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Early Modern  
Philosophy”

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# The Fifth Annual Lehigh University Philosophy Conference

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## “Women in Early Modern Philosophy”

### PROGRAM

Regular session talks are 30 minutes plus 10 minutes of discussion; keynote talks are 50 minutes plus 30 minutes of discussion.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Morning

### WELCOME

8:40 – 8:55 A.M.

Gordon Bearn, Lehigh Philosophy, Linderman Library 200

#### SESSION I-A

##### Friendship

Room: Linderman 200

Chair: Chad Kautzer, Lehigh Philosophy

9:00 – 9:40 A.M.

##### Mary Astell’s Theory of Spiritual Friendship

Nancy Kendrick, Wheaton

9:40 – 10:20 A.M.

##### Female Friendship and the Virtue of Conversation

Allauren Forbes, U Penn

#### SESSION I-B

##### Conway

Room: Linderman 342

Chair: Ben Wright, Lehigh Religion Studies

9:00 – 9:40 A.M.

##### What is Conway Arguing For? Re-Examining Anne Conway’s Metaphysics of Substance

Julia Borcherding, New York University

9:40 – 10:20 A.M.

##### The “Spirit of Man” From Above: The Problem of Human Distinctiveness in Anne Conway’s Thought

Parker Cotton, Toronto

### COFFEE BREAK

10:20 – 10:30 A.M.

#### SESSION II-A

##### Alternative Philosophical Genres

Room: Linderman 200

Chair: Gordon Bearn, Lehigh Philosophy

10:30 – 11:10 A.M.

##### Friendship as Philosophy, Philosophy for Friendship:

##### Catherine Trotter Cockburn’s Epistolary Practices

Simone Webb, University College London

11:10 – 11:50 A.M.

##### Artistic Representation and the Cultivation of Moral Virtues

##### in Sor Juana’s *Neptuno Alegórico*

Sergio Gallegos, MSU-Denver

Adriana Clavel, Sheffield

#### SESSION II-B

##### Shepherd

Room: Linderman 342

Chair: Mark Bickhard, Lehigh Philosophy & Cognitive Robotics

10:30 – 11:10 A.M.

##### Mary Shepherd on the Mind-Brain Relationship

Deborah Boyle, Charleston

11:10 – 11:50 A.M.

##### “On External Existence”: Mary Shepherd on our Knowledge of a Mind-Independent World

Louise Daoust, U Penn/Eckerd

### LUNCH

12:00 – 1:20 P.M.

Room: University Center 303

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**  
Afternoon

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**1:30 – 2:40 P.M.**

**Room: Linderman 200**

**Introduction: Roslyn Weiss, Lehigh Philosophy**  
**Émilie Du Châtelet on Methodology in Natural Philosophy**  
**Karen Detlefsen, U Penn**

**SESSION III-A**

**Du Châtelet**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Gordon Bearn, Lehigh Philosophy

**2:50 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Du Châtelet on Divisibility**

John Hanson, Notre Dame

**3:30 – 4:10 P.M.**

**Newtonianism with a Twist: Attraction in Émilie du Châtelet's Essai sur l'optique**

Bryce Gessell, Duke

**SESSION III-B**

**Expanding the Canon**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: Michael Raposa, Lehigh Religion Studies

**2:50 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Marguerite de Navarre as Philosopher**

Francesca Bruno, Cornell

**3:30 – 4:10 P.M.**

**Susanna Newcome's Cosmological Argument**

Patrick Connolly, Lehigh

**COFFEE BREAK**

**4:10 – 4:20 P.M.**

**SESSION IV-A**

**Du Châtelet, Lambert, and Unzer**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Greg Reihman, Lehigh Philosophy

**4:20 – 5:00 P.M.**

**A Woman's Ally: Madame de Lambert and Émilie du Châtelet's Invocations of Nature**

Netta Green, Princeton

**5:00 – 5:40 P.M.**

**The First Introduction to Philosophy for Women by a Woman?**

**Johanne Charlotte Unzer: Philosopher, Educator, Poet**

Karin Kuchler, Vienna

**SESSION IV-B**

**Wollstonecraft**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: John Martin Gillroy, Lehigh Philosophy

**4:20 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Elisabeth and Wollstonecraft: Processes of Exclusion**

Matthew LaVine, SUNY-Potsdam

**5:00 – 5:40 P.M.**

**Wollstonecraft on Equality of Dignity without Equality of Capability**

Adam Rosenfeld, UNC-Greensboro

**RECEPTION**

**5:50 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Room: University Center 308**

**DINNER**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Room: University Center 303**

**Friday, October 20, 2017**  
Morning

**SESSION V-A**

**Motion in Cavendish**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Ricki Bliss, Lehigh Philosophy

**9:00 – 9:40 A.M.**

**Materialist Accidents: Margaret Cavendish and Thomas Hobbes**

Marcus Adams, SUNY-Albany

**9:40 – 10:20 A.M.**

**Margaret Cavendish on Parthood Relations**

Alison Peterman, Rochester

**SESSION V-B**

**Elisabeth of Bohemia**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: Roslyn Weiss, Lehigh Philosophy

**9:00 – 9:40 A.M.**

**Vita Activa versus Vita Contemplativa: Elisabeth of Bohemia on Dependence, Independence, and Happiness**

Ariane Schneck, Humboldt University of Berlin

**9:40 – 10:20 A.M.**

**Moral Therapy in Elisabeth's Correspondence with Descartes**

Chris Johns, American University of Beirut

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:20 – 10:30 A.M.**

**SESSION VI-A**

**Motion in Cavendish (cont.)**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Sarita Mizin, Lehigh English

**10:30 – 11:10 A.M.**

**Cavendish on Descartes' Conception of Motion**

Brooke W. Sharp, Temple

**11:10 – 11:50 A.M.**

**Cavendish on Inanimate Matter and Motion Transfer**

John Komdat, Rochester

**SESSION VI-B**

**Authority and Morality**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: Patrick Connolly, Lehigh Philosophy

**10:30 – 11:10 A.M.**

**Early Modern Authority: Jacqueline Pascal on the Preservation of Women's Autonomy**

Dwight Lewis, South Florida

Daniel Collette, St. Norbert

**11:10 – 11:50 A.M.**

**Moral Authority and Philosophical Knowledge: A Puzzle for Macaulay's Appeal**

Jill Hernandez, Texas-San Antonio

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**Linderman 200**

**Introduction: John Martin Gillroy, Lehigh University**  
**Cavendish's System of Nature**  
**Marcy Lascano, Cal State-Long Beach**

**SESSION VII-A**

**Cavendish on Vision and Perception**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Patrick Connolly, Lehigh Philosophy

**2:50 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Cavendish and Lucretius on the Motes of the Sun**

Justin Humphreys, Pittsburgh

**3:30 – 4:10 P.M.**

**Margaret Cavendish on Color: Against the Dioptrical Writers**

Colin Chamberlain, Temple

**SESSION VII-B**

**Cockburn**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: Chad Kautzer, Lehigh Philosophy

**2:50 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Self-Love and Love of Others in Catherine Trotter**

**Cockburn's Moral Theory**

Patricia Sheridan, Guelph

**3:30 – 4:10 P.M.**

**Catherine Trotter Cockburn's Democratization of Moral Virtue**

Getty Lustila, Boston U

**COFFEE BREAK**

**4:10 – 4:20 P.M.**

**SESSION VIII-A**

**Astell**

**Room: Linderman 200**

Chair: Gordon Bearn, Lehigh Philosophy

**4:20 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Reconsidering the Consistency of Mary Astell's Theory of Mind**

Melissa Frankel, Carleton

**SESSION VIII-B**

**Du Châtelet's Methodology**

**Room: Linderman 342**

Chair: Mark Bickhard, Lehigh Philosophy & Cognitive Robotics

**4:20 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Émilie du Châtelet on the Connection Between Physics  
and Metaphysics**

Tinca Prunea-Bretonnet, Bucharest

**RECEPTION**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Philosophy Building, 15 University Drive**



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