

44th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle

Affect / Emotion / Feeling

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

All sessions will be held in the 12th Floor Lounge of the Lowenstein Building at Fordham's Lincoln Center campus in Manhattan (113 W 60th St, New York, NY 10023). The Business Lunch and Banquet are off campus (addresses listed below).

8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee
9:00-9:15 Opening remarks: Shiloh Whitney, Conference Director

Session 1 – Organic affectivity and animality

Moderator: Emilia Angelova, Concordia University

9:15-10:00 Hermanni Yli-Tepsa, University of Jyväskylä: "How to feel like our eyes: tracing the theme of instinctive affectivity in *Phenomenology of Perception*"

10:00-10:45 Sarah DiMaggio, Vanderbilt University: "Flesh and Blood: Reimagining Kinship"

10:45-11:00 BREAK

Session 2 – Passivity

Moderator: Philip Walsh, Fordham University

11:00-11:45 David Morris, Concordia University: "The Transcendentality of Passivity: Affective Being and the Contingency of Phenomenology as Institution"

11:45-12:30 Rajiv Kaushik, Brock University "Merleau-Ponty on Passivity and the Limit of Philosophical Critique"

12:30-2:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3 – Theorizing emotion 1: Outside-in, inside-outside

Moderator: Duane H. Davis, University of North Carolina at Asheville

2:00-2:45 Ed Casey, Stonybrook University: "Bringing Edge to Bear: Vindicating Merleau-Ponty's Nascent Ideas on Emotion"

2:45-3:30 Ondřej Švec, Charles University Prague: "Acting out one's emotion"

3:30-3:45 BREAK

Session 4 – Theorizing Emotion 2: Intersubjective dimensions

Moderator: April Flakne, New College of Florida

3:45-4:30 Jan Halák, Palacky University Olomouc: “On the diacritical value of expression with regard to emotion”

4:30-5:15 Corinne Lajoie, Pennsylvania State University: “The equilibrium of sense: Levels of embodiment and the (dis)orientations of love”

Winner of the M. C. Dillon Award for best graduate student essay

5:15-5:45 **SNACK BREAK** (light refreshments provided)

THURSDAY KEYNOTE

Introduction: Shiloh Whitney, Fordham University

5:45-7:15 Alia Al-Saji, McGill University

“The Affective Flesh of Colonial Duration”

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13

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8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

Session 5 – Affective pathologies and empathy

Moderator: Lisa Käll, Stockholm University

9:00-9:45 Ståle Finke, Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim: “Structuring Affective Pathology: Merleau-Ponty and Psychoanalysis”

9:45-10:30 Catherine Fullarton, Emory University: “Empathy, Perspective, Parallax”

10:30-10:45 BREAK

Session 6 – Eating and breathing

Moderator: Ann Murphy, University of New Mexico

10:45-11:30 Whitney Ronshagen, Emory University: “Visceral Relations: On Eating, Affect, and Sharing the World”

11:30-12:15 Amie Leigh Zimmer, University of Oregon: "Rethinking Chronic Breathlessness Beyond Symptom and Syndrome"

12:15-2:00 LUNCH BREAK (& grad student MENTORING SESSION in Lowenstein 810)

Session 7 – Critical phenomenologies 1: Work and Freedom

Moderator: Whitney Howell, La Salle University

2:00-2:45 Talia Welsh, University of Tennessee Chattanooga: "Toward a Critical Phenomenology of Work and Its Discontents"

2:45-3:30 Laura McMahon, Eastern Michigan University: "The 'Great Phantom': Merleau-Ponty on *Habitus*, Freedom, and Political Transformation"

3:30-3:45 BREAK

Session 8 – Critical phenomenologies 2: The “I can”

Moderator: Cheryl Emerson, SUNY Buffalo

3:45-4:30 Kym Maclaren, Ryerson University: "Criminalization and the Self-Constituting Dynamics of Distrust"

4:30-5:15 Joel Reynolds, University of Massachusetts Lowell and Lauren Guilmette, Elon University: "Rethinking the Ableism of Affect Theory with Merleau-Ponty"

5:15-5:45 SNACK BREAK (light refreshments provided)

FRIDAY KEYNOTE

Introduction: Shiloh Whitney, Fordham University

5:45-7:15 **Matthew Ratcliffe, York University**

"Towards a Phenomenology of Grief: Insights from Merleau-Ponty"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

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8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

Session 9 – Feeling beyond humanism

Moderator: Wayne Froman, George Mason University

9:00-9:45 Marie-Eve, Morin, University of Alberta. "Merleau-Ponty's 'cautious anthropomorphism'"

9:45-10:30 Jay Worthy, University of Alberta: "Feelings of Adversity: Towards a Critical Humanism"

10:30-10:45 BREAK

Session 10 - Art and affect

Moderator: Stephen Watson, Notre Dame

10:45-11:30 Veronique Foti, Pennsylvania State University. "Body, Animality, and Cosmos in the Art of Kiki Smith"

11:30-12:15 Rebecca Longtin, State University of New York New Paltz: "From Stone to Flesh: Affect and the Poetic Ambiguity of the Body"

12:15-2:15 LUNCH BREAK (and BUSINESS LUNCH at *Rosa Mexicano*, 61 Columbus Ave)

Session 11 – Voice and silence

Moderator: Gail Weiss, George Washington University

2:15-3:00 Susan, Bredlau, Emory University. "Losing One's Voice: Merleau-Ponty and the Lived Space of Conversation"

3:00-3:45 Martina, Ferrari, University of Oregon. "The Laboring of Deep Silence: 'Conceptless Opening(s),' the Suspension of the Familiar, and the Dismemberment of the Ego"

3:45-4:00 BREAK

Session 12 – Affectivity and language

Moderator: Galen Johnson, University of Rhode Island

4:00-4:45 Silvana de Souza Ramos, University of São Paulo. "Merleau-Ponty and the Prose of Dora's World"

4:45-5:30 Katie Emery Brown, University of California Berkeley. "Queer Silence in Merleau-Ponty's Gesture"

BANQUET

7:00-10:00 at *Salam*, 104 W 13th St