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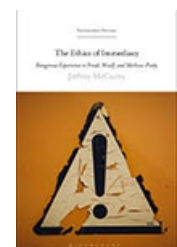
UPCOMING BOOKTALK EVENTS

THE ETHICS OF IMMEDIACY: DANGEROUS EXPERIENCE IN FREUD, WOOLF, AND MERLEAU-PONTY WITH JEFFREY MCCURRY

Thurs., May 1, 2025

5:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Online Webinar via Zoom and In-Person at Barbour Library



In *The Ethics of Immediacy* (Bloomsbury, 2023), Dr. Jeffrey McCurry examines how Freud's psychoanalytic theory, Woolf's modernist criticism and fiction, and Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology, psychology, literature, and philosophy in turns embraced the risks and dangers of putting immediate experience as the center of humanity, of respecting, understanding, appreciating, and following the lead of immediate, spontaneous, pre-reflective, pre-evaluative, concrete experience in human life. This book launches an ethical depth-charge to its reader: without any ideal, normative prescription, or even expectation, what responsibility, if any, does one have to interrogate immediate experience in one's own life and times?



Dr. Jeffrey McCurry is director of the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center and affiliated faculty in the Department of Philosophy at Duquesne University. Educated at Johns Hopkins University, Duke University, and the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center, his research centers on the intersection of philosophy, literature, and psychoanalysis, and he has published on Augustine, Freud, Merleau-Ponty, Lacan, and Derrida. He is also a member of faculty in the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center.

Dr. McCurry will be joined in conversation by Mark Russell, research and instruction librarian at Barbour Library, PTS.

Please register in advance. Attendees will receive the Zoom webinar link for the event.

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CLAIMING THE CALL TO PREACH: FOUR FEMALE PIONEERS OF PREACHING IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA

RESURRECTING CHURCH: WHERE JUSTICE AND DIVERSITY MEET RADICAL WELCOME AND HEALING HOPE WITH JOHN CLEGHORN

LETTERS FROM THE ECOTONE: ECOLOGY, THEOLOGY, AND CLIMATE CHANGE WITH ANDREW NAGY-BENSON AND ANDREA LLOYD

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AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONVERSATION WITH DRs. JEROME CREACH AND EDWIN VAN DRIEL

BEYOND THE WHITE FENCE WITH EDITH HUMPHREY

JOE BIDEN AND CATHOLICISM IN THE UNITED STATES WITH MASSIMO FAGGIOLI

TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA: A TOOLBOX FOR THERAPISTS WITH JOANNE SPENCE

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