THINKING IN PUBLIC: CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS AS PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS

Hosted by the Society of Christian Philosophers

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
Prince Conference Center at Calvin College
April 29-May 1, 2010

Thursday, April 29
3:00 pm  Registration Begins (Conference Center Lobby)
5:30 – 6:45 Dinner (Blue Spruce/Elm)
7:30 – 9:00 Plenary I (Oak) “The Christian Critic and the Culture”
Jean Bethke Elshtain (University of Chicago) Introduction by Ruth E. Groenhout (Calvin College)
9:00 – 10:00 Reception (Fireside)

Friday, April 30
8:30 am – 10:15 am Sectional 1 (Willow West)
• “Rereading Democracy as a Tradition of ‘Receptive Generosity’,” Nick Read Brown (Fuller Theological Seminary)
• “‘Whatever Platonic Properties Can Do, So Too Divine Concepts’: A Reply to Leftow,” Paul Gould (Purdue University)
• “No Bare Particulars,” Andrew Bailey (Notre Dame)
10:15 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:15 pm Sectional 2 (Willow West)
• “Milton as a Flourishing Bureaucrat? An Undermining Case Against Eleonore Stump's 'The Problem of Evil and the Desires of the Heart',” Nathan Carson (Baylor University)
• “Tentative Belief and Pascal's Wager,” Antony Aumann (St. Olaf College)
• “Acquired Perception and Social Feedback: Assessing Reid's Response to Illusion in Light of Common and Uncommon Phenomena of Human Vision,” Bradley Brummele (Baylor University)
12:15 pm  Lunch (Willow East)

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm Sectional 3 (Willow West)
• “All Too Skeptical Theism,” William Hasker (Huntington College)
• “Containing the Consequences of Skeptical Theism,” Ian Wilks (Acadia University)
2:45 pm Break

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm Plenary II (Blue Spruce/Elm) “Do We Really Believe in the Freedom of the Church? Regnum, Sacerdotum, and Democratic Society”
Jean Bethke Elshtain (University of Chicago)  Introduction by Lee Hardy (Calvin College)

5:00 pm – 6:10 pm Sectional 4 (Willow West)

- “Philosophy's, or the Philosopher's, Contribution to the Community: a Commentary on Aquinas's Summa Theologiae, II-II, 188, 5,”
  Anthony Flood (Cardinal Muench Seminary)
- “Christian Philosophers as Public Intellectuals,”  Andrew Gustafson (Creighton University)

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner (Willow East)

7:00 pm and 7:45 pm Shuttle Departs from Prince Conference Center to Downtown GR (Return shuttles from downtown at 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm)

Saturday, May 1
8:30 am – 10:15 am Sectional 5 (Willow West)

- “Two Types of Authority: Kierkegaard's Treatment of Pastors and the New Testament in His Attack on the Church,”  David Diener (Indiana University)
- “Physicalism and the Completeability of Physics: A possible problem for physicalism,”  Eric Peterson (Christian Academy of Indiana High School)

10:15 am Break

10:30 am – 11:45 am Plenary III (Elm) “Christian Philosophy as a Way of Life: Compassionate Eating and Public Witness”
Matthew Halteman (Calvin College)  Introduction by James K.A. Smith (Calvin College)

12:00 pm –1:10 pm Sectional 6 (Willow West)

- “Politics and the Good Life: A Defense of Doing Nothing,”  Michael Krom (Saint Vincent College)
- “On Vice and Free Choice,”  Jonathan Sanford (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

1:15 pm Lunch (Willow East)