**Program**

**Experience and Non-Objects: Towards a Phenomenology of the Indiscernible**

Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience

Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University

October 28 – 30, 2024

Day 1. Monday, Oct 28.   **Formal Phenomenological Investigations**

*Breakfast 8 – 8:45 a.m. on-site* **Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center (SSPC), First Floor, Gumberg Library**

Welcome address. Olga Louchakova-Schwartz and Jeff McCurry. 15 min. **SSPC**

**Session 1-1.  Foundations. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. SSPC**

Mike Barber. “Religious Experience: Objects and Provinces of Meaning” [Plenary]

Martin Nitsche. “Phenomenological Topology of the Invisible” [Plenary]

*Coffee Break* **SSPC**

**Session 1-2.  Interpretation. 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SSPC**

Neal DeRoo. “How we experience that which is not the content of an experience.” [Plenary] \*

Otniel A. Kish. "Transcendence in Jean-Luc Marion: Between Theology and Phenomenology”

*Lunch 1:00 pm -2:15 pm* **SSPC**

**Session 1-3. Phenomenological Aesthetics. 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. SSPC**

Peter Costello. “Toward Liminal Metaphor: Husserl on Object, Eidos, and Intersubjectivity” [Plenary] \*

Christos Sideras. “Emotions and Infinity: Experience without Objects” (Online)

Yue Jennifer Wang. “Merleau-Ponty and Hildegard’s Apophatic Aesthetics”

*Coffee Break* **SSPC**

**Parallel Session** 1-**4-A. The Absences of Things. 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. SSPC**

Jesse Goodman. “Among These Rocks: The Silence of Conversion in Kierkegaard and Eliot”

Mathew Coate. “‘Existence without Existents:’ on Levinas’s Concerns about Beauty as an Expression of the Sacred”

**Parallel Session 1-4-B. The Limits of Phenomena.  4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Flex Space #1, Fifth Floor, Gumberg Library**

Bob Kalivac Carroll. “The Object Conundrum: Beyond Ineffability in Nonobjective Abstract Visual Art”

Ian C. Edwards. “The Enigma of Ritual Space: Absence and the Negation of ‘Its’ Form”

Michel Atkinson III. “Post-Linguistic Acts and the Worshiped Invisible”

**The Introduction to the Center and Phenomenology and Duquesne, with some review of archives. Jeffrey McCurry, Director of the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center.**6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

*Reception*6:30 p.m. **SSPC**

Day 2.  Tuesday Oct 29.  **Phenomenology and Metaphysics of Non-Objects**

*Breakfast 8 – 9 a.m. on-site* **SSPC**

**Session 2-1.  Non-Objects and World. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SSPC**

Felix O’Murchadha. “Phenomenology and Metaphysics of World: On the Ontological Status of Horizon” [Plenary] \*

Ronny Miron. “The Reality of the Invisible: The Phenomenology of Invisibility in H. Conrad-Martius’ Metaphysical Realism” [Plenary] \*

*Coffee Break* **SSPC**

**Session 2-2. Non-Objects and Physical Reality. 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. SSPC**

Graham Harman. “The Origin of Non-Objects” (Online) [Plenary] \*

Michel Bitbol. “A physics with no objects? Quantum Physics and Phenomenology” (Online) [Plenary] \*

*Lunch 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.*

**Parallel Session 2-3-A. Non-Objects and Social Reality. 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. SSPC**

Juan de Jager. “Outsiders, Outliers, and Outcasts: Ethnographical and Sociological Considerations of the Scientific Backstage”(Online)

Dylan Skurka. “Deciphering Psychedelic Subjectivity: A Transcendental Phenomenological Approach” (Online)

**Parallel Session 2-3-B. The Modes of Presentation. 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Flex Space #1, Fifth Floor, Gumberg Library**

Justin Pearl. “Intuitive Saturation and the Affect of Horror”

Peter A. Antich. “The Element as Non-Object”

*Coffee Break*

**Session 2-4. Ontological Crossovers.  4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. SSPC**

Charles A. Gillespie. “Phenomenological Closeness: Performative Relationality in Quantum Systems and Religious Experience” [Plenary] \*

Ian McLaughlin *(he/they)*.  “Deriving the Spiritual from the Material: A Speculatively Realist Perspective”

*Coffee Break* **SSPC**

**Parallel Session 2-5-A. Ontological Pluralism. 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. SSPC**

Don Borrett. “The Reality of the Invisible in the Phenomenology of Religious Experience Is Scientifically Tenable”

Bill Adams. “Naturalistic Nondual Nothingness”

**Parallel Session 2-5-B. Word and Interpretation. 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Flex Space #1, Fifth Floor, Gumberg Library**

Lawrence A. Whitney. “Relations Are Real Non-Objects: Semiotics and Religious Experience in the Phenomenology of C.S. Peirce”

Samuel R. Underwood. “From Experience to Action: Ricoeurian Reflections on the Phenomenology of Religious Experience”

*Conference Dinner 7:30 p.m.* **Location TBA**

Day 3. Wednesday Oct 30.  **Non-Objects and Perception**

*Breakfast 8 – 9 a.m. on-site* **SSPC**

**Session 3-1.  Transcendencies. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SSPC**

Kengo Miazono. “Non-Sensory Religious Experience” (Online) [Plenary] \*

Zahra Rashid. “Rūmī on Absence: A Sufi Phenomenology of Non-Objects” (Online)

Victoria Yakusha.  “The End of the Reign of the Object and Interpretation” (Online)

*Coffee Break* **SSPC**

**Session 3-2.  Fulfilment, Intuition.  11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. SSPC**

Giulio Marchegiani. “On the Experience of the Non-Experienceable: Perspectives from a Phenomenological Epistemology and Ontology” (Online)

Mark Legg. “The Phenomenology of Wonder: An Existential, Feeling of Being” (Online)

Yael Canetti. “Sacred Architectural Spaces as Saturated Phenomena” (Online)

*Lunch 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.* **SSPC**

**Session 3-3.  Interiority and Flesh.  2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SSPC**

Simon Cunningham.  “The Crush of Life’s Passion: Michel Henry’s Interiority as a Glimpse into the Nature of God”

Olga Louchakova-Schwartz. “Embodied Inwardness: The Foundation for Intuition of Non-Objects” [Plenary]\*

***Closing:***  Future Plans, Getting Involved. **SSPC**

All times are in Eastern Daylight Time.

\* Talk will be streamed.