

**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** - Clarion Hotel, Salon A-B-C

**1:15 Opening of the Conference**

Paul Allen Miller, University of South Carolina  
Dean Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, College of Arts and Sciences  
University of South Carolina

**1:30 - 3:30 Panels**

**A: Plato Today, Salon A**

“Socrates in the Cold War”  
Sara Monoson, Northwestern University  
“Creating Philosopher-Queens: Luce Irigaray, Marilynne Robinson, and Plato's Allegory of the Cave”  
Colette Hayes, San Francisco State University  
“Reading Plato in Gatsby: *The Great Gatsby*, Trimalchio, and Platonic Origins”  
Marsha McCoy, Austin College  
Discussant: Jay Wood, University of Virginia

**B: Philosopher Plato, Salon B**

“Should Aristotle be Interpreted as a Platonist?”  
John Cleary  
“Francis Bacon's Political Plato”  
Donald D. Wells, The University of the South  
“Charles Peirce's Pragmatic Plato”  
David L. O'Hara, Augustana College  
Discussant: Jan Opsomer, Universität zu Köln

**C: Intertextualities, Salon C**

“Another Apology for Socrates: An Inter-textual Interpretation of Xenophon's *Symposium*”  
Leihua Weng, University of South Carolina  
“Quotational Performances of the Reditus in the Anticlaudianus of Alan of Lille”  
Leif Weatherby, University of Pennsylvania  
“Techne and the Unicity of the Good in Plato and Aristotle”  
George Harvey, Indiana University Southeast  
Discussant: Richard Peevers, University of California, Irvine

**3:30 - 4:00 Coffee Break**

**4:00 - 5:00 Sprague Lecture, Salon A-B-C**

Introduction by Rosamond Kent Sprague, University of South Carolina  
  
“The Origins of Platonist Orthodoxy in the Old Academy”  
John Dillon, Trinity College, Dublin

**5:00 Reception, Clarion Magnolia Room**

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** - Clarion Hotel, Salon A-B-C

**8:30 - 10:30 Panels**

**A: Cicero I, Salon A**

“The Platonic Structure of Cicero's *Tusculanae*”  
Michael Fournier, Dalhousie University  
“Is Gyges Hiding in the Garden? Cicero's Platonism and Epicurean Justice”  
Jean-Philippe Ranger, Université Paris IV, University of Ottawa  
“The Truly False Basis of Cicero's Platonism”  
William Altman, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina  
Discussant: Catherine Castner, University of South Carolina

**B: Body and Soul, Salon B**

“Plato's *Phaedo*: the Persistence of the Finite”  
Stephen Findley, Webster University  
“The Ethics of the Flesh: the *Phaedo* and after”  
Brooke Holmes, Princeton University  
“Recollection in the *Philebus*”  
G.S. Bagwell, Duquesne University  
Discussant: Daniel Restrepo, The New School for Social Research

**C: Ideologies, Salon C**

“Structural Misanthropology: Plato's Gold Plot in *The Republic*”  
Harry Berger, University of California, Santa Cruz  
“The Cloth of Zas: Platonic Political Weaving and its Antecedents”  
Phillip Horky, Stanford University  
“Persuasion and Force in Platonic Politics”  
Melissa Lane, King's College, University of Cambridge  
Discussant: Stephen Salkever, Bryn Mawr College

**10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45 - 11:45 Plenary Speaker, Salon A-B-C**

“Socrates, and the Dialogue Form in Plato”  
Luc Brisson, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique  
Moderator: Matthew Kenney, Furman University

**12:00 - 1:45 Lunch Break**

**1:45 - 2:45 Plenary Speaker, Salon A-B-C**

“Marsilio Ficino and the Religion of the Philosophers”  
James Hankins, Harvard University  
Moderator: Jerry Hackett, University of South Carolina

**2:45 - 3:00 Coffee Break**

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**3:00 - 5:00 Panels**

**A: Cicero II, Salon A**

“Cicero's *Timaeanus* and the Platonic Tradition in the First Century BC”  
Paolo Badalotti, University of Udine  
“*Noster Plato*: Making Plato Roman”  
Siobhan McElduff, University of British Columbia  
“On the Reception of Plato in Cicero's *De Legibus*”  
Jason Taylor, Boston College  
Discussant: Hunter Gardner, University of South Carolina

**B: Logoi in the Phaedo, Salon B**

“Socrates' Arguments in the *Phaedo*”  
Adam Carmichael, University of South Carolina  
“The Hypothetical Method in the *Phaedo*'s Arguments for the Soul's Immortality”  
John Palmer, University of Florida  
“Without the Least Tremor: Ritual Sacrifice as Background in the *Phaedo*”  
Michael Ross Romero, Boston College  
Discussant: Sara Brill, Fairfield University

**C: Politics in Republic V, Salon C**

“Aristotle on Plato on Women”  
Marguerite Deslauriers, McGill University  
“Subjectivity, Contradiction and the Traditions of Feminist-Platonism”  
Alex Dressler, University of Washington  
“A Democratic Reading of Plato's Dialogues: The Socratic Narrative”  
Arlene Saxonhouse, University of Michigan  
Discussant: Gerald Mara, Georgetown University

**5:00 - 5:15 Coffee Break**

**5:15 - 6:15 Plenary Speaker, Salon A-B-C**

“Ordinary Virtue from the *Republic* to the *Laws*”  
Richard Kraut, Northwestern University  
Moderator  
Jill Frank, University of South Carolina

**7:00 Banquet at the Clarion Hotel**

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Gambrell Hall, USC

**8:30 - 10:30 Panels**

**A: Middle Platonisms, GAMB 429**

“Philo of Alexandria on Cosmic Democracy”

Tiberiu Popa, Butler University

“Leading the Symposium, Leading the City: the *Symposiarch* as *Politikos* in Plutarch”

Philip Stadter, University of North Carolina

“The Ancient Platonist's History of Ancient Platonism”

John Phillips, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Discussant: Mark Beck, University of South Carolina

**B: Myth, Reason, Imagination, GAMB 430**

“Plato's Mythic Imagination”

John Bussanich, University of New Mexico

“A Tale about Forms - intellectus quarens fabulam”

Marcin Podbielski, King's College

“Looking at Eyes and Souls: Self Knowledge in Plato's *Alcibiades* and *Theaetetus*”

Zina Giannopoulou, University of California, Irvine

Discussant: Chuck Platter, University of Georgia

**C: Hermeneutics, GAMB 431**

“*No pain no gain*: the Pedagogical Purpose of Plato's *Statesman*”

Carmen Soares, University of Coimbra

“Engaging Disagreement: Interpretative Diversity and Political Theory”

Susan Bickford, University of North Carolina

Liz Markovits, Saint Louis University

“The Helpless Texts? Plato's Criticism of Writing *vs* Platonic Intertextuality”

Alexei Zadorozhny, University of Liverpool

Discussant: Twyla Gibson, University of Toronto

**10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45 - 11:45 Plenary Speaker, GAMB 250**

“Parmenides in Plato's *Theaetetus* and *Sophist*”

Mary Louise Gill, Brown University

Moderator: Heike Sefrin-Weis, University of South Carolina

**12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Break**

**1:30 - 2:30 Plenary Speaker, GAMB 250**

“Ghosts and Responsibility: The Hebrew Bible, Confucius, Plato”

Steven Shankman, University of Oregon

Moderator: Paul Allen Miller, University of South Carolina

**2:30 - 2:45 Coffee Break**

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**2:45 - 4:45 Panels**

**A: Perspectives on Plato, GAMB 429**

“Schleiermacher's Plato”

Tim Anderson, George Mason University

“Plato in Pieces”

Rosamond Sprague, University of South Carolina

“Paul Ricoeur's Hermeneutics of Narrativity: An Alternative for Platonic Interpretation”

Carlos Bohorquez, Boston College

Discussant: Thornton C. Lockwood, Boston University

**B: Poetics, GAMB 430**

“‘I have never been anyone's teacher’: Claims Against Teaching from Archaic Greek Poetry to Plato's *Apology*”

Brett Rogers, University of Georgia

“The Socratic Sneer in Roman Satire”

Brian S. Hook, University of North Carolina at Asheville

“Tragic Heroes and Philosopher-Martyrs: Modern Dramatic Structure and Plato's Dialogues”

Zayd Dohrn, Columbia University

Discussant: Jacob Blevins, McNeese State University

**C: Philosophical Rhetoric, GAMB 431**

“Rhetoric of the Real: Rhetoric and Truth in Plato's *Phaedrus*”

Mark Brantner, University of South Carolina

“Eros Unbound in Plato's *Symposium*”

Francy Russell, The New School for Social Research

“Starting an Ancient Quarrel: Plato versus Antisthenes in *Hippias Minor*”

Susan Prince, University of Cincinnati

Discussant: Brendan Boyle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**4:45 - 5:00 Coffee Break**

**5:00 - 6:00 Plenary Speaker, GAMB 250**

“How Should We Understand Platonism in the History of Aesthetics?”

Stephen Halliwell, University of Saint Andrews

Moderator: Mark Beck, University of South Carolina

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