

2013 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting Program

This year there will be three sessions of 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. Additional information about session locations will be posted on the Polanyi Society web site (polanysisociety.org) once they are assigned by the AAR in the summer or early fall. The papers will also be posted on the web site by the beginning of November.

Session I: Friday afternoon, November 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

“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 a.m.

“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 Pembroke
David Rutledge, Furman University

10:00-10:15 Break

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

Respondents: Richard Gelwick, Bangor Theological Seminary
Diane M. Yeager, Georgetown University

11:15-11:30 Business Meeting

Session III: Saturday, November 23, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Alicia Juarrero, Prince George's Community College.

Dr. Juarrero 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