

37<sup>th</sup> Annual American Weil Society Colloquy

# SIMONE WEIL: GRACE, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE

## DAY 1: Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00am Breakfast at Radnor Hotel; Registration

9:00am – 10:00am **Decreation and Anti-Humanism** | Moderator: Sophia Bourgault

- “The Editorial, Personal, and Philosophical Relationship Between Simone Weil and Albert Camus” | *Eric B. Berg, MacMurray College*
- “Simone Weil’s Anti-Humanism” | *Oriol Quintana, Researcher of the Catedra Ethos-URL, IQS, Barcelona*

10:00am – 10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am – 12:00pm **Embodiment and Rootedness** | Moderator: Joshua Lawrence

- “Fasting as Communing: The Mystical Significance of Simone Weil’s Embodied Social Thought” | *Katherine Sepulveda, Villanova University*
- “Rooted Errantry: Relational Identity in Simone Weil and Édouard Glissant” | *Benjamin Davis, Emory University*
- “Simone Weil’s Radical Ontology of Rootedness: Natural and Supernatural Justices” | *Alexandre Andrade Martins, Marquette University*

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch at Radnor Hotel

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Upheavals of Political Thought** | Moderator: Peter Linton

- “Above Moral Rebuke: Is Revolutionary Compassion Possible in Trumpian Times?” | *Scott B. Ritner, New School of Social Research*
- “John Dewey and Simone Weil: The (Super)Natural Roots of Democracy” | *H. Dirk Windhorst, Redeemer University College*
- “On Superficiality” | *Tomeu Estelrich, Boston College*

3:00pm – 3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30pm – 5:00pm **Plenary Address** | Moderator: Mark Shiffman

- “Simone Weil on Epistemic Privilege” | *Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University*

6:00pm Banquet at Radnor Hotel

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## DAY 2: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am Breakfast at Radnor Hotel; Registration

9:00am – 10:00am **Weil and Philosophy** | Moderator: Lisa Radakovich Holsberg

- “A Thoughtful Life” | *Rev. Eric O. Springsted, The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton NJ*
- “‘And what is truth?’ Simone Weil’s Conception of Truth and Contemporary Philosophy” | *James Prakash Younger, Trinity College*

10:00am – 10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am – 12:00pm **Weil and Levinas** | Moderator: Tomeu Estelrich

- “Traumatic Grace as Metapolitical Condition” | *Joshua Lawrence, University of Denver-Iliff School of Theology*
- “Love and Forgiveness: Levinas’ Mischaracterization of Weil’s Platonic Love in ‘Simone Weil Against the Bible’” | *Jacquelyn Maxwell, Queen’s University*
- “The Gravity of Grace: A Reading of Weil’s ‘Total Paralytic’ Prayer from the New York Notebook” | *Robert C. Reed, Boston College*

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch at Radnor Hotel

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Education and Attention** | Moderator: Scott B. Ritner

- “Attention to Truth and Justice: Simone Weil and Jacques Ellul on Ethics in the Age of Technique” | *Sarah Louise MacMillen, Duquesne University*
- “‘Giving our Attention’: 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Challenges to the Mind and Soul in Light of Simone Weil’s ‘Reflections on the Right Use of School Studies with a View to the Love of God’” | *Kaley Carpenter, Villanova University*
- “Simone in Real Time: Using Weil in the Classroom” | *Vance G. Morgan, Providence College*

3:00pm – 3:30pm Closing Remarks

3:30pm – 4:30pm **AWS Business Meeting**

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