BAPT Conference
Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers
Tenth Biennial Meeting
October 8-10, 2004

Dallas Baptist University

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Linda Zagzebski, Kingfisher College Chair of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at the University of Oklahoma, will give the conference keynote address. Dr. Zagzebski, who holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from UCLA, previously served as professor of philosophy at Loyola Marymount University and is the author or editor of five books, including *The Dilemma of Freedom and Foreknowledge*, *Rational Faith*, and *Virtues of the Mind*. Her sixth book, forthcoming this year from Cambridge University Press and titled *Divine Motivation Theory*, offers “a non-teleological, motive-based virtue theory with a theological foundation.” Dr. Zagzebski has also pursued scholarly work exploring the problem of religious diversity and social responsibility, the incarnation, and phronesis and Christian belief. Among numerous other professional activities, Dr. Zagzebski currently serves on the executive committee of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Parallel Sessions:

More than twenty papers will be presented by conference attendees over the weekend on a variety of philosophical topics. See schedule below

Conference Location:

All conference activities will be held in the new International Student Center on the DBU campus.
Friday, October 8

1:00-5:30 Registration (International Student Center, DBU)

5:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:30 Keynote Address: Linda Zagzebski, “The Admirable Life and the Desirable Life”

Saturday, October 9

9:00-10:30

Session I.A

“The Practice of Belief”
Presenter: David Holley (University of Southern Mississippi)
Respondent: Edwin Bagley (Wingate University)

“Identity in Religious Community: The Problem of the Public-Private Distinction”
Presenter: Glenn Gentry (Baylor University)

Session I.B

“Are Counterfactuals and Past Tense Statements Really ‘That’ Unalike?”
Presenter: Manning Garrett (Lambuth University)
Respondent: Michael Robinson (Cumberland College)

“Memory, History, Forgetting: A Panel Discussion of Paul Ricoeur's New Book”
Panelists: Tim Maddox (Hardin-Simmons University)
Keith Putt (Samford University)
Dan Stiver (Hardin-Simmons University)

10:45-12:15

Session II.A

“Felicity and Fusion: Speech Act Theory and Hermeneutical Philosophy”
Presenter: Dan Stiver (Hardin-Simmons University)

“Confiteor tibi in litteris’: Augustine’s Confessions and the Hermeneutics of Testimony”
Presenter: Keith Putt (Samford University)

Session II.B

“On Thomson and First- and Second-Order Ways of Being Good”
Presenter: Michael Beaty (Baylor University)

“The New Natural Law, Christian Moral Realism, and the MacIntyrean Critique”
Presenter: Rob Prevost (Wingate University)

12:30-1:30 Lunch and Business Meeting

1:30-3:00 4 papers

Session IV.A

“Hope: A Forgotten Virtue for Christian Scholars in a Culture of Presumption and Despair”
Presenter: Douglas Henry (Baylor University)
Respondent: Roger Ward (Georgetown College)

“Can Nietzsche’s Übermensch Possess the Virtues?”
Presenter: Edwin Bagley (Wingate University)

Session IV.B

“Ivan Karamazov Encounters John Calvin”
Presenter: Joe Barnhart (University of North Texas)

“On the Plausibility of Transworld Depravity”
Presenter: Michael Robinson (Cumberland College)

3:15-4:45

Session V.A

“Kierkegaardian Exemplarism: A Transcendent Ethic of Disruption”
Presenter: Jessy Jordan (Baylor University)

“Earnestness and the Task of Existence”
Presenter: Mark Tietjen (Baylor University)

Session V.B

“Probative and Prudential Arguments for Religious Faith: An Evaluation of the Ways Descartes and Pascal Reacted to Skepticism”
Presenter: Dennis Sansom (Samford University)

“Jonathan Edwards as Proto-Pragmatist and John Dewey as Post-Theological Calvinist”
Presenter: Stuart Rosenbaum (Baylor University)

5:00 Dinner Outing: Joe T. Garcia’s and Sundance Square, Ft. Worth

Sunday, October 10

8:30-10:45

Session VI.A

“How to Be a Theological Voluntarist”
Presenter: Zach Manis (Baylor University)
Respondent: Byron Eubanks (Ouachita Baptist University)

“Reid’s Theory of Language”
Presenter: David Alexander (Baylor University)

Session VI.B

“An Examination of Eriximachus and Socrates in Plato’s Symposium: Implications on the Political Concept of Preemption”
Presenter: Jessy Jordan (Baylor University)

“Ethical Aesthetics in Plato’s Republic”
Presenter: Cameron Jorgenson (Baylor University)

“Does Socrates Believe in the Immortality of the Soul? Reflections on Plato’s Phaedo”
Presenter: Paul Carron (Baylor University)

11:00-11:30 Worship