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THE STUDY OF THE HUMAN SELF

THE SECOND BIENNIAL
WILLIAM AND MARY COLLOQUIUM
IN PHILOSOPHY
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2008

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

Although we are learning from psychology and neuroscience that we are not the kinds of agents described in our traditional humanistic theories of the self, we do not yet know what kind of agent we are. We do not yet know how to think of ourselves as deliberators, choosers, and actors. At the conclusion of this interdisciplinary conference, panelists and participants will have addressed the following questions:

*What kind of agent are we?
What are we actually like as deliberators, choosers, and actors?
And what are the methods of inquiry most likely to help us discover the truth about our capacities as agents?*

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

All sessions will be held in the Empire Room of the Williamsburg Hospitality House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:30 am Opening Remarks
8:45 - 9:15 am Introduction to the Topic and Format of the Conference - Paul Davies

FIRST SESSION

Moderator:
John Griffin, Director of Neuroscience, W&M
9:30 am Jaak Panksepp
10:00 am Todd Heatherton
10:30 am Patricia Churchland

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

11:15 am Questions from panelists
12:00 noon Open Q&A
Session concludes at 12:30 pm

Lunch 12:30-2:00 pm

SECOND SESSION

Moderator:
Christopher Ball, Department of Psychology, W&M
2:00 pm Roy Baumeister
2:30 pm Esther Sternberg
3:00 pm Tamar Gendler

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

3:45 pm Questions from panelists
4:30 pm Open Q&A
Session concludes at 5:00 pm

6:00 pm Social Hour at the Hospitality House
7:00 pm Dinner Banquet at the Hospitality House

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

THIRD SESSION

Moderator:
Matthew Haug, Department of Philosophy, W&M
8:30 am Robert Kane
9:00 am Alfred Mele
9:30 am Daniel Wegner

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

10:15 am Questions from panelists
11:30 am Open Q&A
Session concludes at noon

Lunch 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm

FOURTH SESSION

Moderator:
James Dwyer, School of Law, W&M
1:30 pm Open Q&A
Session concludes at 3:30 pm

3:30-4:00 pm Concluding Remarks
4:00 - 5:00 pm Concluding Reception

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PANELISTS



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PATRICIA CHURCHLAND

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PAUL SHELDON DAVIES

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TAMAR SZABO GENDLER

Department of Philosophy and Chair of Cognitive Science Program, Yale University. Tamar's most recent articles include "Alief and Belief" (2008) in *Journal of Philosophy* and "Self-Deception as Pretense" (2008) in *Philosophical Perspectives: Mind*. She is co-editor of *Conceivability and Possibility* (2002), published by Oxford University Press. (<http://pantheon.yale.edu/~tgendler/>)



TODD HEATHERTON

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editor of *The Psychological Science: Mind, Brain, and Behavior*, (2003), published by W.W. Norton. (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~heath/>)

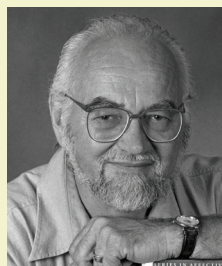
ROBERT KANE

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ALFRED MELE

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JAAK PANKSEPP

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Emotion (1998), Oxford University Press. (<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-vcapp/people/Panksepp-endowed.asp>)



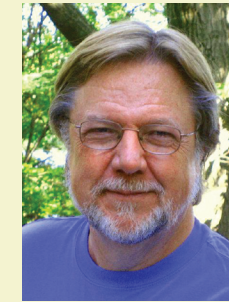
ESTHER STERNBERG

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REGISTRATION

To register, please send the completed registration form and appropriate fee to:

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INFORMATION

Make checks payable to The College of William and Mary. Registration for the conference covers the costs of all sessions, a social hour and dinner banquet, and a concluding reception.

The fee is \$120 until August 26th 2008 and \$150 thereafter.

Hotel rooms are available at a reduced conference rate of \$119 per night at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, where all conference sessions will be held. To secure the conference rate, reservations must be received by August 26, 2008. Call the Hospitality House at 757-229-4020.