

2016 Annual Program
The Metaphysical Society of America
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“Thinking with the Pre-Socratics: History, Myth, Metaphysics”
Loew’ Annapoli Hotel
Downtown Colonial Annapolis MD 17-20 March

Thursday March 17

- Registration 4-7 p.m. Spinnaker Room Foyer
- 4:00 p.m. Point Lookout Room
SSPP: “On the Trail of Whitehead:” Discussion of the Whitehead Edition
George Lucas, Brian Henning, Paul Bogaard
- 5:30 Chair and Commentator: Dan Dombrowski, Seattle University

Aristotle Prize Lecture: “Agape, Evolution & Chance”

Michelle Mahoney, Memorial University (Newfoundland)
- 6:45-7:45 pm Welcoming Reception for Attendees
Loew’ Annapoli Spinnaker/Mainsail room

Friday March 18

- 07:30-08:45 Meeting Registration Spinnaker Room Foyer

Executive Council Breakfast (TBA)

Formal opening of MSA 2016 Meeting in the “Great Hall” at St. John’s College
- 08:45 Walk from hotel to St. John’s campus, convene at the “Conversation Room” in
Francis Scott Key auditorium
- 09:00 Welcome & Introduction
Christopher Nelson, President, St. John’s College
- 09:10 Opening Keynote Address:
Dr. Eva T. H. Brann, Senior Tutor and Dean Emeritus, St. John’s College
- 10:15 Coffee Break

- 10:30 Plenary Session: Heraditus
Chair and Commentator: Jude Dougherty, The Catholic University of America
- Ed Halper, The University of Georgia (Athens)
"Heraditu and the Possibility of Metaphoric"
- William Maker, Clemson University
"Can Being Have a History? Parmenides, Heraditus, Hegel, and Heidegger"
- Commentary and Discussion
- 12:30 Athenian Option: Lunch in St. John's Dining Hall with Students
Spartan Option: 12:10 Midshipmen noon formation and march, Bancroft Hall (lunch in town on your own)
- 1:15 Free time to tour of historical campus or colonial town, rest, return to Hotel
Registration Table open in Spinnaker Room foyer
- 2:15 Plenary Session: Mythos and Logos
Spinnaker/Mainsail Room
- Chair and Commentator: Vincent Colapietro, The Penn State University
- Jeffrey Dirk Wilson, The Catholic University of America
"The Discovery of Being: From Homeric Myth to the Natural Genera of Early Greek Philosophy"
- Phillip Stambovsky, Fairfield University
"The Mythos/Logos Split and its Philosophical Implications"
- Commentary and Discussion
- 4:15 Break
- 4:30 Presidential Address
Point Lookout Room
- Introduction: Professor Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College (Vice-President, MSA)
- George Lucas, Distinguished Chair of Ethics Emeritus, US Naval Academy
Visiting Distinguished Research Professor, Notre Dame University
"Anaximander and the Ordering of Time"
- 5:45 Presidential Reception
Spinnaker Room Foyer
- 6:45 Banquet
Presentation of the Founder's Medal
Nicholas Rescher (University of Pittsburgh) and David Weissman (CUNY), Recipients
Spinnaker/Mainsail Room

Saturday March 19

08:00 Registration Spinnaker Foyer

09:00 Invited Address
Spinnaker/Mainsail Room

Chair and Commentator: Anne Wiles, James Madison University
"Parmenidean Ways: Facticity and the Origin of Identity?"
Speaker: Daniel Dahlstrom, Boston University

10:15 Break

10:30 Concurrent Sessions

Windmill Point Room Chair and Commentator: Kyle Foley, University of Maryland Owen Goldin, Marquette University "Ancient Atomism and 'Digital Philosophy'"	Point Lookout Room Chair and Commentator: *J. Johnson John Stuhr, Emory University "The Permanence of Change: Empedocle, Dewey & Two Kinds of Metaphysics of Force"
George Shields, Kentucky State University "The Esi/To Eon Distinction in Parmenidean Proem"	Sean McGrath, Memorial University-Newfoundland "From Plato through Schelling to Peirce: The Explanatory Power of the Triad"

12:00 No-host luncheon in hotel or downtown
Executive Council Luncheon (TBA)

1:30 Concurrent Sessions

Windmill Point Room Chair and Commentator: TBA Margaret Matthews, Emory University "The Advantage and Disadvantage of the Preocratic for Life"	Point Lookout Room Chair and Commentator: Chungho Lee Antoine Cantin-Brault, St. Boniface University "Heraditus and Onto-proto-logy"
Derek Malone-France, The George Washington University "Thinking with the Preocratic Atomists: Nature, Life, Evolution & Human Existence"	Wes DeMarco, Clark University "Preocratic Ignorance"

3:00 Break

- 3:30 Invited Lecture
Chair and Commentator: George Allan, Dickinson College
- Speaker: William Desmond, University of Leuven (Belgium) and Villanova University
"Flux-gibberish: For and Against Heraclitus"
- 5:00 Annual Business Meeting, Announcements, Future plans (Cambridge, MA Meeting)
- 6:00 No-host dinner in town
[Meeting of Advisory Board of Past MSA Presidents – TBA]

Sunday, March 20

08:30 Concurrent Sessions

<p>Windmill Point Room Chair and Commentator: Dan Stambovsky, 1st Lt., U.S. Air Force</p> <p>Andrew Culbreth, Emory University "Time, Unity of Being, and the Circle of Opposites in Parmenides & Heraclitus"</p> <p>James Wood, Xavier University A Harmony of Opposites: Parmenides & Heraclitus</p>	<p>Point Lookout Room Chair and Commentator: May Sim, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Greg Moss, Clemson University "Origin of the 'Third Man' Argument in Parmenides and Heraclitus"</p> <p>Brian Donahue, University of Buffalo Heraclitean Foundation of Platonic Ethics</p>
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10:00 Break

10:30 Concurrent Sessions

<p>Windmill Point Room Chair and Commentator: *TBA Jessica Wahman, Emory University "Materialism in Limbo: Democritus, Santayana and the Ethics of Metaphysics"</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth Halper, The Catholic University of America "Metaphysics of the Political in Presocratic Socrates"</p>	<p>Point Lookout Room</p> <p>J.N. Findlay Prize Lecture Point Lookout Room</p> <p>Chair: Ed Halper Lawrence Cahoon, College of the Holy Cross "A System in Pieces"</p>
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- 12:00 2016 Meeting Adjourns
[Optional Afternoon Guided Tours available: Colonial Annapolis, U.S. Naval Academy]