



Causation and Explanation

February 21st-22nd

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Friday, February 21st (Aquinas Hall)

Keynote Address

2:00 to 4:00

Dr. Jean De Groot (CUA)

“Causal Dynamism”

Aquinas Hall Auditorium

Saturday, February 22nd (Caldwell Hall)

Morning

Session 1: Concurrent Panels

9:00 to 10:20AM Happel Room

Reclaiming Aristotle

Moderator: Ryan Shea

“A Neo-Aristotelian Reading of the Physical Theories of Causation.”

Timothy Dolch (University of Dallas)

“Reclaiming Accidental Causation.”

Joe Milburn (University of Pittsburgh)

9:00 to 10:20AM Caldwell 109

Teleology

Moderator: Erikk Geannikis

“The Teleology of Matter and Form in *Physics II*: An Examination of 199a-23 in Light of Two Interpretations of Final Causality.”

Catherine Peters (University of St. Thomas)

“Teleology and Time.”

Thomas Marre (University of Pittsburgh)

Session 2: Concurrent Panels

10:30 to 11:50AM Happel Room

Language in Explanation and Causation

Moderator: Matthew Pietropaoli

“Are Cause and Explanation Coextensive Terms?”

John Boyer (University of St. Thomas)

“Why Explain Things with Words?”

John Brungardt (CUA)

10:30 to 11:50AM Caldwell 109

Lessons from German Philosophy: Heidegger, Kant, and Leibniz

Moderator: Ryan Shea

“Getting Over Causes: Phenomenology as Fundamental Ontology.”

Robert Talley (CUA)

“The Principle of Reason and the Destiny of Being.”

Sean Skedzielewski (Duquesne University)

12:00 to 1:00PM Lunch

Basilica of the National Shrine Cafeteria

Saturday, February 22nd (Caldwell Hall) Afternoon

Session 3: Concurrent Panels

1:00 to 3:10PM Happel Room

Idealization, Heuristics, and Mixed Sciences

Moderator: Ryan Shea

“Bhaskar, Longergan, and Cartwright on Heuristic Intervention.”

Chris Friel (Boston College)

“Idealization and Causal Explanation.”

Martin King (University of Guelph)

“A Thomistic Phenomenology of the Formal Object of a Subalternate Science:
The Case of John of St. Thomas and Jacques Maritain.”

Matthew Miner (CUA)

1:00 to 3:10PM Caldwell 109

Cause, Mechanism, and Overdetermination

Moderator: Mike Staron

“The Certainty of Causation: Wittgenstein, Hume, and Causal Realism.”

Lance Gilliam (The New School)

“Overdetermination, Exclusion, and the Metaphysics of Causation.”

Eric Guindon (Yale University)

“Mechanism, Causation, Explanation and Metaphysical Glues.”

Martin McNeela (University of Bloomington)

Keynote Address

3:30 to 5:00PM

Dr. Peter Machamer (University of Pittsburgh)

“Explaining Mechanisms”

Happel Room