

WESTERN CANADIAN UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

SATURDAY
MARCH 11, 2017.

MICHELE PUJOL ROOM:
STUDENT UNION BUILDING.

9:30AM-5:30PM

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION.
DINNER & DELICACIES
PROVIDED.

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**"CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND THE RISE OF
MODERN SCIENCE" (11:45am - 1:00pm)**

Concerning the rise of modern science, Bertrand Russell wrote, "Fortunately there were Protestant countries, where the clergy, however anxious to do harm to science, were unable to gain control of the State." Combine this sentiment with the image of Galileo detained under house arrest, and you'll get a good picture of the still-common conception of an antagonistic relationship between Christianity and science. One decade prior to Russell's comment, however, the philosopher Michael Beresford Foster wrote a series of articles for the journal *Mind* in which he argued that Christian theology played a crucial role in the conceptual shifts needed to establish the possibility of the rise of modern science. This talk will explain and explore Foster's argument.

**"IS THERE PHILOSOPHY WHERE PHILOSOPHY
ISN'T? CONSIDERING LOST AND DISCARDED
VOICES" (4:15PM-5:30PM)**

This paper considers some of the principles of inclusion and exclusion around the edifice of disciplinary Philosophy, and asks whether it is possible to find Philosophy in cultural spaces that fall outside the European or Western tradition. Along the way, we will be forced to engage with some fundamental questions of identity and value-- what are the stakes (and of what nature are these stakes) in the debate about the parameters of Philosophy? Does the category of 'Philosophy' include the category of 'not-Philosophy'? And what the heck is this thing called Philosophy anyway?

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