



Assumption College

CALL FOR PAPERS
SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS
EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING

“WISDOM”

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
WORCESTER, MA
MARCH 27-28, 2009

The Philosophy Department, with generous support from the President’s Office, invites you to attend the Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers at Assumption College. Located in the heart of central Massachusetts, approximately one hour from Boston, Assumption College is a Catholic institution with an Augustinian heritage. The conference venue is easily accessible from Boston’s Logan airport, and a number of other regional New England airports.

The Conference theme “Wisdom” has many virtues. Wisdom is the chief intellectual and epistemic virtue associated with the activity of philosophizing. The topic thus invites reflection upon the activity of philosophy itself, and the distinctive importance of philosophy to Christians who philosophize. For Christians, Wisdom is a Person of the Trinity. The conference theme therefore also invites reflection in a number of areas including philosophical theology, soteriology, Trinitarian theology, etc. that are of special interest to Christian philosophers. Wisdom is an intellectual virtue, but it also has practical significance. Linda Zagzebski has pointed out in her work on intellectual virtue that there are many important parallels to be drawn between developments in the fields of epistemology and ethics. For example, accounts of justification have tended to focus upon individual acts of belief, rather than upon the state of understanding of the believer, or upon the broader social context. Similarly, in ethical theory there is an important debate about whether emphasis should be placed upon individual acts or upon character. Papers in epistemology, ethics and philosophy of mind would therefore also be welcome, as well as any other topic of philosophical interest. Participation by both Christians and non-Christians is welcome.

The conference will feature plenary addresses by C. STEPHEN EVANS (Baylor University) and LINDA ZAGZEBSKI (University of Oklahoma).

Submission deadline: January 5, 2009

- Submissions should be approximately 25-30 minutes reading time, and should be prepared for blind review.
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