



Ancient Philosophy Society

Seventh Annual
Independent
Meeting

Boston College
12-14 April 2007

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the College of Arts & Sciences, and the
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Wednesday, 11 April 2007
8:00-10:00 PM Informal Reception
Boston Newton Marriott, Salon G

Thursday, 12 April 2007
8:30-9:00 Registration **The Heights Room, Corcoran Commons**
(All events are in the Heights Room except where noted)

9:00-9:15 Welcome
Patrick Byrne, Chair, Philosophy Department; Candace Hetzner, Associate Dean,
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

9:15-12:15 Limits and Logos in Greek Thought

Chair: Krisanna Scheiter, University of Pennsylvania

1 Dror Post, Columbia University, "Heraclitus' Hope for the Unhoped"

Response: Eric Sanday, Marquette University

2 Glenn Rawson, Rhode Island College, "Plato and Heraclitus on Innate *Logoi*"

Response: Adrian Switzer, Spelman College

3 Anna E. Ju, Cambridge University, "Posidonius on Incorporeal Limits"

Response: Andrea Tschemplik, American University

12:15-1:45 Lunch

1:45-4:45 Greek Art and Literature

Chair: Emanuela Bianchi, Haverford University

4 Rose Cherubin, George Mason University, "The Metaphysics of Justice in
Aeschylus' *Eumenides*"

Response: Xiaoyang Tang, New School for Social Research

5 Ryan Drake, Georgia Southern University, “Natural and Divine Orders: The Politics of Sophocles’ *Philoctetes*”

Response: Jesse Bailey, Pennsylvania State University

6 Babette E. Babich, Fordham University, “Greek Bronze: On Sculptures, Mirrors, and Life.”



5:00-6:00 Behrakis Family Symposium

Devlin Hall 008

Host: Charles Abern, Classics Department, Boston College

Introduction: Gail Hoffman, Classics Department, Boston College

John McKesson Camp II, Director of Excavations, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and Randolph-Macon College, “The Athenian Agora and the Origins of Democracy”

6:30-7:30 Dinner

Heights Room

7:30-9:30 Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy

Host of BACAP Lecture: John J. Cleary, Boston College

Günter Figal, Universität Freiburg, “On the Formation of Concepts: Linguistic Operations in Plato's Dialogues”

Comment: Dennis Schmidt, Pennsylvania State University



Friday, 13 April 2007

9:00-12:00 Reading Aristotle

Chair: Corinne Painter, Michigan State

7 Helen S. Lang, Villanova University, “Aristotle and the Origins of Systematic Philosophy”

Response: Marjolein Oele, Loyola University of Chicago

8 Jim Highland, University of Hartford, “Transformative *Katharsis*: Understanding *Katharsis* in Light of Theophrastus’ Botanical Works”

Response: Matthew Martinuk, University of Guelph

9 Sean Kirkland, DePaul University, “Notes on Anti-Parmenidean Temporality in Aristotle’s *Physics*”

Response: Erick Jimenez, New School for Social Research

12:00-1:30 Lunch

(APS Executive Committee: lunch meeting, small dining room at St. Mary’s Hall)

1:30-3:30 Aristotle and the Stoics

Chair: Mark Brouwer, Wabash College

10 Priscilla Sakezles, University of Akron, “Aristotle’s Determinism and Stoic Eternal Recurrence”

Response: Octavian Gabor, Purdue University

11 Robin Weiss, DePaul University, “Stoicism and the Criterion of Self-Sufficiency”

Response: Zina Giannopoulou, University of California at Irvine

3:45-5:45 The *Phaedo* and Immortality

Chair: Lucio Privitello, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

12 Ross Romero, Boston College, “Without the Least Tremor: Ritual Sacrifice as Background in the *Phaedo*”

Response: Dennis Skocz, Independent Scholar

13 John Edelman, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, “Arguing for Immortality: When Is ἰκανῶς (*Phaedo* 107b) ἰκανῶς?”

Response: Anne Bowery, Baylor University

6:00-7:30 Panel Discussion:

Devlin 101

Welcome

Fr. William P. Leahy, S.J., President, Boston College

**Thinking, Being, and the Thinking Being:
The Receptive Activity of νοῦς in Aristotle**

Chair: William Harwood, Pennsylvania State University

14 Matthew Linck, SUNY-Purchase, “*Nous* and the Non-All: Reading *De Anima* III.3-5 with Benardete and Žižek.

15 Michael Weinman, St. John’s College, Annapolis, “The Simple Cosmological νοῦς and the Compound Human Soul.”

16 Russell Winslow, Fordham University, “Speaking of *nous*: On Being and Thinking.”

7:30 Reception: McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College

Saturday, 14 April 2007

9:00-12:00 Plato and Myth

Chair: John Hansing, Ohio University

17 Carla Francalanci, Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo, Brazil, “Myth and congener (*syngenés*) in Plato’s Thought”

Response: Jason Gianetti, Wheaton College, Norton, MA

18 Alessandra Fussi, Università di Pisa, “Replacing the Old with the New: Diotima’s Response to Aristophanes”

Response: Daw-Nay Evans, DePaul University

19 Olga Gurin, Boston College, “The First Rung of Diotima’s Ladder”

Response: James Wood, Boston University

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:00 Business Meeting

2:00-4:00 Neoplatonism: Greek and Latin

Chair: Jessica Elbert, California State University at Stanislaus

20 Suzanne Stern-Gillet, Bolton University, UK, “Beyond Egoism and Altruism: the Case of Plotinus.”

Response: Stephanie Semler Ingraham, Radford University

21 Tianyue Wu, Catholic University of Leuven, “Shame in the Context of Sin: Augustine on the Feeling of Shame in *De Civitate Dei*.”

Response: Matthew Robinson, Boston College

4:30-5:30 Keynote Address

Chair: Suzanne Stern-Gillet, Bolton University, UK

Denis O'Brien, Directeur de Recherches, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris.

“Plotinus on Matter and the One”

6:30-10:00 Annual APS Banquet: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

**Photographs for Call to Papers, Proceedings and Program:
Thompson Room, Burns Library, Boston College.**

Neptune rebukes the four winds (Virgil, *Aeneid*, XII, 11.887-952)

Aeneas carries Anchises from burning Troy (Virgil, *Aeneid*, II, 11.720-730)

Odysseus returns home unrecognized by Penelope (Homer, *Odyssey*, XIX, 11.104-599)