

Metaphysics and Science

11-13 March 2005
2500 Posvar Hall
University of Pittsburgh

Friday, 11 March–Afternoon Session

Chair: Jorge Nobo

2:00-3:15 Richard Montgomery
*Representation in Cognitive Science:
A Minimalist Account*

3:15-3:30 Coffee break

3:30-4:45 Jude Dougherty
Physics and Philosophy

4:45- 6:00 Wine & Cheese

Saturday, 12 March–Morning Session

Chair: John Lachs

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:45 Joseph Bracken
Self-Organizing Systems and Final Causality

9:45-10:00 Coffee break

10:00-11:15 Presidential Address
Nicholas Rescher
Optimalism and the Rationality of the Real

11:15-12:15 Business Meeting

Saturday, 12 March–Afternoon Session

Chair: Helen Lang

2:00-3:15 John Leslie
Ethically Required Explanation

3:15-3:30 Coffee break

3:30- 4:45 Alexander Pruss
Temporal Asymmetry and the B-Theory of Time

Saturday, 12 March–Evening

6:30-7:00 Members Reception-Alumni Hall Ballroom

7:00-10:00 Members Dinner-Alumni Hall Ballroom

Sunday, 13 March–Morning Session

Chair: Francis Coolidge

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:45 Robert Almeder
Science and the Existence of Cartesian Minds

9:45-10:00 Coffee break

10:00-11:15 Laura Ruetsche
Physical Possibility and the Content of Scientific Theories

11:15-12:30 Edward Halper
Hegel's Critique of Newtonian Physics