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Friday, January 13

Chair: Joanne Waugh, University of South Florida

3:00–4:30: Roger Ariew, University of South Florida, “Descartes and Pascal”

4:30–6:00: Daniel Garber, Princeton University, “What Happens after the Wager: Living Faith and Rational Belief”

Saturday, January 14

Chair: Alex Levine, University of South Florida

9:00–9:45: Amanda Parris, DePaul University, “The Path of Systematic Unity: The Methodological Role of Hypothesis in Descartes’ *Principles of Philosophy*”

9:45–10:30: Eric Lewis, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, “Walter Charleton and the Weapon Salve”

10:45–12:15: Douglas Jesseph, North Carolina State University, “Descartes, Pascal, and the Epistemology of Mathematics: The Case of the Cycloid”

Chair: Brandon Look, University of Kentucky

1:30–2:15: Daw-Nay Evans, DePaul University, “For the Love of God: Descartes’ Metaphysical Coherentism in the Third Meditation”

2:15–3:00: Justin Sytsma, University of Pittsburgh, “Recreating Descartes: Contemporary Theological Influences on Descartes’ Shift to Recreationalism”

3:15–4:45: Vlad Alexandrescu, University of Bucharest, “Pascal and the Eucharist”

4:45–6:15: Vincent Carraud, University of Caen, “Pascal’s Anti-Augustinianism”

Sunday, January 15

Chair: Tom Brommage, University of South Florida

9:00–9:45: Lucian Petrescu, University of Bucharest and Paris IV, Sorbonne, “The Question of Substantiality in Descartes”

9:45–10:30: Joshua M. Stuchlik, University of Pittsburgh, “Two Faulty Interpretations of Descartes on Sensible Qualities”

Chair: John Wolfe, University of South Florida

10:45–11:30: Kristen Irwin, University of California, San Diego, “*Bayle seulement philosophe?* Challenging Gianluca Mori’s reading of Pierre Bayle’s *Continuation des Pensées Diverses*”

11:30–12:15: Andrew Roche, Harvard University, “Kant’s Transcendental Deduction and the Origin of the Categories”

12:15–1:00: Jason Blunt, University of South Florida, “The Infinite: Perspectives Concerning Infinity in the Writings of Spinoza and Leibniz”