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Molloy College to Host Long Island Philosophical Society Conference

Molloy College will host the Long Island Philosophical Society (LIPS) Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2008, from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Keynote Speaker for the event is Dominic Balestra, Ph.D., from Fordham University. Dr. Balestra, a professor of philosophy as well as a former chairperson of the Fordham University Philosophy Department, will speak on “Historicity in Scientific Rationality.” This topic deals with the way in which history and contingency impact the character of scientific speculation. Dr. Balestra will discuss the idea that reason in science is not a fixed and unvarying commodity which remains forever the same, but is responsive to various exigencies of time, context, and circumstance.

Three of the conference sessions will be chaired by Molloy College philosophy faculty: Stephan Mayo, Ph.D., Chairperson, Philosophy Department; Michael Russo, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Philosophy and Theology and Religious Studies; and Howard Ponzer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department. The keynote speaker will be introduced by Dr. Luis E. Navia of the New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury.

“Unlike many other academic organizations which host events catering to narrow themes, the Long Island Philosophical Society welcomes submissions that cover the entire spectrum of philosophical tastes and interests,” stated Dr. Glenn Statile of St. Johns University, who is the co-chair of the Long Island Philosophical Society.

Copies of the newest issue of *Aitia*, Humanities Magazine, edited by LIPS co-chair Jim Friel (SUNY Farmingdale) will be available at the conference.

For more information regarding the conference please contact Dr. Ponzer at 516.678.5000 ext. 6198.

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