Theology and the Philosophy of Science: Analytic, Scholastic, and Historical Perspectives

Thursday October 13th

7:00 informal dinner for those who are available. Earl's Restaurant (8629 112st., corner of 87th avenue, near U of Alberta campus)

Friday October 14th

8:45-9:00AM

Welcome and registration (nametags!) in room S302 (Schwerman Hall)

9:00-10:30

S302

Alan Batten (Formerly of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria B.C.) History of the Argument from Design in Astronomy

Thomas Vinci (Dalhousie University) Max Planck on Leibniz, the Least Action Principle and Modern Physics

S308
Jason West (Newman Theological College) Maritain's Thomist Theory of Evolution
Myron Penner (Trinity Western University) Molecular Symmetry, Beauty, and Truth

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15

S302
Georg Theiner (Villanova University) Extended Minds en route to Transhuman Subjects: The 'Bostrom-Clark-Fuller' Express
Lisa Stenmark (San Jose State University) A Hopeful Monster: The Relationship Between Science, Religion, and Speculative Fiction

S308
Fr. Joachim Ostermann (Franciscans of Western Canada) Towards a Contemporary Franciscan Theology by way of Robert Spaemann's Philosophy of Nature
Logan Paul Gage (Franciscan University of Steubenville) Why Cardinal Newman Needs Natural Theology After All

12:15-1:30 Lunch in HA 309 (Hole Academic Building)

1:30-3:00

HA 309
Eric C. Martin and James Marcum (Baylor University) Religious discourse in public engagement with science: Christianity and climate
Jeffrey Koperski (Saginaw Valley State University) Breaking Laws of Nature

S302
Matthew Kostelecky (St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta) Continuity, Rupture, and Fragmentation: Charting the Uneasy Course of 'Divine Science' from Antiquity to Early Modernity
Dylan Belton (University of Notre Dame) *Naturphilosophie* and Theology: Schelling's Challenge to Theism

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:45

S302
Karen Zwier (Drake University) Could Aquinas' causes be interventionist causes?
Christopher Brown (University of Tennessee at Martin) St. Thomas Aquinas and Alvin Plantinga on Special Divine Action and Miracles: a Constructive Synthesis

S308
Jason Marsh (St. Olaf College) Moore vs. Socrates in Theology & Philosophy of Religion
Tim Labron (Concordia University of Edmonton) Realism or Nonrealism?

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-6:30 Plenary Lectures in Tegler Auditorium

Nancey Murphy (Fuller Theological Seminary) Alasdair MacIntyre as Philosopher of Science and Potential Guide to Theologians
Thomas McLaughlin (St. John Vianney Seminary) Energy and Aristotelian/Thomistic Act and Potency

7:15 Dinner at Haweli Indian Restaurant (10220 103st, corner of 102nd avenue)

Saturday October 15th

9:00-10:30

HA 309
Jonathan Strand (Concordia University of Edmonton) The Simplest Possible Overall Conception of Reality (Consistent with What We Know)
Elliot Rossiter (Okanagan College) From Natural Philosophy to Natural Religion: Experiment and the *Vita Activa* in the Early Royal Society

HA 310

Nicholas DiDonato (West Chester University of Pennsylvania & Tall Oaks Classical School) From Science and Opinion to Theology and Truth: Becoming and Being in Plato
Christopher Morrissey (Trinity Western University) Beholding the Soul of the World: Analytic and Scholastic Approaches to a Stoic Philosophy of Nature

10:30-10:45 Break

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HA 309
Louis Groarke (St. Francis Xavier University) Yes, Water is H20: An Aristotelian account of Scientific Induction
Anne Siebels Peterson (University of Utah) Matter in Biology: An Aristotelian Metaphysics for Contemporary Homology

HA 310
Don Page (University of Alberta) The Optimal Argument for the Existence of God
Andrew Loke (University of Hong Kong) A Reply to Don Page's objections to the Kalam Cosmological Argument

12:15-1:30 Lunch in HA343

1:30-3:00

HA 309
Randal Rauser (Taylor Seminary) Does Cosmic Hostility to Life Support Atheism? An Atheist and Christian Dialogue
Denis Lamoureux (St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta) Beyond the Cosmic Fall & Natural Evil

HA 310
Kirk Lougheed (McMaster University) Religious Experience and Religious Disagreement
Phillip Wiebe (Trinity Western University) Devils and the Supernatural

3:00-3:15 Break

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HA 309
Hugh Hunter (Dominican College) Divided Kingdoms
Nathan Kowalsky (St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta) Evil – Nature – God: Three Critiques

HA 310
Jimmy Vaught (Saint Louis University) Supersubstantivalism and Divine Causation
Alex Saleh (Regent College) Understanding and Engaging Functional Ontology in Genesis 1-2

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-6:30 Plenary Lectures in HA 015

Fr. Michael Dodds (Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Berkeley) The Impact of Science on the Theology of Divine Action: Thomistic Perspectives
Andrew Moore (Oxford University) Why Theology Has (Virtually) Nothing to Learn from Science

7:15 Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory (10220 103st., corner of 102nd avenue – yes, that's right next door to Haweli)