

Thursday Afternoon, March 1, 2018

Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

3:00-5:00 p.m. and Registration and Book Exhibit
7:30-9:00 Ballroom Lobby

4:15-5:15: Plenary Address I

Fairmount Ballroom

Chairperson: James Hanink, Independent Scholar

- Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Magis Center: “Evidence for God from Physics and Philosophy: Extending the Legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas and Monsignor Georges Lemaître”

Thursday Evening, March 1, 2018

Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

5:15 PM: OPENING MASS—

Junior Ballroom

Celebrant: Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J.

6:00-7:30 PM: DINNER: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

7:30-9:30 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION I

1.1 International Natural Law Society

Location: Ballroom A

Chairperson: Walter Raubicheck, Pace University

- Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Fordham University: “Distinguishing Principles and Prudential Judgments in Catholic Social Teaching”
- James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans: “Transcendental Love and the Natural Law”

1.2 Philosophy and Scientific Inquiry

Location: Ballroom B

Chairperson: J. Raymond Zimmer, Independent Scholar

- Kenneth F. Klenk, Science Systems Consulting and Institute for Advanced Physics: “On Uniting the Sciences of the First Order of Abstraction: *Physica* and Modern Physics”

- John G. Brungardt, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: “Is There a Straight Line in Space between Two Thomists? On the Other Debate between Maritain and De Koninck”
- Mark Moes, Grand Valley State University: “Matter and Time in Charles DeKoninck’s *Cosmos*”

1.3 Truth and Culture

Location: Ballroom C

Chairperson: Joe Butera, Providence College

- Rev. John J. Conley, S.J., Loyola University Maryland: “Direct Mediate Realism: A Response to Maritain’s Epistemology”
- Matthew Kent Siebert, Belmont Abbey College: “Faith in Science”
- John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas (TX): “The Progress of Conscience in a Technological and Ideological Age”

1.4 Nature and God

Location: Junior Ballroom

Chairperson: James Hanink, Independent Scholar

- Travis Dumsday, Concordia University of Edmonton: “Alexander of Hales on Pantheism”
- Jessica M. Murdoch, Villanova University: “Can Nature be Trusted?”

Friday Morning, March 2, 2018

Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

9:00am-5:00pm Registration and Book Exhibit
Ballroom Lobby

8:00-10:00 AM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

2.1 Virtue

Location: Ballroom A

Chairperson: Peter Colosi, Salve Regina University

- Catherine Yanko, Franciscan University: “The Necessary Role of Action in Aquinas’s Theory of Qualitative Intension Regarding Charity”
- Julien Tosques, Franciscan University: “How Infused and Acquired Virtue Exist in the Christian”
- Heidi Giebel, University of St. Thomas: “Aquinas the Social Scientist?: Thomistic Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology”

2.2 Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Nature

Location: Ballroom B

Chairperson: Rev. Ambrose Mary Little, O.P., The University of Virginia

- Manuel Ocampo Ponce, Universidad Panamericana, México: “Metaphysical Notes on the Concept of Nature in Saint Thomas Aquinas”
- Matthew Miner, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary: “Analogy and Methodology: Maritain and the Proper Method of Metaphysics”
- Nikolaj Zunic, St. Jerome’s University: “The Metaphysical Foundations of Science: Maritain Confronts Einstein”

2.3 Natural Theology

Location: Ballroom C

Chairperson: Jesse Russell, Georgia Southwestern State University

- William Haggerty, Gannon University: “E. L. Mascall On The Five Ways”
- Brandon Dahm, Franciscan University: “Divine Authority and the Virtue of Religion: A Thomistic Response to Mark Murphy”
- Evan R. Williams, University of St. Thomas (TX): “Providence and the Limits of Natural Explanation in Thomistic Cosmology”

10:15-12:15: PLENARY II

Fairmount Ballroom

Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

- Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, OP, Providence College: “Toward a Thomist Idea of Snake Evolution”
- John C. Cahalan, Ph.D., Independent Scholar: “Thomism’s Conceptual Structure: Maritain and Simon’s Revolutionary Insights”

12:15-1:15: LUNCH: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

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1:15-2:15 PM: Plenary III

Fairmount Ballroom

Chairperson: Joshua Schulz, DeSales University

- Anthony Rizzi, The Institute for Advanced Physics, “**The Real Conflict between Science, Morality and the Faith:** *Why are we losing on every front? We have found the enemy and he is us!*”

2:15-2:30: Presentation of the American Maritain Association Humanitarian Award

- His Excellency, The Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia

2:45-4:45 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION III

3.1 Humanity’s Duty to Creation

Location: Ballroom A

Chairperson: Nikolaj Zunic, St. Jerome's University

- Timothy Kearns, Legionaries of Christ College of Humanities: "Humankind as Natural Steward: Thomism, Ecology, and the Meaning of Human Life"
- Alice Ramos, St. John's University: "Intellectual Creatures and the Perfection of the Universe"
- Sr. Anne Frances Ai Le, O.P., Loyola Marymount University: "What is Truth in a Culture of 'Fake News'?"

3.2 Thomism and C.S. Peirce: Semiotics and Pragmatism

Location: Ballroom B

Chairperson: Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland

- Marco Stango, Penn State University: "Thomism and Pragmatism: The 1944 Wilmon Henry Sheldon-Jacques Maritain Debate"
- Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland: "Potency within the Sign Versus Thirdness within the Felt Interpretant: Maritain's Versus Peirce's Semiotic"
- J. Raymond Zimmer, Independent Scholar: "Triadic Relations and Jacques Maritain's Discussion (1951) of Reactions to Positivist Conception of Science"

3.3 Friendship and Politics

Location: Ballroom C

Chairperson: Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Manhattanville College

- Herbert Hartmann, Catholic University of America: "Love and the Measure of Pleasure"
- Joshua Schulz, DeSales University: "Is Merely Practical Agreement Possible? Evaluating the MacIntyrean Challenge"

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5:00 PM: MASS—

Junior Ballroom

Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J.

5:30-7:00 PM: DINNER: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

7:00-9:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

4.1 Intuition and Epistemological Realism

Location: Ballroom A

Chairperson: Megan Furman, University of Dallas

- Denis A. Scrandis, Independent Scholar: “Maritain’s Critical Realism and Some Twentieth Century Thomists”
- Victor Chernyshov, Poltava Yuri Kondratiuk National Technical University (Ukraine): “Jacques Maritain’s Critique of Intuition”
- Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Manhattanville College: “Aporias and Foundations”

4.2 Morality: Inclination and Sin

Location: Ballroom B

Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

- Marie George, St. John’s University: “Does Might Make Right in the Animal Kingdom or Do Some Animals Act on Moral Grounds?”
- Sr. Mary Veronica Sabelli, RSM, St. Vincent College: “Law and Love; Science, Philosophy and Faith”
- Mark Spinnenweber, Franciscan University: "A Revisionist Aristotelian-Thomist Conception of Mortal Sin"

4.3 Evolution

Location: Ballroom C

Chairperson: Travis Dumsday, Concordia University of Edmonton

- John Mizzoni, Neumann University: “Truth Cannot Contradict Truth: Pope John Paul II and Evolution”
- Thomas K. Nelson, MD, Mayo Clinic: “Was Stanley Jaki a Theistic Evolutionist?”
- John G. Trapani, Walsh University: “What’s the [Prime] Matter? Maritain on Human Generation, Species Evolution, and the Reason Why Science Needs the Philosophy of Nature”

9:00-10:00—RECEPTION

Junior Ballroom

Saturday Morning, March 3, 2018

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

7:30 AM: Bus Departs Hotel for Notre Dame Seminary

8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast—Seminary Lower Campus

8:45-10:45 AM: CONCURRENT SESSION V— Vianney Hall, Seminary Upper Campus,

5.1 Thomism and Continental Thinkers

Location: Classroom 104

Chairperson: Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J., Fordham University

- John Macias, University of Mary: “Essence and Species-Being: A Point of Contact between St. Thomas Aquinas and Karl Marx”
- Roberta L. Bayer, Patrick Henry College: “What is the Role of Philosophy in Technological Modernity? Maritain and Heidegger”
- Joseph Pappin III, University of South Carolina: “Maritain and Sartre: The Existential Politics of Community and Fraternity”

5.2 Millenials and God

Location: Classroom 105

Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

- Avery Kaczka, Manhattanville College: “Regarding the Self-Evidence of God’s Existence”
- Jesse Juarez, Manhattanville College: "Luke Skywalker and Jesus of Nazareth: Is There Room for Historical Truth in Millennials?"
- Stephanie Havens, Manhattanville College: “Finding God in a Dark World”

5.3 The Scientific Method: Fact, Induction, Explanation

Location: Classroom 106

Chairperson: Timothy Kearns, Legionaries of Christ College of Humanities

- Michael Torre, University of San Francisco: “Yves R. Simon: The Idea of ‘Fact’ and the Diversity of the Sciences”
- Jude Dougherty, The Catholic University of America: “Peirce, Maritain, and Other Scholastics on the Problem of Induction”
- John H. Boyer, University of St. Thomas (TX): “How Do Causes Explain? An Aristotelian Theory”

5.4 Poetic Knowledge and Human Nature

Location: Classroom 107

Chairperson: John G. Trapani, Walsh University

- Jesse Russell, Georgia Southwestern State University: “The Anthropological Sea-Change behind Jacques Maritain’s Poetic Metamorphosis from *Art and Scholasticism* to *Creative Intuitive in Art and Poetry*”
- Stephen Chamberlain, Rockhurst University: “Literary Knowledge: Story as a *Kind* of Science”
- Gregory Kerr, DeSales University: “Charles Taylor and the Invisible Self”

5.5 The Soul: Individuality and Unity

Location: Classroom 108

Chairperson: Joe Butera, Providence College

- Peter Colosi, Salve Regina University: “Contemporary Neuroscience and Classical Philosophy: Reunited on the Brain-Mind/Soul Question”
- Jon Haines, University of St. Thomas (TX): “A Recurring Problem of Unity in Difference: The Human Substantial Form”
- Chris Zedick, Franciscan University: “An Examination of Edith Stein’s Interpretation of Individuation”

11:00-12:00 PM: PLENARY SESSION IV

Vianney Auditorium, Seminary Upper Campus

Chairperson: Michael Torre, University of San Francisco

- Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM, Concordia University (Montreal) and St. John Vianney Theological Seminary [Retired]: "Maritain, Generation, and Science"

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Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary-

12:15-1:45 PM: LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Seminary Lower Campus

2:00-2:45 PM: Presidential Address

Vianney Auditorium, Seminary Upper Campus

Chairperson: John G. Trapani, Walsh University

- James Hanink, Independent Scholar, "First Principles, Common Sense, and Science: The Presence of a President Past"

3:00-5:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION VI— Vianney Hall, Seminary Upper Campus

6.1 Millennials and the World

Location: Classroom 104

Chairperson: Gregory Kerr, DeSales University

- Maximilian V. Grabler, Manhattanville College: "The Kantian Spiderman"
- Walter Argueta, Manhattanville College: "Concurring Boredom: 19th Century Philosophy's Solutions"
- Amanda Westin, Manhattanville College: "On Boredom"

6.2 Natural Law and Political Philosophy

Location: Classroom 105

Chairperson: William Haggerty, Gannon University

- Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J., Fordham University: "John Locke: The Law of Nature and Nature's God"
- Anne Wiles, James Madison University: "Jefferson, Madison and Maritain: Natural Law and Natural Rights"
- Megan Furman, University of Dallas: "Leo Strauss on Reason and Revelation: A Surprising Synthesis?"

6.3 The Philosophical Legacy of John Deely

Location: Classroom 106

Chairperson: John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas (TX)

- Chris Morrissey, Seminary of Christ the King, BC: "Science and Wisdom: From Jacques Maritain to John Deely"

- Brooke Deely, St. Vincent College, “Getting the Middle Term Right: Cenoscopy, Ideoscopy, and the Formal Objects of Sciences”
- Rev. Ted Baenzinger, C.S.B., University of St. Thomas (TX): “Where Science and Philosophy Go Astray, on Big and Very Little Measurements: A Study of the Maritainian Micro-sign”

6.4 Human Nature and Human Dignity

Location: Classroom 107

Chairperson: Sr. Anne Frances Ai Le, O.P., Loyola Marymount University

- Robert Delaney, University of Holy Cross: “Mother Nature or Mother Church: Examining Camille Paglia and Jacques Maritain’s View of Human Nature”
- James M. Murdoch, Jr., Villanova University: “Human Nature and Morality among Dependent Rational Animals: Biology and Natural Law in MacIntyre’s Virtue Ethics”
- Rev. Witold Kania, University of Silesia/Katowice: “Humanistic Foundation of Bioethics: Jacques Maritain and Edmund D. Pellegrino’s Contribution to Contemporary Debate”

6.5 Substantial Form in Science

Location: Classroom 108

Chairperson: Herbert Hartmann, Catholic University of America

- Fernando Riofrio, Universidad de Piura, Peru: “*Metaphysics Z 17*’s Ontological Deduction of Form as Principle and Primary Substance through the Analysis of Becoming”
- Tom McLaughlin, St. John Vianney Seminary: “Energy and Form”
- Rev. Ambrose Mary Little, O.P., The University of Virginia: “Scientific Models and Demonstrating the Substantial Form”

Saturday Evening, March 3, 2018

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

5:15 PM: CLOSING MASS

Immaculate Conception Chapel, Seminary Upper Campus

The Most Rev. Timothy Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

6:15 PM: Reception

Seminary Lower Campus

7:15 AMA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Seminary Lower Campus

9:00 PM: Bus returns to Hotel