

Plans for an Online 2020 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting

The Polanyi Society annual meeting has, for many years, been held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) which recognizes the Society as an affiliated academic group and makes available meeting space and publicity. In mid-July 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AAR cancelled its in-person annual meeting planned for Boston in late November 2020.

The Polanyi Society is currently planning to hold its annual meeting as a Zoom conference on Thursday, November 19; Friday, November 20; and Saturday, November 21, 2020. The tentative list of papers follows:

Jessica Schroeder, “Beyond Confirmation: Expanding Beauty in Polanyi’s Epistemology”

Stan Scott, “The Poetics of Discovery: Bergson, Wallace Stevens and Polanyi”

Robert Frazier, “Polanyi on Nihilism and the Political Authority”

Richard Moodey, “Confronting or Denying the Minotaur: ‘Moral Inversion’ Today”

Charles Lowney, “Three Freedoms and an Emergentist’s Hope for Social Progress”

Esther Meek, “Subsidiary-Focal Integration, Things, and a Metaphysics of Liberty”

Joshua Gilliland, “The Silent Knowers: Implications of a Polanyian Account of Knowing and Being for the Computer-Information Model

Brief Business Meeting

Papers will not be read in Zoom sessions but will be posted on polanyisociety.org for downloading and review in early November 2020. Sessions will focus on discussion. At the time of this posting, details about sessions (e.g., times sessions begin and end) are being worked out. Updates on details, including instructions about how to sign up to receive a Zoom meeting link, will be posted here. Anyone interested can participate in Zoom sessions of the annual meeting; it is not necessary to be a member of the Polanyi Society.