Creation out of Nothing: Origins and Contemporary Significance, July 5 – 8, 2015

**Sunday, July 5, 2015**

7:30 p.m.       Opening address:

**Is Creatio ex nihilo Biblical?**
Gary Anderson, *Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Theology, University of Notre Dame*  
*Mckenna Hall Auditorium*

8:30 - 9:45 p.m. Reception  
*McKenna Hall Atrium*

**Monday July 6, 2015**

*Room 100-104, McKenna Hall*

8:30 -9:00 a.m. Registration  
Continental breakfast available

9:00 – 9:50 a.m. **Why Creatio ex nihilo for Theology Today**  
Janet Soskice, *Professor of Philosophical Theology, University of Cambridge*

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **Creation Accounts in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament**  
Richard Clifford, S.J., *Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Boston College*

11:00 - 11:50 a.m. **Genesis 1 and Creatio ex nihilo**  
Nathan MacDonald, *Lecturer in Hebrew Bible, University of Cambridge*

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Break for lunch (on own)

2:00 - 2:50 p.m. **Decretatio ad nihilum? The End and the Beginning in New Testament Thought.**  
Sean McDonough, *Professor of New Testament, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*

3:00 - 3:50 p.m. **'The Most Perfect Work': The Role of Matter in the Thought of Philo of Alexandria.**  
Gregory E. Sterling, *The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean and Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School*

4:00 – 4:50 p.m. **Creatio ex nihilo, Divine Goodness, and Creaturely Giftedness in Athanasius of Alexandria.**  
Khaled Anatolios, *Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame*

5:00 p.m. Break for day
**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**  
*Room 100-104, McKenna Hall*

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| 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | **Creatio ex nihilo in the Thought of St. Augustine**  
John Cavadini, *Professor of Theology & Director of the Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame* |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | **Creatio ex nihilo in St. Thomas and Bonaventure**  
Joseph Wawrykow, *Associate Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame* |
| 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. | **Round Table: Scripture and Patristic Doctrine**  
Led by Cyril O'Regan, *Huisking Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame* and  
Mark Elliott, *Reader in Church History, University of St. Andrews* |
| 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Break for lunch (on own)                                                                     |
| 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. | **Creatio ex Torah**  
Tzvi Novick, *Abrams Chair of Jewish Thought and Culture, University of Notre Dame* (in absentia) |
| 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. | **Creatio ex nihilo: What's at Stake for Maimonides and his Followers?**  
Daniel Davies, *Research Associate, Institute of Jewish Philosophy and Religion, University of Hamburg* |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | **Jewish Approach to Creation III**  
A discussion led by Alan Mittleman, *Professor of Jewish Thought, The Jewish Theological Seminary* |
| 5:30 p.m       | Break for day                                                                               |

**Wednesday July 8, 2015**  
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David Bentley Hart, *Danforth Visiting Professor of Theology Studies, Saint Louis University* |
| 10:00 -10:50 a.m. | **Created Nature and the Resurrection Miracle in the Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher**  
Ruth Jackson, *Doctoral Candidate, University of Cambridge* |
| 11:00 - 11:50 a.m. | **Creatio ex nihilo and Ancient Chinese Philosophy: A Re-visiting of Robert Neville's Thesis**  
Yonghua Ge, *Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cambridge* |
| 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Break for lunch (on own)                                                                     |
| 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. | **What Does Physical Cosmology Say About Creation from Nothing?**  
Adam Hincks, S.J., *Postdoctoral Fellow, University of British Columbia* (in absentia) |
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.  **Eyesight without Insight: Cosmology, Theology, and Well-formed Judgments**  Andrew Pinsent, *Research Director, Ian Ramsey Center for Science and Religion, University of Oxford*

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.  **All from but Nothing out of: Creation out of Nothing and Emergence**  Andrew Davison, *Starbridge Lecturer in Theology and Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge*

5:30 p.m.  Conference concludes