

Ancient and Medieval Interpretations of Aristotle's *Categories*

Keynote Speaker: Lloyd Gerson, University of Toronto

We are pleased to invite proposals for an interdisciplinary workshop on Ancient and Medieval interpretations of Aristotle's *Categories* hosted by the Franciscan University of Steubenville . To be held April 12-14, 2012.

The purpose of this workshop is bring together scholars interested in sharing their work on the ancient and medieval traditions of ontological interpretations of Aristotle's *Categories*. Possible classical and medieval figure may include: Plotinus, Porphyry, Iamblichus, Dexippus, Simplicius, Olympiodorus, Syrianus, Proclus, Boethius, Avicenna & Al-Fārābī, Albertus Magnus, William of Ockham, John Duns Scotus, Henry of Ghent, John Buridan, Francisco Suarez, Radulphus Brito, Thomas of Erfurt, Martin of Dacia, Simon of Faversham & Peter of Auverne, Thomas a Vio, etc.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- How categories or other topics in the *Categories* are to be understood in relation to other metaphysical notions such as being, form, universals, etc., and other ontological topics;
- Ways in which philosophers sought to reconcile Aristotle both with himself (viz., his other works) and with a Platonic philosophy;
- Techniques or arguments for establishing the list of Aristotle's categories;
- The nature of particular categories such as quantity, quality, relation, etc.;
- How categories relate to the disciplines of logic, grammar and metaphysics

Papers can pertain explicitly to commentaries on the *Categories* or to the use of, and reference to, the ten categories in other works.

Please submit an abstract of approximately 500 words electronically by September 1st, 2011 to Paul Symington (psymington@franciscan.edu) or Sarah Klitenic Wear (swear@franciscan.edu).