Grinnell College

*The Promise of a Continental Philosophy of Religion* Phil Banning, Metropolitan State College of Denver

**Panel F: Vattimo and Transformative Temporality Marshall**

Moderator: Anthony W. Bartlett, Theology and Peace

*Continental Drift: Flaneuring with Vattimo*

Mike Grimshaw, University of Canterbury

*Alternative Futures: Secularizing Messianic Time from Benjamin to Dupuy*

Sophie Fuggle, King's College, London

*Time and Transformation: Beyond the Postmodern*

David Newheiser, University of Chicago

**11:00-11:15 Coffee**

**11:15-1:15 CONCURRENT SESSION 3**

**Panel A: Focus on Caputo and Westphal Comstock A**

Moderator: Sharon Baker, Messiah College

*Friends and Strangers/Poets and Rabbis: Negotiating a 'Capuphalian' Philosophy of Religion*

B. Keith Putt, Samford University

Respondents:

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

Merold Westphal, Fordham University

**Panel B: Agamben and Ecstatic Speech: Reflections on The Irreparable and The Reject**

Moderator: Abi Doukhan, Queens College, CUNY

**Marshall**

*I Speak in Tongues More Than All of You: Badiou and Agamben on Glossolalia*

Joseph Spencer, University of New Mexico

*Religion, The Irreparable & Substitution in the Thought of Giorgio Agamben*

Chris Fox, Newman University

*Prolegomenon to Thinking The Reject for the Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion*

Irving Goh, Cornell University

**Panel C: Constructing, Consuming, and Deconstructing**

**Comstock B**

Moderator: Frederick Ruf, Georgetown University

*Reassembling the Sacred: Bruno Latour's Philosophy of Religion*

Michael Norton, Villanova University

*Philosophy is What it Eats*

Adam S. Miller, Collin College

*Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Deconstruction, Evolution and the New Atheism*

Donovan Schaefer, Syracuse University

**Panel D: Faith, Truth, and Primal Scenes**

**Adams**

Moderator: Brayton Polka, York University

*Philosophy's Critical Spirituality: Three Primal Scenes*

J. Heath Atchley, Five College Consortium

*Truth, or The Futures of Philosophy of Religion*

Nick Trakakis, Australian Catholic University

*Auto-da-Fé*

Nancy Billias, St. Joseph College

**Panel E: Incarnation Within the Limits of the Maternal and the Aesthetic**

Moderator: Mirela Oliva, University of St. Thomas

**Comstock C**

*Mother & Matrix: DeSilentio Delivers Derrida & Kristeva*

Edward Mooney, Syracuse University

*Beyond the Post-Secular: The Aesthetic Validity of Kant's Religion*

Eric Bugyis, Yale University

*The Incarnate God: Merleau-Ponty's Response to Kierkegaard's Philosophy of a Dead God*

Timothy Jussaume, Villanova University

**Panel F: Bridging the Two Cultures: Scientific and Religious Paradigms**

**Waverly**

Moderator: Merridawn Duckler, Independent Author

*Object Oriented Religion*

Michael Ardoline, West Chester University

*Resurrecting the Subject: Philosophy of Religion as Trauma*

Tamsin Jones, Harvard University

*More (and Less) Continental*

David Liu, Duke University

**1:15-2:45 Lunch**

**2:45-4:45 CONCURRENT SESSION 4**

**Panel A: Focus on François Laruelle's *Future Christ***

**Comstock A**

Moderator: Matthew Scherer, Union College

*"We are, each-and-everyone, a Christ or Messiah": The Generic and Non-Philosophy's Secularity*

Anthony Paul Smith, University of Nottingham

*Laruelle, Diaspora and Non-Philosophy of Religion*

Daniel Colucciello Barber, Marymount Manhattan College

*Non-philosophy and Meaning-use Analysis: Explicating Laruelle with Brandom*

Rocco Gangle, Endicott College

**Panel B: On Goodchild, Economy, and Ecology Comstock B**

Moderator: Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary

*Slippery Slopes, Common Grounds, and Uncharted Territories: A Nomadic Understanding of Religion and Ecology*

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

*Theological Money and Monetized Philosophy: Uneasy Linkages and the Future of a Discourse*

Devin Singh, Yale University

*Crisis & Critique: A Commentary on Goodchild's Capitalism & Religion*

Daniel Whistler, University of Liverpool

**Panel C: Revisioning Radical Theology Comstock C**

Moderator: Thomas J.J. Altizer, SUNY/Stony Brook, Emeritus

*The Passing of Peace: The Ascension and the Death of God*

Christopher Rodkey, Lebanon Valley College

*An Unknown Voice for an Unknown God: Christos Yannaras and the Death of God*

Mark Westmoreland, Villanova University

*Counter-Currents: Theology & the Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion*

Noëlle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College

**Panel D: Ethics and the Affirmation of Alterity Waverly**

Moderator: Bryne Lewis Allport, Luzerne Community College

*Ethics, Empathy, and the Divine: the one-for-the-other is the encounter with God*  
Karen Kolano, Duquesne University

Faith Beyond Optimism: An Ancient Invocation for Postmodern Times  
Sarah MacMillen, Duquesne University

*What Will We Think About if We Think About Creation? A Synthesis of Kant, Arendt, Levinas, and Nancy*  
Mark Cauchi, York University

**Panel E: Transreligious Transformations: Schelling, Secularism, and St. Paul**  
Moderator: Karmen MacKendrick, LeMoyne College **Adams**

*Body, Breath & Spirit: On Schelling and Irigaray*  
Lenart Skof, University of Primorska

*"Islamic" Secularity sans Secularism in a Democracy à-venir*  
Badredine Arfi, University of Florida

*Taking Things out of Context: Down the Post-Colonial Rabbit-hole with Alain Badiou, St. Paul and Wendy Doniger*  
Brian Collins, North Carolina State University

**4:45-5:15 Coffee**

**5:15-6:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Philip Goodchild**  
Moderator: Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

*The Future of Liberation*

**Saturday**

**9:00-11:00 CONCURRENT SESSION 5**

**Panel A: Spectral Materialisms: Deconstruction, Speculative Realism and the Void: A Panel Convened by the Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion (UK)**  
**Comstock B**

Moderator: Michael O'Neill Burns, University of Dundee.

*"Eating Well" in Church: In-carnating an A/Theological Materialism*

Katharine Moody, Independent Scholar

*The Persistence of the Trace: Interrogating the Gods of Speculative Realism*

Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool Hope University

*"Improper Names for God"*

Daniel Whistler, Liverpool University

**Panel B: Reb Žižek on Justice and the End of Days Comstock A**

Moderator: Chad Lakies, Concordia Seminary

*Between Justice and My Mother*

Gavin Hyman, University of Lancaster

*The Patient Political Gesture: Spacing Law, Liberalism & Talmud*

Zachary Braiterman, Syracuse University

*Ruses of the End Times: Žižek on the Apocalypse and Emancipatory Politics*

Ian Pattenden, McGill University

**Panel C: Countersigning Derrida Comstock C**

Moderator: Mark Gedney, Gordon College

*Thinking God Otherwise: Sovereignty without Sovereignty*

Jim Olthius, Institute for Christian Studies

*Dreaming the Monstrous Future of Continental Philosophy, or What Derrida Was Really Up to*

Carl Raschke, University of Denver

*Jacques Derrida on the Secular as Theologico-Political*

Andrew Cassatella, University of Toronto

**Panel D: Interdisciplinarity, Fantasy, and Critical Theory Waverly**

Moderator: Jordan Miller, Salve Regina University

*Transformative Exercises: Foucault and the Discipline of Continental Philosophy of Religion*

Wilson Dickinson, Syracuse University

*Why Philosophy of Religion? On Interdisciplinarity and Indisciplinarity in the Study of Religion*

Joseph Ballan, University of Chicago Divinity School

*The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion: A Return to Fantasy*

Zachary Simpson, University of Science/Arts of Oklahoma

**Panel E: Poetics of Salvation: Telling Stories of Hope in the Desert Adams**

Moderator: John Burkey, Siena College

*After Continental God-Talk: Richard Rorty's Poetics of Romantic Polytheism and Social Salvation*

Scott Holland, Bethany Theological Seminary

*Philosophy, Theology and the Narrative of Hope*

Geoffrey Dargan, Oxford University

*Khora: Gift or Threat?*

Jeffrey Hocking, Institute for Christian Studies

**11:00-11:15**

**Coffee**

**11:15-1:15**

**CONCURRENT SESSION 6**

**Panel A: Focus on The New Materialism Comstock A**

Moderator: Alan Jay Richard, Realistic Living

*Necessity as Virtue: On Religious Materialism from Feuerbach to Žižek*

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

*Dying to be Free: Extinction and the Liberation of Praxis in Ray Brassier's Nihil Unbound*

Danny Finer, Syracuse University

*Entropy*

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

**Panel B: Continental Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies Comstock B**  
Moderator: Leon Niemoczynski, Immaculata University

*Spiritual Friendship & InterReligious Dialogue*

Patricia Johnson, University of Dayton

*Continental Philosophy of Religion & Religious Studies*

Timothy Knepper, Drake University

*The Harp is the Hunter's Qur'an*

Joseph Helweg, Florida State University

**Panel C: Prophesying, Proclaiming, and Projecting: A Saturated Gaze at Marion Waverly**  
Moderator: Matthew Powell, Walsh University

*Jean-Luc Marion as Prophet: Fetishism of the "Future"...*

Jason Alvis, University of Denver

*How to Speak of God Speaking*

Ian Rottenberg, Fordham University

*A Feuerbachian Turn in Marion's Phenomenology of Love*

Rico Monge, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Panel D: On Meillassoux and Hegel Comstock C**  
Moderator: Alex Dubilet, UC Berkeley

*The Future of God in Continental Philosophy of Religion: A Hegelian Perspective*  
Kirill Chepurin, State University - Higher School of Economics, Moscow

*Hegel's God and Transcendence*

Harris Bechtol, Loyola Marymount University

*Descartes' Revenge: Meillassoux*  
Joshua Ramey, Haverford College

**Panel E: Faith in the Death of God as the Resurrection of Doubt Adams**

Moderator: Felix Ó Murchada, Fordham University

*The Death of God as the Death of the World*  
Myroslav Hryshko, University of Ljubljana

*Giving up God for Lent: Resurrecting the Death of God*  
G. Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University & Daniel J. Peterson, Seattle University

*Faith in Doubt in the End*  
Robert Gall, West Liberty University

**1:15-2:45 Lunch**

**2:45-4:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: John D. Caputo Ballroom**

Moderator: B. Keith Putt, Sanford University

*Is Continental Philosophy of Religion As We Know It Dead?*

**4:00-4:30 Coffee**

**4:30-6:00 CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE (Malabou, Goodchild, and Caputo)**

Moderator: Merold Westphal, Fordham University