2016 Annual Program
The Metaphysical Society of America
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“Thinking with the Pre-Socratics: History, Myth, Metaphysics”
Loew’s Annapolis 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
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’s Annapolis: 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: Heraclitus
Chair and Commentator: Jude Dougherty, The Catholic University of America

Ed Halper, The University of Georgia (Athens)
"Heraclitus and the Possibility of Metaphysics"

William Maker, Clemson University
"Can Being Have a History? Parmenidean, Heraclitean, Hegelian, 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 Pennsylvania 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 Stambosky, 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

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3:30 Invited Lecture
Chair and Commentator: George Allan, Dickinson College
Speaker: William Desmond, University of Leuven (Belgium) and Villanova University
"Flux-giberish: For and Against Heraditus"

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

Windmill Point Room
Chair and Commentator: Dan Stamkoby, 1st Lt., U.S. Air Force
Andrew Culbreth, Emory University
"Time, Unit of Beng, and the C.de of Oppoite in Parmenides & Heraditus"

Point Lookout Room
Chair and Commentator: May Sm, College of the Holy Cross
Greg Moss, Clemson University
"Origin of the 'Third Man' Argument in Parmenides & Heraditus"

James Wood, Xavier University
A Harmony of Opposites: Parmenides & Heraditus

Brian Donahue, University of Buffalo
Hereditean Foundation of Platonic Ethics

10:00 Break

10:30 Concurrent Sessions

Windmill Point Room
Chair and Commentator: TBA
Jessica Wahman, Emory University
"Materialism in Limbo: Democritus, Santayana and the Ethics of Metaphysics"

Point Lookout Room
J.N. Findlay Prize Lecture
Point Lookout Room
Chair: Ed Halper
Lawrence Cahoone, College of the Holy Cross
"A S1tem in Peace"

Mary Elizabeth Halper, The Catholic University of America
"Metaphricing the Political in Presocratic Socrates"

12:00 2016 Meeting Adjourns
[Optional Afternoon Guided Tours available: Colonial Annapolis, U.S Naval Academy]