

# 2020 Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers

Trinity Western University, Langley, BC.

“Philosophy and the Sciences”

May 8 – 9

**Keynote Speaker: Helen De Cruz, St. Louis University**

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## PAPER SUBMISSIONS

We invite paper submissions (3,000 words, maximum) on any topic in philosophy, with priority given to submissions that address the conference theme or engage Christian philosophy, broadly construed. We welcome submissions from both Christians and others as presenters, commentators, and participants. All submissions should be either a Word or PDF file, prepared for blind review, and sent to [myron.penner@twu.ca](mailto:myron.penner@twu.ca) by Jan. 15, 2020. In your submission email, please use the subject heading “SCP TWU Submission.” Please indicate whether you would be willing to serve as a commentator or session chair should your paper not be accepted for presentation. Note that there is a \$500 (USD) prize for the best student paper. Students wishing to have their submission considered for this prize should indicate so in their submission email, including both their degree program and institution of study.

Submissions that address the conference theme may wish to consider any of the following questions or topic areas:

- Is there a Christian philosophy of science?
- Experimental philosophy after two decades: what have we learned?
- Scientific explanation: its nature, potential, and limitations.
- Scientific understanding: its nature and relationship to other modes of understanding.
- Empiricism within the history of philosophy.
- Philosophical implications of cognitive science of religion.
- On the use and abuse of science in philosophy.
- Scientific method(s) in epistemological perspective.
- Realism and anti-realism in philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, and theology.
- Ethical implications of scientific advances in physical and life sciences.
- Climate science in philosophical perspective.

## SUBMISSIONS FOR PLENARY PANELS

In addition, we invite abstract submission for participation in two plenary panels:

- Teaching and Philosophy
- Faith and Philosophy

If you wish to participate in one of the panels, please send an abstract (300 word maximum) to [myron.penner@twu.ca](mailto:myron.penner@twu.ca) by Jan. 15, 2020. Abstracts should include:

- For the **“Teaching and Philosophy”** panel: Your name, institution, average class size and demographic, range of courses you teach, and a brief account of what you would like to contribute. We are looking for panel participants to share wisdom and insight concerning the teaching of philosophy, including experiences, resources, and ideas that will support teachers of philosophy.
- For the **“Faith and Philosophy”** panel: Your name, institution, and a brief account of what you would like to contribute. Submissions need not be restricted to the following, but here is a general sampling of the kinds of topics this panel could engage: What effect, if any, has your faith had on your decision to study and practice philosophy? How has your faith been strengthened, undermined, or both by your work in philosophy? What advice would you give to those (Christians and others) who are either curious about or suspicious of philosophy in general, and Christian philosophy in particular?

**Please send submissions, requests to chair or comment, and any other conference questions to Myron A. Penner at [myron.penner@twu.ca](mailto:myron.penner@twu.ca)**