

# “God and the Unconditional” Program

April 1-2, 2022 | Garey 10A, Villanova University  
Sponsored by CPAV (Christian Philosophy at Villanova)

All sessions will be held in Garey 10A  
\*\*virtual presentation

Friday, April 1

**9:20 AM Registration**

**9:45 AM Welcome**

**Panel 1 | 10-11:30 AM**

*The Logic of the Logos*

Chair: TBD

**The Miracle of Science: An Essay Against the Principle of Sufficient Reason**

Ryan Haecker, University of Cambridge

**The Limits Imposed by Relation: The Problem of God and the Absolute in F.H. Bradley**

Kyle Barbour, University of Guelph

**Thinking of God’s Unconditionality as a Consequence of His Absoluteness and the Foundation of His Infinity: Empty terms or fruitful starting points for actual reference to God?**

Ammar Aldudak, Humboldt University of Berlin

**Lunch | 12-1:30 PM**

**Panel 2 | 1:45-3:15 PM**

*Forgiveness, Prayer, and the Psalms*

Chair: Sharon Gutkowski

**\*\*Forgiveness in-between the possible and the impossible: Can we experience God’s unconditional love for creation?**

Sónia Monteiro, Fordham University

**Philosophy, Prayer, and Service in William Desmond’s “Solitudes”**

Caroline Arnold, Boston College

**Singing the Psalms in Redeemed Time: Marion, Ricoeur, Chrétien and Desmond on Augustine and Time**

Patrick Corry, University of Notre Dame

**Panel 3 | 3:30-5 PM**

*Finding Insight into the Unconditional*

Chair: TBD

**Bernard Lonergan on the Virtually and the Absolutely Unconditioned**

Jonathan Heaps, St. Edwards University

**Et Hoc Dicimus Deum: Levinas and Lonergan on Identifying God**

Sean Haefner, Boston College

**\*\*God as an Event: A Critical Analysis of Postmodern Hermeneutics of Religion by John D. Caputo**

Sebastian Kallarackal, Pontifical Lateran University

Saturday, April 2

**Panel 4 | 9-10:30 AM**

*Negative Theological Variations*

Chair: TBD

**\*\*When Nothing is Everything: David of Dinant and Negative Pantheism**

Emanuele Costa, Vanderbilt University

**Eriugena's Theophany and Unconditionality**

Robert McQueen, Boston College

**\*\*The Nail and the Cross: On the Apophatic Theological Anthropology of Simone Weil**

Michaela Podolny, University of Chicago Divinity School

**Panel 5 | 10:45-11:45 PM**

*Perception, Consciousness and Desire*

Chair: Trevor Williams

**Between Hegel and Nietzsche: A Hybrid Account of Religious Consciousness**

Jason Barton, University of New Mexico

**Unconditioned Desire? Tillich and Coakley in Constructive Dialogue**

Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary

**Lunch | 12-1:30 PM**

**Panel 6 | 1:45-3:15 PM**

*Phenomenology and the Unconditional*

Chair: Jacques Linder

**Givenness and the Constitution of an Irreducible Other**

Josh Taccolini, Saint Louis University

**\*\*From the Unconditioned to the Inconspicuous: Emmanuel Falque and the Prospects of a Transcendental Phenomenology of Revelation**

Jack Pappas, Fordham University

**Roundtable on “God and the Unconditional” | 3:30-5 PM**

Moderators: Olivia Click & Connor Ritchie

John Caputo (Villanova University), William Desmond (Villanova University), Christina Gschwandtner (Fordham University)