

# The Ethics of Interpretation: From Ancient to Postmodern Times

Conference jointly organized by  
the Seminar on Phenomenology and Hermeneutics and  
the Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy  
May 13-14, 2009, Raynor Library Conference Center C

## Wednesday May 13

**1:45-2:00** Welcome: **Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp**,  
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences  
and **Dr. James South**, Chair of the  
Philosophy Department

**2:00-4:00** Chair: **Dr. Richard Taylor** (Marquette)

**2:00-3:00** **Dr. Franco V. Trivigno** (Marquette)  
“Childish Nonsense? The Value of  
Interpretation in Plato’s *Protagoras*”

**3:00-4:00** **Mr. Shazad Akhtar** (Marquette)  
“Merleau-Ponty Reads Husserl: A Case  
Study in the Ethics of Appropriation”

**4:00-4:30** Coffee Break

**4:30-6:00** Chair: **Dr. Franco V. Trivigno**

**Dr. Kenneth Dorter** (University of Guelph)  
“Platonic Hermeneutics:  
Plato Reading, Reading Plato”

**6:00** Reception

## Thursday, May 14

**9:00-11:00** Chair: **Dr. Owen Goldin** (Marquette)

**9:00-10:00** **Mr. Geoffrey Holsclaw** (Marquette)  
“Can Hermeneutics Overcome  
Historicism? The Ethics of Textual and  
Sacramental Practices”

**10:00-11:00** **Mr. Nathan Blackerby** (Marquette)  
“Knowledge and Society: Two Interpretations of  
of Alfarabi’s Political Philosophy”

**11:00-11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30-12:30** Chair: **Dr. Javier Ibañez-Noe** (Marquette)  
**Dr. Sebastian Luft** (Marquette)  
“Interpreting ‘Correctly’: Authors’  
Intentions, Readers’ Interpretations, and  
the Problem of a ‘Correct Reading’”

**12:30-2:00** Lunch Break

**2:00-4:00** Chair: **Fr. Joseph Mueller, S.J.**  
(Marquette)

**2:00-3:00** **Dr. Steve Long** (Marquette)  
“The Unity of Interpretation: Augustine’s  
Understanding of Language in Light of  
Mignolo’s Post-colonial Theory”

**3:00-4:00** **Dr. Pol Vandeveld** (Marquette)  
“The Ethics vs. the Politics of  
Interpretation”

**4:00-4:30** Coffee Break

**4:30-6:00** Chair: **Dr. Pol Vandeveld**

**Dr. Vincent Colapietro** (Pennsylvania State  
University)  
“Transgressive Fidelity”

**6:00** Reception

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