

Approaching the Liminal:

Pushing the Boundaries of Continental Philosophy

September 26-27th, 2014

Duquesne University, Simon Silverman Phenomenology
Center (Library First Floor)

Plenary Addresses:

Dr. Claire Colebrook (Penn State)

Dr. Tom Sparrow (Slippery Rock University)

Dr. Erik Garrett (Duquesne University)



Friday

1:25-1:30 - Welcome

1:30-3:30 - Toward the Concept of Minor in Deleuze and Guattari: Politics, Art, and Thought at the Limits of Language

- Dr. Janae Sholtz (Alvernia University) - “Elucidations of the Minor: Free Indirect Discourse and the Machinic”
- Jared Bly (Villanova University) - “Deleuze and Guattari’s Concept of the Minor and Post-Colonial Literary Practice”
- Joseph Barker - (Penn State University) - “We Are Still Not Yet Thinking: Minor Thought as the Task of Continental Philosophy”
- Jingjing LI (McGill University) - “Movement-image and the Possibility of Non-subjective Consciousness”

3:45-4:45 - *Immunity and Auto-Immunity*

- Jess Dunn (Duquesne University) - “Shambling Along the Borders: The Zombie Virus as Derridian Auto-immunity”

- Jeremy Northup (Point Park University) –
“Becoming-openly: Relationship Anarchy and
Immunitas”

5:00-6:00 - *Phenomenology and Religion*

- Jeffrey McCurry (Duquesne University) - “From
Metaphysics to Phenomenology: Augustine After
Freud and Lacan”
- J. Leavitt Pearl (Duquesne University) - “French
Phenomenology and the Reintroduction of Catholic
Heteronormativity into Post-modernism”

6:00-7:00 - *Dinner*

7:00-8:30 - *Plenary Address*

- Tom Sparrow (Slippery Rock University) - “We Have
Never Been Postmetaphysical”

8:30-9:00 - *Refreshments/Reception*

9:00-? - Pub-night at *Blue Line Grill* (5th avenue)

Saturday

10:00-11:00 – *Phenomenology: Ontology and Ethics*

- Gina Zavota (Kent State University) - “Touching the Flesh: Merleau-Ponty and the New Materialisms”
- J. Edward Hackett (The University of Akron) - “A Phenomenological Refutation of Caputo’s Critique of Obligation and Ethics”

11:15-12:45 - *Plenary*

- Erik Garrett (Duquesne University) - "Husserl in the City: Towards an Urban Phenomenology"

12:45-1:45 - *Lunch*

1:45-3:45 - *Phenomenology at the Edge of Disciplines*

- Donovan Irven (Purdue University) - “Phenomenological Reconciliation: Embodiment and the Extended Mind”
- Jonnie McConnell (Purdue University) - “Eco-phenomenology, Literature, and Environmental Ethics”
- R. Maxwell Spears (Purdue University) - “A Further Question Concerning Technology: The Essence of Writing”

- Jessica N. Sturgess (Purdue University) -
“Remainders and Rejoinders: Communication as
Embodied Testimony”

4:00-5:30 - *Plenary*

- Claire Colebrook (Penn State) - “We Have Always
Been Post-anthropocene”

5:30-6:00 - *Closing and Refreshments/Reception*

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Gilles Deleuze as a child (right): approaching the limit of cuteness, pushing the boundaries of fashion.