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For those renting a car from the airport, here are directions to campus: Enter I-40 Westbound from the airport. Stay on I-40 West into downtown Nashville. Exit #209 Broadway. Head West on Broadway for approximately two blocks. The road will split and Broadway will continue to left. Merge left onto Broadway. Follow Broadway and turn right on Grand Ave to enter campus. Turn left for short term metered visitor parking.

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## Hotel Information

Lodging for conference participants has been reserved at three hotels located in walking distance of Vanderbilt University.

A small amount of rooms are available at the [Loews Vanderbilt Hotel](#), a luxury hotel located across the street from Vanderbilt University. Single and double rooms are \$175/night. Contact information: Jana R. Miller at 615-321-1942 or [jmiller@loewshotels.com](mailto:jmiller@loewshotels.com)

Many rooms are reserved at the [Hampton Inn Vanderbilt West End](#) and the [Holiday Inn Vanderbilt](#).

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Travel Information is also available online:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/philosophy/events/philosophialodging.html>

## Thursday

6:00-8:00 PM Buttrick Atrium

OPENING RECEPTION

MUSIC by premier Nashville bluegrass duo ROGERS & BAILEY of THE STEELDRIVERS

## Friday

8:15-9:00 AM Buttrick Atrium

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-11:00 AM

### F1 – A: Buttrick 201

#### **Ethics in Animality: An Encounter with Donna Haraway's *When Species Meet***

Moderator: Lara Giordano, Vanderbilt University

"Rhizomatic Entanglements in Autre-Mondialization"

Lisa Chinn, Emory University

"The Promise of Haraway's Dyspeptic Ethics"

Katharine Schweitzer, Emory University

"Towards an Ethic of Significant Otherness: Donna Haraway, Virginia Woolf, and  
Companionship Beyond the Bo(u)nds of Humanity"

Lauren Guilmette, Emory University

"Being-towards-Murder in a Posthuman World: Heidegger and Haraway on Ethics, Violence and  
Ontology"

David Pena-Guzman, Emory University

### F1 – B: Buttrick 206

#### **Derrida, Language and Sex**

Moderator: Camille Sutton, Vanderbilt University

"Derridean Reductionism? Elizabeth Wilson's *Psychosomatic* and the Logic of Dissemination"

Cameron O'Mara, Pennsylvania State University

"The Sexual Politics of May '68: Derrida, Nietzsche and *la question de la femme*"

Adrian Switzer, Western Kentucky University

"May This, Ululation, Suffice: On Repeating After One, A Derridian Onomatopoeia"

Kyoo Lee, John Jay College, CUNY

"The Place of Fidelity in Poetic Language, or What's In the Box?"

Jessica Mayock, Warren Wilson College

### F1 – C: Buttrick 205

#### **Feminist Responses to Medicalization**

Moderator: Cherrí Carr, University of Memphis

"Theorizing Reproductive Technologies"

Abigail Levin, Niagara University

"Encountering the Stranger that is my Heart: Reading the Scar of Intrusion with Jean-Luc Nancy"

Lori Anne Parker, Independent Scholar

"Apostrophe, Biopower, Abortion"

Sarah Hansen, Vanderbilt University

"What Makes a Livable Life? Objectivity in Fulfillment and the Disabled"

Melinda Hall, Vanderbilt University

F1 – D: Buttrick 202

**Beauvoir, Nietzsche and Play**

Moderator: Michael Burroughs, University of Memphis

“Beauvoir's Will to Power: Nietzsche, Beauvoir, Irigaray”

Emily Anne Parker, Santa Clara University

“Temporality, Recurrence, and Transcendence in Beauvoir's Nietzschean Cycles”

Elaine Miller, Miami University of Ohio

“A Place for Play: Existential Health in Human Development”

Kirsten Jacobson, University of Maine

“Beauvoir's Phenomenology: Ambiguity, Trans-Subjectivity, Volatility...Authenticity?”

Christine Daigle, Brock University

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

F2 – A: Buttrick 202

**Responsibility, Authority and Citizenship**

Moderator: Kelly Hardcastle Jones, University of Guelph

Levinas, Responsibility, and Tragedy

Cynthia Coe, Central Washington University

Arendt on the Future of Progress and the Loss of Authority

Emily Zakin, Miami University of Ohio

Gender, Race and Citizenship: Gloria Anzaldúa and Outlaw Identities

Natalie Cisneros, Vanderbilt University

F2 – B: Buttrick 205

**Masculinity and Virility**

Moderator: Alice Everly, University of Memphis

“Deleuze and the Reconstruction of Masculinity”

C.J. Davies, Vanderbilt University

“Lose the Porn and Keep the Sex: an Irigarayan Argument Against Pornography Use”

Andrew Robinson, University of Guelph

“Race and Political Virility in Modern European Political Thought”

Laura Werner, Harvard University

F2 – C: Buttrick 206

**Reconceiving the Matrix: Identity, Maternity, Culture**

Moderator: Denise Callejas, Vanderbilt University

“Gestation, Identity and Immunity”

Anne O'Byrne, SUNY Stonybrook

“Hesiod's Pandora, The Technological Matrix of Maternity”

Elissa Marder, Emory University

“Matrix of Culture: Kristeva on the Maternal Vocation”

Pleshette DeArmitt, University of Memphis

12:45-2:30 LUNCH BREAK

2:45-4:15 PM

**F3 – A:** Buttrick 201

**Gendered Violence**

Moderator: Francey A. Russell, Vanderbilt University

“Susan Brison's *Aftermath*: The Moral Value of Bodily Resentment”

Grace Hunt, New School for Social Research

“‘Coercive Control’ and the Refusal of Relation: Reading Irigaray with New Perspectives on Domestic Violence”

Emma R. Jones, University of Oregon

“Conceptually Situating the Harm of Rape: An Analysis of Objectification”

Lindsay-Ann Kellan, Rhodes University (South Africa)

**F3 – B:** Buttrick 202

**Multispecies Love**

Moderator: Jon Dodds, University of Memphis

“Eros in the Biosphere: An Ecological Ethics for Multispecies Being”

Cynthia Willett, Emory University

“Antivivisection Disorder and the Case of the ‘Crazy Cat Lady’”

Chloe Taylor, University of Alberta

“From Animal Father to Animal Mother: A Freudian Account of Feminist Care Ethics”

Alison Suen, Vanderbilt University

**F3 – C:** Buttrick 205

**Irigaray, Language, Communication**

Moderator: Clara Mengolini, Vanderbilt University

“The Twoness of Sexual Difference and the Question of Transcendental Philosophy: Examining the Development of Irigaray’s Thought from *Speculum* to *Sharing the World*”

Anne van Leeuwen, New School for Social Research

“Flesh of the Feminine?: Merleau-Ponty & Irigaray”

Matt Lovett, Duquesne University

“Communication and the Productivity of Feminine Desire: Bringing Irigaray to Work, and Politics”

Jeff Morrisey, Institute for Christian Studies

4:30-6:00 Buttrick 101

**Plenary: Race and Sex Post 9-11**

Alia Al-Saji, McGill University

Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University

6:00-8:00 Buttrick Atrium

MARGARITA RECEPTION WITH LIGHT FOOD

MUSIC BY KEYBOARDIST MADELINE MYERS

## Saturday

8:15-9:00 AM Buttrick Atrium

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-10:30 AM

**S1 – A:** Buttrick 201

### **Relation and Recognition**

Moderator: Ann Murphy, Fordham University

“Having a Voice - Travelling the Distance between Throat and Ear”

Florentien Verhage, Washington and Lee University

“Interpersonal Relations and Normalized Life: A Heideggerian Approach to Institutional Authenticity”

Karen Robertson, University of Guelph

“Where do you come from, and where are you going?": Recognition as the Inauguration of Human Transformation”

Shannon Hoff, Institute for Christian Studies

**S1 – B:** Buttrick 202

### **Feminist Conceptions of Labor and Politics**

Moderator: Emily McGill, Vanderbilt University

“Intimate Interventions: The Future of Revolt in Julia Kristeva’s Politics”

Elizabeth Purcell, Boston College

“Open for Business: Sacred Femininity in Stephen Soderbergh’s *The Girlfriend Experience*”

Jessica Sims, University of Oregon

“Ancillary care labour as (im)material labour”

Monique Lanoix, Appalachian State University

**S1 – C:** Buttrick 205

### **Women in the History of Philosophy**

Moderator: Amanda Holmes, Miami University of Ohio

“Women in Aristotle’s *Politics*: Golden Footbaths and Crowning Glories”

Adriel M. Trott, University of Texas Pan-American

“Revolutionizing the History of Philosophy: Reclamation as Love”

Sarah Tyson, Vanderbilt University,

“Tracking the Abduction of Woman by way of ‘the Animal’: Appropriation in Hegel’s *Philosophy of Right*”

Jessica Polish, Vanderbilt University

**S1 – D:** Buttrick 206

### **Butler, Vulnerability, Resilience and Kinship**

Moderator: Paul Hammond, University of Memphis

The Thought of Vulnerability in the Work of Judith Butler

Erinn Cuniff Gilson, University of North Florida

Butler, hooks, and the Resilience of Dance

Joshua Hall, Vanderbilt University

Judith Butler’s Claim: Kinship, Precariousness, and the Question of the Animal

James Stanescu, Mercer University

The Rhetoric of the Unreadable Body

Katharine Loevy, Vanderbilt University

10:45-11:45 AM

**S2 – A:** Buttrick 201

**Desire and Veiling**

Moderator: Leigh Johnson, Rhodes College

“Virgin Desire: Hegel, Lacan, and the Politics of the Veil”

Victoria I. Burke, University of Guelph

“‘A Sense of Erotic Provocation’: The Veil, S/M and Politics”

Muhammad Velji, University of South Florida

**S2 – B:** Buttrick 202

**Feminist Readings of Kant**

Moderator: Garrett Bredeson, Vanderbilt University

“On Kant’s Third Sphere of Political Society”

Jordan Pascoe, CUNY Graduate Center

“The Seduction of Pure Reason/Sexualized Metaphor and the Constitution of Kantian Subjectivity”

Ashley Bohrer, DePaul University

**S2 – C:** Buttrick 205

**Queer Theory: Halberstam and Hormones**

Moderator: Rebecca Chapman, Vanderbilt University

“Political Negativity and Existentialist Ethics: Thinking Halberstam with Beauvoir”

Robin James, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“On the Subject of Hormones”

Kim Q. Hall, Appalachian State University

**S2 – D:** Buttrick 206

**Psychoanalysis and Motherhood**

Moderator: Juliana Lewis, Vanderbilt University

“An Ethics of (m)othering: Affectivity and Abjection, Levinas with Kristeva”

Matthew Ray Stewart, Kennesaw State University

“The Feral Child: What Freud’s Wild Boy Says About Motherhood”

Jamie Steele, Independent Scholar

11:45-1:30 LUNCH BREAK

1:45-4:15 PM

**S3 – A:** Buttrick 202

**Roundtable Discussion: Continental and Feminist Pedagogy**

Hernando Estevez, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Sina Kramer, DePaul University

Andrew Dilts, University of Chicago

Holly Moore, Luther College

Andrea Janae Sholtz, Alvernia University



**S3 – B: Buttrick 205**

**Kristeva's Fiction**

Moderator: Benigno Trigo, Vanderbilt University

"Italy and the Literary in Julia Kristeva"

Carol Mastrangelo Bové, Westminster College and University of Pittsburgh

"Whodunnit? Reading Kristeva with the Help of Detective Fiction"

Stacy Keltner, Kennesaw State University

"Between Theory and the Body: Fiction"

Miglena Nikolchina, Sofia University

"Not a Country for Old Men: Mimesis and Violence in Santa Varvara"

Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

"Lost in Byzantium: Kristeva's Detectives"

Ewa Ziarek, SUNY Buffalo

**S3 – C: Buttrick 206**

**Feminist Embodiment**

Moderator: Karen McCarthy, Emory University

"Becoming Bovine: A Phenomenology of Early Motherhood and its Practical and Political Consequences for Workplace Policies"

Sally Fischer, Warren Wilson College

"Toward a Phenomenology of Orgasm"

Bronwyn Singleton, University of Toronto

"Bodily Becomings"

Fanny Söderbäck, Siena College

"Exposing the Breast: the Animal and the Abject in American Attitudes Toward Breastfeeding"

Rebecca Tuvel, Vanderbilt University

"Affect, Difference and the Body Proper in Merleau-Ponty and Kristeva"

Shiloh Whitney, McGill University

4:30-6:00 PM: Buttrick 101

**Plenary: Re-Thinking Whiteness**

Ladelle McWhorter, University of Richmond

Shannon Sullivan, Pennsylvania State University

6:00-8:00 PM Calhoun Portico (outside Calhoun Hall, in front of Furman Hall)

DINNER catered by WOODLAND INDIAN VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

MUSIC BY KEYBOARDIST MADELINE MYERS

8:00-11:00 PM Location TBA

DANCE PARTY with DJ and CASH BAR