The Philosophy Department at Saint Louis University is pleased to send an invitation for paper submissions to the 2022 SLU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. The theme of this year’s conference is “The Problem of Evil”.

Our keynote speakers are Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University) and Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State University).

The conference will be held on October 7-8, 2022. We are pleased to announce that the conference will be in-person. In order to promote health safety and other considerations, of course, we will be following all public regulations and university protocol.

Papers should be related to the theme of the conference, broadly construed (for example, in addition to topics related to the problem of evil, we will happily receive papers on questions pertaining to concepts of “evil,” “suffering,” and “God” (or divinity) insofar as they shape various theodicies; also on the problem of hell, eternal or otherwise; on metaphysical questions as they apply to such topics as, for example, animal suffering, human death, or the reality of human disability; likewise metaethical questions pertaining to the nature of evil itself; as well as papers on the history of philosophy dealing with a particular era or thinker’s approach to the question of evil). Papers should not exceed 3,000 words in length and should be accompanied by a 150-word abstract. Please prepare papers for blind review.

Submission deadline is April 22, 2022.

Questions and submissions may be sent to pgsa.conf@slu.edu

Dr. Stump is the Robert J. Henle Professor of Philosophy at Saint Louis University. She has published extensively in philosophy of religion, contemporary metaphysics, and medieval philosophy. Her books include Aquinas (2003), Wandering in Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Suffering (2010), and Atonement (2018). Her book The Image of God: The Problem of Evil and the Problem of Mourning will appear in 2022.

Dr. Reitan is Professor of Philosophy at Oklahoma State University. He specializes in ethics and the philosophy of religion. His first book, Is God a Delusion? A Reply to Religion’s Cultured Despisers, was named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2009. His other books include God’s Final Victory co-authored with John Kronen (2013) and The Triumph of Love: Same-Sex Marriage and The Christian Love Ethic (2017).