

**THE POLITICS AND POETICS OF MEMORY  
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The topic of memory is experiencing a revival of interest in Continental philosophy, literary theory programs, and the humanities in general. A broad range of scholarship has become increasingly devoted to thematizing memory across a spectrum of special disciplines, for instance, in aesthetics, psychology, phenomenology, ontology, social-political philosophy and literary theory. The graduate students of Purdue University are holding a conference to promote interdisciplinary dialogue organized around this revival of interest. We encourage paper submissions from graduate students in philosophy, literary theory, film theory, art theory, feminist studies, political science, and all disciplines that are engaged with the ontological, epistemological, metaphysical, political, or aesthetic reconsiderations of memory.

Topics welcome on any Continental thinker in relation to memory.

Possible topics:

- the ontological reading of memory, characterized by such thinkers as Deleuze and Bergson, which contrasts a static, spatial conception of memory with an interpretation of memory as a metaphysical process constitutive of the present of experience
- Proustian thematics of active (voluntary) memory and inactive (involuntary) memory, especially as concerns the explication of temporal structures through the work of art
- the Bachelardian and phenomenological interpretation of memory and imagination which views these faculties as opening a window onto a new poetics of humanistic and scientific discourses
- the creation of a new typology of memory via film, visual art, and other visual media
- Benjaminian analysis of the function and structures of memory as a praxis or mode of resistance against oppressive social and political structures
- Freudian, Derridian and engram hypotheses of memory as a trace-structure informing non-metaphysical readings in epistemology of memory

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