CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24, 2015

REGISTRATION  1:30-5:00 p.m.

Location: Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall

CONCURRENT SESSION I:  2:45-3:42 p.m.

A. How a Flaw in Augustine’s Proof of God’s Existence Forced Descartes to Write the Meditations
   Speaker: Micah D. Tillman, George Washington University
   Chair: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 336

B. Normative Principles for No-Best-World
   Speaker: Philip Swenson, Rutgers University
   Chair: Nevin Climenhaga, University of Notre Dame
   Location: Boyer 137

C. A Controversial Premise of the Theistic Argument from Intentionality
   Speaker: Lorraine Juliano Keller, Niagara University
   Chair: Jonathan Rutledge, University of Oklahoma
   Location: Boyer 277

D. Science, Religion, and Incompatibility: Can Philosophy of Science Help?
   Speaker: Aaron Brooks, Florida State University
   Chair: Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 336
Concurrent Session II: 3:45-4:42 p.m.

A. The Independence Principle and a New Way to Remain Steadfast in Disagreements About Theism
   Speaker: Andrew Moon, Rutgers University
   Chair: Michael Rota, University of Saint Thomas
   Location: Boyer 230

B. Theodicy for Creeping Things
   Speaker: Dustin Crummett, University of Notre Dame
   Chair: David Schenk, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 277

C. Divine Simplicity and Free Human Action: Barry Miller’s Solution
   Speaker: Elmar J. Kremer, University of Toronto
   Chair: Micah D. Tillman, George Washington University
   Location: Boyer 336

D. Why Same-Sex Marriage is not Christian Marriage
   Speaker: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Chair: Jim Taylor, Westmont College
   Location: Boyer 137

DINNER: 4:45-5:40 p.m.

Location: Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Student Center

Concurrent Session III: 5:45-6:45 p.m.

A. Circumnavigating the Heideggerian Snare of Ontotheology: An Areopagitian Approach
   Speaker: Scott R. Fennema, Yale Divinity School
   Chair: Elmar J. Kremer, University of Toronto
   Location: Boyer 277
Concurrent Session III:

B. A Statistical Defense against the Argument from Evil
   Speaker: Joshua Hershey, The King’s College
   Chair: Anthony Bolos, Virginia Commonwealth University
   Location: Boyer 230

C. God is Aspatial
   Speaker: Joseph Jedwab, Kutztown University
   Chair: Justin J. Daeley, University of Northwestern - St. Paul
   Location: Boyer 336

D. Cosmological Argument for the Trinity
   Speaker: Nicholas Sooy, Messiah College
   Chair: Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 131

Plenary Session I: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

God and the Success of Science
   Speaker: Robin Collins, Messiah College
   Response: Paul Draper, Purdue University
   Chair: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Location: Parmer Hall, High Center for the Performing Arts

Reception: 9:00-10:00 p.m.

   Location: Aughinbaugh Gallery, Climenhaga Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 25, 2015

Registration 8:15-11:30 p.m.

   Location: Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall
Concurrent Session IV: 8:55-9:52 a.m.

A. A Critique of C.S. Lewis’s Argument from Desire
   Speaker: Gregory Bassham, King’s College
   Chair: James Kintz, Saint Louis University
   Location: Boyer 330

B. Hallucinating God
   Speaker: Evan Fales, University of Iowa
   Chair: Andrew Moon, Rutgers University
   Location: Boyer 137

C. Divine Source Compatibilism and Divine Thankworthiness
   Speaker: Justin J. Daeley, University of Northwestern --St. Paul
   Chair: John A. Keller, Niagara University
   Location: Boyer 434

D. The Parent Analogy: A Response to Dougherty
   Speaker: Jonathan Rutledge, University of Oklahoma
   Chair: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 237

Concurrent Session V: 9:55-10:52 a.m.

A. Two Forms of Teleological Argument? Paley, Aquinas, & Modern Thomism
   Speaker: Logan Paul Gage, Franciscan University of Steubenville
   Chair: David Schenk, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 338

B. Theism without Modal or Moral Collapse
   Speaker: A.P. Taylor, North Dakota State University
   Chair: Gregory Bassham, King’s College
   Location: Boyer 131
**Concurrent Session V:** 9:55-10:52 a.m.

C. Epistemic Oughts and Pascal’s Wager  
*Speaker:* Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame  
*Chair:* Michael Rota, University of Saint Thomas  
*Location:* Boyer 137

**Lunch:** 11:00-11:55 p.m.

*Location:* Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Student Center

**Concurrent Session VI:** 12:00-12:57 p.m.

A. Compositional Compatibilism  
*Speaker:* John A. Keller, Niagara University  
*Chair:* Joseph Jedwab, Kutztown University  
*Location:* Boyer 338

B. Pascal and the Voiceless Inarticulacy of Despair  
*Speaker:* Alexander Jech, University of Notre Dame  
*Chair:* Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College  
*Location:* Boyer 137

C. Can Faith be Knowledge?  
*Speaker:* Jim Taylor, Westmont College  
*Chair:* James Baird, Westminster Theological Seminary  
*Location:* Boyer 131

D. The World Is Not Enough...Neither Are Levels I-IV  
*Speaker:* Kevin Vandergriff, BIOLA University  
*Chair:* John Pittard, Yale University  
*Location:* Boyer 331
Concurrent Session VII: 1:00-1:57 p.m.

A. Pascal’s Wager Meets Surreal Numbers  
   **Speakers:** Eddy Keming Chen, Rutgers University  
   Daniel Rubio, Rutgers University  
   **Chair:** Liz Jackson, University of Notre Dame  
   **Location:** Boyer 131

B. Forgiveness Then Satisfaction: Why The Order Matters For a Theory of the Atonement  
   **Speaker:** James Kintz, Saint Louis University  
   **Chair:** Philip Shadd, Institute for Christian Studies and Redeemer University College  
   **Location:** Boyer 137

C. Biting Gaunilo’s Bullet  
   **Speaker:** Peter A. Sutton, Virginia Union University  
   **Chair:** David Schenk, Messiah College  
   **Location:** Boyer 338

D. The Moral Significance of Pain in Draper’s Argument from Evil  
   **Speakers:** Megan J. Fritts, University of Wisconsin  
   Robert P. Reed, Texas A&M University  
   **Chair:** Robin Collins, Messiah College  
   **Location:** Boyer 330

Coffee Break 2:00-2:30 p.m.  
   **Location:** Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall

Concurrent Session VIII: 2:30-3:27 p.m.

Best Graduate Student Paper  

A. Revealed to the Little Ones: Love, Presence, and Hiddenness  
   **Speaker:** Donald Bungum, Saint Louis University  
   **Chair:** Joshua Mugg, Indiana University Kokomo  
   **Location:** Boyer 231
B. Could God Fail to Exist?
   Speaker: Joshua Rasmussen, Azusa Pacific University
   Chair: Andrew Moon, Rutgers University
   Location: Boyer 330

C. Epistemic Probabilities: A Guide for the Perplexed
   Speaker: Nevin Climenhaga, University of Notre Dame
   Chair: Robin Collins, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 131

D. The Moral Ups and Downs of Skeptical Theism
   Speaker: Anthony J. DeBonis, Yale Divinity School
   Chair: Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 338

Concurrent Session IX:

3:30-4:27 p.m.

A. In Defense of Proper Functionalism: Cognitive Science Takes on Swampman
   Speakers: Kenneth Boyce, University of Missouri
             Andrew Moon, Rutgers University
   Chair: James Baird, Westminster Theological Seminary
   Location: Boyer 231

B. Flourishing, Fine-Tuning, and the Bayesian Balancing Game: A Tale of Two Drapers
   Speaker: David Wood
   Chair: Robin Collins, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 338

C. Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle
   Speaker: John Pittard, Yale University
   Chair: Joshua Harris, Institute for Christian Studies
   Location: Boyer 131
Concurrent Session IX: Continued

D. Re-Imagining the Imago Dei
   Speaker: Anthony Bolos, Virginia Commonwealth University
   Chair: Adam Johnson, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Location: Boyer 330

Ecumenical Worship Service: 4:30-5:00 p.m.
   Location: Hostetter Chapel

Banquet: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
   Location: Hostetter Chapel

Plenary Session II: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
   God and the Mystery of Evil
   Speaker: Paul Draper, Purdue University
   Response: Robin Collins, Messiah College
   Chair: Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College
   Location: Hostetter Chapel

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Concurrent Session X: 9:00-9:57 a.m.

A. Lyric and Lamentation: Gerard Manley Hopkins and the Problem of Existential Hiddenness
   Speaker: Ian DeWeese-Boyd, Gordon College
   Chair: Timothy Schoettle, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 131

B. How to think of a Circle with Corners: Assessing the Value of God’s Existence
   Speaker: Joshua Mugg, Indiana University Kokomo
   Chair: David Schenk, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 235
C. The Islamic and Cumulative Versions of the ‘Mad, Bad, or God’ Argument
   Speaker: Bryan Frances
   Chair: Gregory Ganssle, Talbot School of Theology—BIOLA University
   Location: Boyer 137

D. Laws of Nature and Benevolent Dictatorship
   Speaker: Sungwon Woo, University of Maryland
   Chair: Micah Tillman, George Washington University
   Location: Boyer 130

Concurrent Session XI: 10:00-10:57 a.m.

A. The Ineliminable God of Romans 13
   Speaker: Philip Shadd, Institute for Christian Studies and Redeemer University College
   Chair: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 130

B. Starting points in Atheistic Arguments
   Speaker: Gregory E. Ganssle, Talbot School of Theology—BIOLA University
   Chair: John Pittard, Yale University
   Location: Boyer 131

C. From Absolute to Maximal God: Would that solve the problem?
   Speaker: Majid Amini, Virginia State University
   Chair: Elmar Kremer, University of Toronto
   Location: Boyer 235

D. Evil: Only Sometimes Evidence against God
   Speaker: Laura Frances Callahan, Rutgers University
   Chair: Ian Deweese-Boyd, Gordon College
   Location: Boyer 137
Coffee Break 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Location: Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall

Concurrent Session XII: 11:30 a.m.-12:27 p.m.

A. Old Fashioned Metaphysics
   Speaker: Jarod Sickler, University of Rochester
   Chair: Joshua Mugg, Indiana University Kokomo
   Location: Boyer 131

B. An Incompatibility in William Lane Craig’s Moral Argument and AntiPlatonism
   Speaker: Daniel Linford, Christopher Newport University
   Chair: Caleb Miller, Messiah College
   Location: Boyer 130

C. Onto-theology: What it is and why it’s a problem
   Speaker: Joshua Harris, institute for Christian Studies
   Chair: Jonathan Rutledge, University of Oklahoma
   Location: Boyer 235

D. God and the Multiverse
   Speaker: Michael Rota, University of St. Thomas (MN)
   Chair: Alexey Burov, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
   Location: Boyer 137

Plenary Session III: 12:30–2:00 p.m.

Boxed lunch will be provided for registrants.

The Existence of God
   Panel: Paul Draper, Purdue University
          Robin Collins, Messiah College
          Evan Fales, University of Iowa
          Katherin Rogers, University of Delaware
          Stephen Barr (Physics), University of Delaware
   Chair: John Pittard, Yale University
   Location: Hostetter Chapel
Local Organizers
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