

The American Weil Society

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Dear Friends and Members of the American Weil Society,

We are getting closer to our next AWS Colloquy, which is organized by Prof. Tomeu Estelrich and to be held at Boston College on **April 23-25, 2020**. We are happy to announce that we have received an extremely high number of excellent proposals from different parts of the world. We are very much looking forward to the conference, which will feature a keynote speech by Prof. Elaine Scarry (Walter M. Cabot Professor of Aesthetics and the General Theory of Value, Harvard University).

Please find below some detailed information, prepared by our host, concerning the logistics of our colloquy (including a link to various accommodation options). You will also find attached to this email a copy of the preliminary conference program. Sincere thanks go to Tomeu Estelrich for all his hard work organizing the conference (questions about the program or the logistics of the colloquy should be forwarded to him directly.).

In preparation for the Colloquy and for our next AWS business meeting, I would like all members of the AWS society to take note of some important information:

1. In order to attend or to present at the colloquy, you must be an up-to-date member of the AWS. You may complete the transaction to pay your fees on our website at the following address: www.americanweilsociety.org. Please note that our membership fees will help fund more numerous and/or more generous Junior Weillienne Scholar Grants (these are awarded to doctoral students working on Simone Weil who will present their work at the AWS colloquy). We thank you for your support. You may also pay for your subscription to the *Cahiers Simone Weil* when you are on the website.
2. There are **no registration fees** attached to attending the AWS colloquy, but please note that all individuals wishing to attend **must register** before February 29th 2020. (The link is provided below)
3. The **AWS needs to fill two positions this year**: that of Treasurer and that of Webmaster.

The Treasurer will be elected for a three-year term. The duties are related to finances and membership. The Treasurer monitors the financial health of the organization. The Treasurer receives dues, is responsible for disbursements and for reporting to the Board the state of the finances of the Society. The treasurer can be elected for a second term. The current Treasurer, Ben Davis, will provide detailed instructions to the next Treasurer (to be elected at Boston College).

The Webmaster: The Webmaster is the person in charge of maintaining the Society's website. The term continues as long as the webmaster agrees to exercise this function. (*If I may add: we really need someone to step in rapidly, since we've been in need of a webmaster for a while now. Thanks for considering doing this community service.*)

If you have any questions about what these positions entail or if you wish to nominate someone, please feel free to get in touch with me at sbourgau@uottawa.ca.

And now for news:

1) **CALL FOR PAPERS: *Death / text / resonance Simone Weil and Writing To(wards) Death***

July 1st – July 4th, 2020. *Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt diffract - zentrum für theoretische peripherie Berlin*. Submission deadline: March 1st, 2020. For more information about the CFP and to send an abstract proposals: please write to **Thomas**

Sojer (thomas.sojer@uni-graz.at). The working language of the colloquy is English, and notification of submission results will be communicated by April 1st, 2020. Submissions are invited from all fields of study, including, but not limited to, literary studies, theology, philosophy, critical theory, religious studies and political science. For more info, please follow this link:

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/73374/announcements/5791986/death-text-resonance-simone-weil-and-writing-towards-death>

2) **CONFERENCE: *Rethinking Responses to Political Crisis and Collapse: Hannah Arendt, Edith Stein, Rosa Luxemburg, and Simone Weil*. March 6–8, 2020.** (to be held at King's University College at Western University, Canada). Conference organized by The Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy in conjunction with The Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Theology at King's University College at Western University, London (Canada). Keynote Speakers: Anna Rowlands, Durham University; Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, University of North Dakota. For more information, please contact Antonio Calcagno (acalcagn@uwo.ca) or Stephen Lofts (slofts@uwo.ca).

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XL Annual Colloquy Simone Weil on Spirituality, Beauty and Justice

Boston College, April 23-25, 2020

This conference is made possible by generous contributions from the:

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PARTICIPANTS

- We ask all participants to register [here](#) before **Saturday February 29, 2020**. Please remember to pay your membership dues as member of the AWS [here](#). There are no registration fees to be paid for the conference.
- The conference will officially start on **Thursday April 23 in the evening (time and location TBD)** with a Keynote speech by Professor Elaine Scarry, the Walter M. Cabot Professor of Aesthetics and the General Theory of Value at Harvard University entitled: *The Beauty of Earth and the Call to Justice*. A reception will follow.

PRESENTERS:

- In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible during the colloquy, presenters are asked to keep their remarks to a 20 minute reading time, to be followed by 15 minutes of question and answer.

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

- All events, except for the banquet (see below), will be held in the Conference Room of the Lynch School of Education (room number 139) on the Chestnut Hill campus of Boston College. Click [here](#) to see the BC campus map and locate your destination.

BANQUET:

- On Friday, April 24 we will host a Banquet at the Faculty Dining Room at 6:30pm. The price of the banquet is \$40 per person (it includes beverages, tip and tax). People interested in attending must register [here](#) before **Saturday February 29, 2020**. Payment will be done in cash during the first day of the conference. PLEASE FILL OUT ONE GOOGLE FORM PER PERSON.

LUNCHES:

- During the conference, free lunches and coffee/refreshments will be offered to all participants in the conference room.

ACCOMMODATIONS, DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

- To find hotel accommodations close to Boston College, driving directions, parking on campus, public transportation and maps please click [here](#). Some of the hotels near Boston College will offer discounts to Boston College visitors. These rates may change throughout the year. We recommend asking about discounts when making your reservation.