

# 42nd Annual Meeting International Merleau-Ponty Circle

## The Significance of Place

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

\*All sessions are in the Bobo Room in the Hodgkin Hall Alumni Center on the UNM campus. Shuttle service will leave the hotel for campus every morning at 8:20.

8:30 -9:00 Registration: Hodgkin Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks: Ann Murphy, Conference Director

Session 1: ***Thinking through Place*** Moderator: *Nancy Barta-Smith, Slippery Rock University*

- 9:15-10:00 Eva Simms, Duquesne University: "Topological Space as a Model of Being"
- 10:00-10:45 Whitney Howell, LaSalle University: "Urban Diversity and the 'I can': Merleau-Ponty on Anonymity in Experience and Expression."

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

Session 2: ***Fanon and Merleau-Ponty*** Moderator: *Jim Bodington, University of New Mexico*

- 11:00-11:45 Shiloh Whitney, Fordham University: "The Theory of the Body Is Already a Theory of Affect: Merleau-Ponty, Fanon, and the Racialized Amputation of Affective Intentionality"
- 11:45- 12:30 Jay Worthy, University of Alberta: "The Place of Resistance in Ontology: Rereading Merleau-Ponty after Fanon and 'The Flaw that Outlaws any Ontological Explanation' "

12:30-2:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3: ***Merleau-Ponty and Cézanne*** Moderator: *Galen Johnson, University of Rhode Island*

- 2:00-2:45 Joel Michael Reynolds, The Hastings Center: "Looking as Only a Human Can: On Doubt and Disability in Merleau-Ponty's Cézanne"
- 2:45-3:30 Bro Adams, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: "A Sense of Place: Cézanne and Merleau-Ponty in Le Tholonet"

3:30-3:45 Coffee break

Session 4: Moderator: *Cheryl Emerson, SUNY Buffalo*

- 3:45-4:30: Invited Speaker: Rajiv Kaushik, Brock University: "Light and Dark, Waking and Sleeping: Merleau-Ponty and Heraclitus"

Session 5: ***Keynote Lecture*** Moderator: *Gail Weiss, George Washington University*

- 4:30-6:00: Gayle Salamon, Princeton University: "Everywhere and Nowhere: Phenomenological Anonymity and Transgender Comportment in Public Space"

6:00 Reception @ Apothecary Rooftop Bar, Hotel Parq Central

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

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Session 1: *Intersubjectivity and Interworld* Moderator: Adam Blair, Stony Brook University

- 9:00-9:45 Sarah Fayad, Emory University: “Shame and Ethics in Merleau-Ponty’s Intersubjectivity: Communities of the Incommensurate”
- 9:45-10:30 Laura McMahon, Eastern Michigan University: “(Un)healthy Systems: Merleau-Ponty, Dewey, and the Dynamic Equilibrium Between Self and Environment”

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Session 2: *Place and Imagination* Moderator: Catherine Fullarton, Emory University

- 11:00-11:45 Glen Mazis, Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg, “The Deepening Perception of Place”
- 11:45-12:30 Patricia Locke, St. John’s College: “In the *Flesh*: The Case of Chaco Canyon”

12:30-2:15 LUNCH BREAK

**\*\*MENTORING LUNCH ARRANGED FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

(Whitney Howell, Laura McMahon, Jennifer McWeeny, Shiloh Whitney)

Session 3: Moderator: Duane Davis, University of North Carolina Asheville

- 2:15-3:00 **M.C. Dillon Award Winner:** Martina Ferarri, University of Oregon  
“Poietic Transspatiality: Merleau-Ponty, Normativity, and the Latent *Sens* of Nature”

Session 4: *Ethics and Place* Moderator: Stephen Watson, Notre Dame University

- 3:00-3:45 Amie Leigh Zimmer, University of Oregon: “Room to Breathe: The Spatiality of Breath in Merleau-Ponty”
- 3:45-4:30 Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University: “A Phenomenology of Carceral Space”

4:30-4:45 Coffee break

Session 5: *Keynote Lecture* Moderator: Len Lawlor, Pennsylvania State University

4:45-6:15 Rosalyn Diprose, Professor of Philosophy, University of New South Wales:  
“Speaking and hearing of place: Merleau-Ponty and sound making sense of the world”

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

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Session 1: *The Body Schema* Moderator: *Tim Isley, Psychiatry, Private Practice*

- 9:00-9:45 Talia Welch, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga: “The Place of Disobedient Bodies”
- 9:45-10:30 Susan Bredlau, Emory University: “The ‘Shared Body Schema’: Merleau-Ponty and Russon on our Relations with Others”

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

Session 2: *Art, Light, Institution* Moderator: *Helen Fielding, Western University*

- 10:45-11:30 Randall Johnson, Psychiatry – Private Practice, “Light Does Things: Making-place for souls amidst indivisions in the late work of Merleau-Ponty”
- 11:30 -12:15 Gail Hamner, Syracuse University: “The Filmic Institution of Place in *Moonlight*”

12:30-2:15 **BUSINESS LUNCH @ YANNI’S AND LEMONI BAR & GRILL**  
**3109 CENTRAL AVE NE 505-268-9250**

(Registration Required. A shuttle to the restaurant will leave promptly at 12:20)

\* *All graduate students on the program are invited to the Business Lunch free of charge.*

Session 3: Moderator: *Susan O’Shaughnessy, Concordia College, Emeritus*

- 2:30-3:15 Alessio Rottundo, Duquesne University, “Merleau-Ponty’s ‘Mondialism’ in *Le monde sensible et le monde de l’expression*”
- 3:15-4:00 Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic University: “The Panpsychism Question in Merleau-Ponty’s Ontology”

4:00-4:15 Break

Session 4: Moderator: *Wayne J. Froman, George Mason University*

- 4:15-5:00 Invited Speaker: David Morris, Concordia University: “Merleau-Ponty and Mexica Ontology: Time as Templacement.”

Session 5: Moderator: *Sam Gault, Pennsylvania State University*

- 5:00-6:00 Invited Speaker: David Abram, Institute for Wild Ethics, Santa Fe: Title

6:00-9:30 **CONFERENCE BANQUET @ ZACATECAS TACOS & TEQUILA**  
**3423 CENTRAL AVE NE 505-255-8226**

(Registration Required. A shuttle to the restaurant will leave the conference site at 6 pm.)

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