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Cultivating a More Virtuous Psychological Science

Third Convening – Georgetown University, November 2-4, 2023



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DEAR FACULTY AMBASSADORS,

Welcome to the historic campus of Georgetown University for the third of our biannual convenings. This marks the start of year two of our Project and, to speak candidly, the first year greatly surpassed our hopes and expectations. Not only are many of you well on your way to producing the kind of deep, rigorous research that truly interdisciplinary exchange can produce, you have also forged meaningful friendships with one another and, importantly, demonstrated the virtues of humility, hospitality, and openness that such friendships demand.

Reflecting back on the last academic year, we were struck by the number of times the two of us heard from you – individually or in groups – about the various ways this Project was having an impact on your work and your lives. There is nothing more rewarding than to know that you have grown from this experience as each of us has grown in significant ways along with you.

“*The human I is not a unity closed upon itself, like the uniqueness of the atom, but rather an opening, that of responsibility, which is the true beginning of the human and spirituality.*”

— EMMANUEL LEVINAS, IS IT RIGHTEOUS TO BE?

We are truly grateful for your dedication, your talents, and your support, and we cannot wait to embark upon another year of rich collaboration together.

Warmly,

David and Matt

Non-Reductive Psychological Accounts Of Religious Experience

Thursday Evening, November 2nd at 7 P.M. (ET)
Copley Formal Lounge



Religious phenomena that include rituals and written accounts of spiritual experiences have been subject to psychological analysis for a long time. Some, like those of Freud, have been discounted as highly reductive and prejudicial while some like those of Jung have been discounted as no more than spiritual accounts in another form. The approach of William James has attracted more serious and measured consideration by scholarship interested in ways of analyzing religious phenomena using psychological tools. Dr. Ariel Glucklich's approach since the mid-1990s has been to simplify the task by focusing on religious phenomena that are both embodied and basic. By basic, he refers to affect-based events. This has included a study of the uses of pain in religious life and more recently, the uses of pleasure (both embodied and mental).

Speaker: Ariel Glucklich

Dr. Ariel Glucklich is a kibbutz-born Israeli who immigrated to the United States after the 1973 Middle East War. He has taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Claremont Graduate School, Pomona College, Emory University, St. Lawrence University and, finally, Georgetown.

Respondents:

- Kate Withy, Georgetown University
- Adam Green, Georgetown University
- Frederick Ruf, Georgetown University



CONVENING AGENDA

Location: Herman Room in the Healey Family Student Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Informal Time
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome from Vice Dean Sue Lorenson
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Housekeeping, Updates, and Framing
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Walking tour of Georgetown with Professor Adam Rothman
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Literature and Interdisciplinary Dialogue
2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Responsibility for Yesterday and Tomorrow
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner Activity

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Informal Time
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Problems of Practice: Working Across Disciplines
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Faculty Trio Meetings
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Research Dissemination Opportunities / Path Ahead
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Optional Programing: Guided tour of Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, followed by private talk from Museum Curator Mary Elliott

DINNER ACTIVITY - SEQUOIA DC

Friday Evening, November 3rd at 6 P.M. (ET)



Address: 3000 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20007



CAMPUS MAP



All Cura Psychologia events will be held in the starred buildings. Please note that the Thursday evening lecture will be in the Copley Center, while the remainder of the conference will be held in the Herman Room in the Healy Family Student Center.

MEET OUR FACULTY AMBASSADORS

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DAVID GOODMAN
PROJECT LEAD

David Goodman is an associate dean at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, the director of the newly launched *Center for Psychological Humanities and Ethics*, and serves on the faculty in three Boston College departments: Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology; Philosophy; and Formative Education.

Matthew Clemente is a research fellow in the *Center for Psychological Humanities and Ethics* at Boston College and the assistant editor of the *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion*.



MATTHEW CLEMENTE
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SOFIA RIETTI
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Sofia Rietti is the Project Administrator at Boston College's Center for Psychological Humanities & Ethics, currently pursuing a Master's in Mental Health Counseling.

HONORED GUESTS



SUE LORENSON, PH.D.

Sue Lorenson, Ph.D., serves as the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Education at Georgetown University. With a background in Theoretical Linguistics, she earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Linguistics from the University of Arizona and holds a B.A. in Linguistics from Swarthmore College. In her role, she brings a wealth of academic expertise to enhance the undergraduate education experience at Georgetown.



ADAM ROTHMAN, PH.D

Adam Rothman, Ph.D., Georgetown History Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of Slavery, focuses on U.S. history, slavery, and abolition. He mentors students, co-edited "Facing Georgetown's History," served on the Working Group on Slavery, and curates the Georgetown Slavery Archive. Rothman is the author of "Beyond Freedom's Reach," lauded by numerous awards, and "Slave Country." He was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Library of Congress and is an OAH Distinguished Lecturer. Rothman also dabbles in comedy, appearing on "Study Hall."



ERIC SEVERSON, PH.D

Eric Severson is a senior instructor on the Cura Psychologia project. He is also a philosopher specializing in the work of Emmanuel Levinas. He is the author of *Before Ethics* (Kendall-Hunt, 2021), *Levinas's Philosophy of Time* (Duquesne University Press, 2013) and *Scandalous Obligation* (Beacon Hill Press, 2011), and editor of eight other books on philosophy, psychology, ethics, theology and the philosophy of religion. He lives in Kenmore, Washington and teaches philosophy at Seattle University.

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