

Annual Spring Symposium / Symposium annuel de printemps

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Dalhousie University, 6135 University Ave, Halifax, NS, McCain 2184

Maritain, Philosophy, and the Possibility of Christian Philosophy / Maritain, la philosophie et la possibilité d'une philosophie chrétienne

9:00 – 9:40 Len Ferry 'Friendship's Exalted Interest': Friendship and the Common Good

9:40 – 10:20 David Klassen Maritain's Christian Liberalism as an Alternative to Christian Nationalism and Catholic Integralism

10:20 – 11:00 Nikolaj Zunic The "Objective Light" of Christian Philosophy

11:00 – 11:10 **BREAK**

11:10 – 11:50 David Lea Maritain and Schmitt on Totalitarian Regimes and the Possibility of Human Rights

11:50 – 12:30 Richard Cain Knowing Without Knowers? A Sharpened Maritainian Account of Knowledge and Judgment with Respect to AI Simulacra

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

BOOK SYMPOSIUM:

Jason L. A. West, *The Christian Philosophy of Jacques Maritain*

14:00 – 15:20 Will Sweet Natural Law and Natural Right
Michael Torre Practical Philosophy Adequately Considered: Maritain as Philosopher and Theologian

15:20 – 15:50 Reply and Discussion

15:50 – 16:10 **BREAK**

16:10 – 17:30 Heather Erb The Little Secrets of the Kingdom: Maritain and West on Spiritual Experience

17:30 – 18:00 Louis Groarke Maritain and the Value of Art
Reply and Discussion