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The Fifth Annual Lehigh University Philosophy Conference
Thursday, October 19—Friday, October 20, 2017
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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.
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