2013 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting Program

This year there will be three sessions with presentations and discussion at the annual meeting of the Polanyi Society. Our sessions, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, will be in Baltimore on November 22 and 23. The papers will be posted on polanyisociety.org by early November.

SESSION I: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 4:00-6:00 PM, Hilton-Baltimore Latrobe

“Polanyi and Van Til: Two Analyses of the Nature and Function of Presuppositions”
Joshua Benjamins, Hillsdale College

Respondents: Esther Meek, Geneva College
Matt Sandwisch, Baylor University

“Towards a Heuristic Theology: Reimagining the Relationship between Theology and Science with Michael Polanyi and David Brown”
David Stewart, Luther Seminary

Respondents: Jon Fennell, Hillsdale College
Andrew Grosso, Trinity Episcopal Church, Atchison, KS

SESSION II: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9-11:30 AM, Hilton-Baltimore, Tightman

“Bachelard, Polanyi, and the Construction of Objective Belief in Science: Two Realistic Perspectives”
Teresa Castelao-Lawless, Grand Valley State University

Respondents: David Nikkel, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
David Rutledge, Furman University

10:00-10:15 Break

“Polanyi, Professionalism, and the Ethical”
Allen R. Dyer, George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

Respondent: Richard Gelwick, Bangor Theological Seminary

11:15-11:30 Business Meeting

SESSION III: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 8-10:00 PM, Hilton-Baltimore, Tubman

Alicia Juarrero, Prince George’s Community College.

Dr. Juarrerro will examine the connections between Polanyi’s thought and her own thought grounded in complexity theory (see her Dynamics in Action). She will examine such notions as the interrelation between parts and wholes, boundary conditions and contextual constraints, and a hierarchical understanding of reality, all contributing to an expanded understanding of causality.

Respondents: David Agler, Pennsylvania State University
Donald Crosby, Colorado State University
Kyle Takaki, Independent scholar