3rd Biennial Philosophy of Communication Conference: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition

June 5 – 7, 2017
Duquesne University
Power Center

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration/Pre-Registration
Shepperson Suite, Power Center

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Conference Welcome and Opening Remarks
Ronald C. Arnett, Chair and Professor, Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies
James Swindal, Dean, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
Fr. Elochukwu E. Uzukwu, C.S.Sp. (ThD), Professor of Theology
Power Center, Room A

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Panel Session 1A: “Perspectives on Philosophy of Communication”
Power Center, Room A

Chair: Andrew Tinker, Duquesne University

“John N. Deely: A Thomistic Voice for Semiotics”
Richard L. Lanigan, International Communicology Institute; Southern Illinois University

“It Came Out of Nowhere! Examining and Interrogating the (Un)remarkable Signs of Autism”
Maureen Connolly, Brock University

Tom Craig, Brock University

“Resistance in the Scottish Enlightenment”
Ronald C. Arnett, Duquesne University
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Panel Session 1B: “Existentialism, Phenomenology, and Embodiment”

**Power Center, Room B**

Chair: Kati Sudnick, *Duquesne University*

“Language, the Individual, and the World: in Miguel de Unamuno's Early Existentialist Philosophy”
Aurora Pinto, *Duquesne University*

“Hollowed-Out Bodies in End-Stage Worlds: A Phenomenological Investigation of Dystopia”
Michael DelNero & Lara Lengel, *Bowling Green State University*

“Towards Ontological Turn in Communication Studies”
Deepak Pandiaraj, *IIT Bombay*

“Edith Stein’s Spiritual Contribution to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition”
Nancy Parish, *Duquesne University*

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Panel Session 2A: “Responsiveness to the Revelatory”

**Power Center, Room A**

Chair: Austin Hestdalen, *Duquesne University*

**Presented by:**
Fr. Lazarus Langbiir & Susan Mancino, *Duquesne University*

**Respondents:**
Fr. Elochukwu E. Uzukwu, C.S.Sp. (ThD), Duquesne University
James Chukwuma Okoye, C.S.Sp., Duquesne University
Ronald C. Arnett, Duquesne University
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  **Panel Session 2B:** “Media Ecology in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition”  
**Power Center, Room A**

Chair: Matthew Mancino, *Duquesne University*

“Feminism in Communication with Catholicism: An Exploration Through Walter Ong’s Media Theories”
Kelley Northam, *Mount Saint Mary’s University*

“Ancient Intellectualism: Bringing the Catholic Tradition to Conversation through Walter J. Ong”
Tiffany A. Petricini, *Duquesne University*

“Media Ecology and the Sacramental View of Albert Borgmann: A Probe”
Dennis D. Cali, *UT-Tyler*

“Confronting The Eucharist: Explications of McLuhan’s Communications Theories”
Monica Sexton, *Mount Saint Mary's University*

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  **Panel Session 3A:** “Philosophy of Communication Ethics”  
**Power Center, Room B**

Chair: Justin N. Bonanno, *Duquesne University*

“Marshall McLuhan”
Anthony M. Wachs, *Duquesne University*

“Reinhold Niebuhr”
Craig Maier, *Duquesne University*

“John Duns Scotus”
Brian J. Gilchrist, *Mount St. Mary’s University*

“Marcel Proust”
David Deluliis, *University of Pittsburgh*
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  Panel Session 3B: “Communication and the Pope”

*Power Center, Room B*

Chair:  Aurora Pinto, *Duquesne University*

Sarah Flinko & Susan Mancino, *Duquesne University*

“Negating the ‘Francis Effect’: Sophistry v. Theology in Alt-Right Discourse About Capitalism and the Environment”
Jeffrey Lane Blevins, *University of Cincinnati*

“Magisterium of John Paul II on Freedom of Speech: A Communication Based on Freedom and Truth”
Reverend Jordi Pujol, *Pontifical University of Santa Croce (Rome)*

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Keynote Address: “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition, History, and Institutions: Reflections on Intersections”

Janie Harden Fritz, *Duquesne University*  
*Power Center, Room A*

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Wine & Cheese Reception
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.   Registration

Shepperson Suite, Power Center

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.   Panel Session 4A: “Philosophical Perspectives: Narrative, Social Networking, and the Reformation”

Power Center, Room A

Chair: Austin Hestdalen, Duquesne University

“A Search for Springs of Living Water: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition as Narrative Ground for Cultivating an Ecological Philosophy of Communication”
John H. Prellwitz, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

“The Private Life of Saudis on Social Networking Sites: Revealed or Changed? Social Behavior Perspective”
Rana Ramadan, Duquesne University

“M. Luther’s Reformation Rhetoric: The Practice of Communal Pieties for Social Change”
Joel Ward, Geneva College

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.   Panel Session 4B: “Buber, Bakhtin, and Burke”

Power Center, Room B

Chair: Chris Bondi, Duquesne University

“I It and Utopias: Examining Martin Buber and the Place of Economics in his Philosophy of Communication”
Andrew Tinker, Duquesne University

“Mikhail Bakhtin’s Moral Philosophy of Rhetorical Practice”
Theodore Sheckels, Randolph-Macon College

“The Company They Keep: Kenneth Burke’s Theory of Information Transmission”
David Isaksen, Texas Christian University
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Panel Session 5A: “Communication and Intention within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition”

Power Center, Room A

Chair & Respondent: Brian J. Gilchrist, Mount St. Mary’s University

“The Intentional Elements of Rhetorical Criticism for Catholics (and Everyone)”
Eric Grabowsky, Dickinson State University

“Values that Demand Response: Relating Dietrich von Hildebrand to Philosophy of Communication”
Anthony M. Wachs, Duquesne University

“Walker Percy on Authorial Intention”
Justin N. Bonanno, Duquesne University

“An Ambiguity of Intention/Intentionality in the Moral Philosophy of Natural Law”
Rachel A. Kosko, Independent Scholar

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Panel Session 5B: “Pierre Bourdieu: From Advertising to Activism”

Power Center, Room B

Chair: Matthew Mancino, Duquesne University
Respondent: Craig Maier, Duquesne University

“Pierre Bourdieu and Public Relations: Lifestyle Branding and Symbolic Capital”
Matthew P. Mancino, Duquesne University

“Recognizing the Misrecognized: Bourdieu and Intersectional Grassroots Activism”
Kati Sudnick, Duquesne University

“Creativity in Advertising: Effects on the Field of Cultural Production”
Christopher M. Bondi, Duquesne University

“Corporate Visual Identity and the Economy of Symbolic Goods”
Austin Hestdalen, Duquesne University

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Keynote Address: “Subjectivity, Conscience, and Culpability: The Phenomena of Narrative Ground in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition(s)”

Dr. Christopher Lutz, St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

Power Center, Room A
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  Lunch

*Power Center, Room C*

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  **Panel Session 6A:** “Philosophy of Communication in Augustine, Aquinas, and Ignatius”

Chair: Justin N. Bonanno, *Duquesne University*

*Power Center, Room A*

James Begley, *Duquesne University*

“Christian Use of Pagan Rhetoric: The Role of St. Augustine’s De Doctrina Christiana”
Fr. Lazarus Langbiir, *Duquesne University*

Christopher Bondi, *Duquesne University*

“Loyola's Quill Pen: The Ideographs Built into The Spiritual Exercises”
Hongchao Qian, *Duquesne University*

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  **Panel Session 6B:** “The Rhetoric and Philosophy of Film, Entertainment, and Technology”

Chair: Kati Sudnick, *Duquesne University*

*Power Center, Room B*

“Deleuze and the Metaphysics of Cognitive Film Theory”
Raghu Menon, *University of Stirling, Scotland, UK; Amrita University, Coimbatore, India*

“Great Films as Great Texts: Philosophy of Communication and the Cinema”
Zachary Sheldon, *Baylor University*

“The Rhetoric of Sport Viewership for Millennials; Sport as a Religious Spectacle”
Chyna T. Trible, *SUNY Geneseo*

“Mastering the Unwritten Rules of Sports”
Sara Reppenhagen, *SUNY Geneseo*
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  Keynote Address: “Policentric Awareness and Communication”
Algis Mickunas, Ohio University
  
  Power Center, Room A

4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Award Presentations followed by Wine & Cheese Reception

  Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies Richard L. Lanigan
  Philosophy of Communication Scholar Award

Recipient: Algis Mickunas
Award Presented by Ronald C. Arnett
  
  Power Center, Room A

International Communicology Institute Laureate Fellow Award

Recipient: Algis Mickunas
Award Presented by Richard L. Lanigan
  
  Power Center, Room A

Wine & Cheese Reception

  Shepperson Suite
Wednesday, June 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Registration

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8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Breakfast Buffet

Power Center, Room C

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Panel Session 7A: “Higher Education, the Marketplace, and Communication Research Paradigms”

Power Center, Room A

Chair: Kati Sudnick, Duquesne University

“Engaging a Catholic Intellectual Tradition To Promote Civility”
Rachel Kosko, Independent Scholar

“A Rhetoric of Assessment for Catholic Higher Education”
Eric Grabowsky, Dickinson State University
Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University
Nancy Parish, Duquesne University

“A Pain in the Glass: Using a Metaphor for Explaining Communication Research Paradigms”
John W. Howard, III, East Carolina University
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Panel Session 7B: “Rhetoric and Philosophy in the Early Christian World”

*Power Center, Room B*

Chair: James Begley, Duquesne University

“The Rabbinical Rhetoric of Jesus”
Gilad Elbom, Oregon State University

“The Christianisation of Imperial Panegyric under Constantine: Towards a Christian Political Ideology”
Andréa Hanna, University of Pittsburgh

“Communication in Abrahamic Religions”
Jon Radwan & Maribel Landrau, Seton Hall University

“Understanding of Aristotle’s Audience in Classical Rhetoric in Relation to Perelman's Universal Audience in Contemporary Rhetoric”
Fr. Faustine Tarimo, Duquesne University

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Panel Session 8A: “Threads of Silence: Embodying the Inarticulate”

Chair: Richard L. Lanigan, International Communicology Institute

“Silence, Solitude, Reverence: 'Get[ting] at the Root of Existence' Through Merton”
Ozum Ucok-Sayrak, Duquesne University

“Wittgenstein and Religion: The ‘Beauty’ of Meaning in the Material Culture of Catholicism”
Elyse Ferraro, Edinboro University [Debut Student Paper]

“Nussbaum and the Poet-Judge: Considerations for Jurisprudence”
Pat Arneson, Duquesne University

“Wrestling with the Angel: Lyotard, Augustine, Anamnesis”
Andrew R. Smith, Edinboro University
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Panel Session 8B: “The Prodigal Returns: The Importance of Reclaiming Rhetoric as a Catholic Art”**

Chair and Respondent: Eric Grabowsky, *Dickinson State University*

“**Rhetoric as an Art of Liberating Souls: Classical Foundations for Modern Psychagogy**”
John J. Jasso, *Pennsylvania State University*

“**Embracing our Rhetorical Heritage: Developing a Rhetorical Pedagogy for the New Evangelization**”
Anthony M. Wachs, *Duquesne University*

“**Catholic Intellectual Tradition in First-year Composition Courses: Logic, Rhetoric, and Action**”
Gavin F. Hurley, *Lasell College*

“**Metalogicon as Rhetorical Pedagogy: A Medieval Approach to Contemporary Communication Classes**”
Brian Gilchrist, *Mount St. Mary’s University*

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Keynote Address: “Philosophy of Communication, Culture and Mission”**
Rev. Fr. Francis O.C. Njoku, C.M.F., *University of Nigeria, Nuskka*

*Power Center, Room A*

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks by Ronald C. Arnett, Chair of Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies**

*Power Center, Room A*