

**THE METAPHYSICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
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**Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI**  
**March 24-27, 2022**  
**“METAPHYSICAL TRADITIONS IN DIALOGUE”**

**Thursday, March 24**

Registration: **4:00 – 6:00** (outside of Marquette Raynor Library Conference Center)

**4:00 – 6:00:** Society for the Study of Process Philosophies (Raynor Library Conference Center, all MSA members welcome)

Chair and Commentator: TBA

Donald Wayne Viney (Pittsburg State University) “Something Unheard Of: The Unparalleled Legacy of Jules Lequyer”

**6:30:** Welcoming Reception (Raynor Library Conference Center)

**Friday, March 25**

Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 (outside Raynor Conference Center)

**9:00 – 10:15:** Dismis Masolo (University of Louisville) “Naturalism in African Thought? A Second Look at Old Assumptions”

**10:30 – 10:45:** Break

**10:45 – 12:00: Aristotle Prize Lecture**

Chair and Commentator: Irfan Omar (Marquette University)

Qiu Lin (Duke University) “Wang Daiyu 王岱輿 (1570-1660) on the Non-Ultimate (wuji 无极) and the Great-Ultimate (taiji 太极): an Islamic Makeover”

**12:00 – 2:00** Lunch (on your own) / MSA Executive Council Meeting (Room TBA)

**2:00 - 3:15: Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A): Process Philosophy

Chair and Commentator: Fr. James Flaherty, S.J.

Daniel Dombrowski (Seattle University) "Neoclassical Theism as Inherently Dialogical"

Robin Friedman, "Paul Weiss and the Nature of Metaphysical Dialogue"

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B): Philosophy East and West

Chair and Commentator: Jeffrey Dirk Wilson (Catholic University)

May Sim (College of the Holy Cross) "Aristotle and Mencius: Resources for Transgenerational Justice"

Richard C. Taylor (Marquette University) "Aquinas and 'the Arabs': The Crafting of a New Metaphysics From Arabic Sources"

**3:15 – 3:30 Break**

**3:30 – 4:45: Presidential Address (Raynor Conference Center)**

Introduction: TBA

Owen Goldin (Marquette University): "Symbolic Classification and the Emergence of a Metaphysics of Causality"

Comment: George R. Lucas, Jr. (Naval Postgraduate School)

**7:30 Banquet (Ambassador Hotel)**

**Saturday, March 26**

Registration **8:00 – 9:00** (outside Raynor Conference Center)

**9:00 – 10:30:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A): Agency, East and West

Chair and Commentator: Lisa Landoe Hedrick (University of Chicago)

Robert C. Neville (Boston University): “None, an Easy One, and a Hard One”

Jessica Wahlman (Emory University): “The Self and Its Agency: Consciousness, Buddhist Anatta, and the Problem of Free Will”

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B): First Philosophy, Religion, and Metaphysical Problems

Comment: Philip Sutherland, S.J. (Marquette University)

Lars Enden (Kalamazoo College): “Metaphysics is Not One: Promoting Inter-Metaphysical Dialogue”

Mariane Oliveira (University of São Paulo): “Astronomy and First Philosophy in Aristotle”

**10:30 – 10:45:** Break

**10:45 – 12:15:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A): Buddhism and Metaphysics

Chair and Commentator: Michael Mullooly (University of Wisconsin – Waukesha)

Michael Schon (University of Wisconsin) “Conventionalism of Conventionalism: A Buddhist-Inspired Approach”

Eric Miller (Marquette University) “Japan and the ‘Cult of Deus’: Jesuit-Buddhist Disputations During Japan’s Christian Century (1549-1650)”

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B) Philosophical Understanding

Chair and Commentator: Stanley Harrison (Marquette University)

Scott Roniger (Loyola Marymount University) “Forms of Being, Forms of Knowing”

Vincent Colapietro (Pennsylvania State University) “Philosophical Traditions and Intellectual Ruptures: The Exemplarity of John Herman Randall, Jr.”

**12:15:** Lunch (on your own)

**2:00 – 3:30:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A) Dialogue and Interpretation

Chair and Commentator: Michelle Mahoney (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

Pol Vandavelde (Marquette University) “The Influence of Plato’s *Philebus* on Davidson’s and Gadamer’s Metaphysics of Interpretation”

C. Wesley DeMarco (Clark University) “Philosophical Dialogue and Metaphysical Fluency”

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B) Truth and Things

Chair and Commentator: Dustin Trampe (Marquette University)

Jerry Kapus (University of Wisconsin – Stout) “Truth and Metaphysics”

Stephen C. Walker (University of Chicago) “Causation, determinacy, and *dao* in *Zhuangzi* 25”

**3:30 – 3:45:** Break

**3:45 – 5:15:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A) French Phenomenology and Existentialism

Chair and Commentator: Tyler Tritten (Gonzaga University)

Andrew Davis (Belmont University) “Dualism is Dead, Long live Dualism: Merleau-Ponty’s Dialogue with Descartes”

Jonathan Scruggs (Boston College) “The Possibility of Being: Sartre’s *Negativités* Reconsidered”

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B) Unity and Separation

Chair and Commentator: Michael Olson (Marquette University)

Lucas Carroll (Boston College) “Being Without One: Deleuze and the Medievals on the Transcendental Convertibility of Being and Unity”

Bernada Andrade (Emory University) “Levinas, Plato, and the Metaphysics of Separation”

**5:20:** Annual Business Meeting, followed immediately by Past Presidents’ Advisory Board

(Raynor Conference Room A)

**Sunday, March 27**

**9:00 – 10:30: Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 (Raynor Conference Room A) Engagements with Kant

Chair and Commentator: Sebastian Luft (Marquette University)

Mine Sak (Duquesne University “Rethinking the Third Antinomy through Deleuze’s Concept of Passive Synthesis”

Nathan Strunk (McGill University) “Genealogy, Transposition, or Metamorphosis: Revisiting Maréchal’s Transcendental Thomism as a Case Study in the Method of Historical Metaphysical Dialogue”

Session 2 (Raynor Conference Room B) Dialectic and Dialogue

Chair and Commentator: Clark Wolf (Marquette University)

Edward Halper (University of Georgia) “The Metaphysics of Dialectic”

Dylan Shaul (University of Toronto) “Hegel’s Reading of Aristotle: The Absolute Idea and Absolute Spirit”