State University of New York at Stony Brook

Department of Philosophy

2014 Lecture Series

You are cordially invited to a lecture by

Daniela Vallega-Neu
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Lecture:
“The Dis-Appearance of Soul”

Daniela Vallega-Neu (University of Oregon) is author of three monographs that include The Bodily Dimension in Thinking (SUNY, 2005) and Heidegger’s Contributions to Philosophy: An Introduction (IUP, 2003). Among her translations and editorial work is Heidegger’s Contributions to Philosophy: Of the Event (IUP, 2011) and she is currently finishing a book on Heidegger’s non-public writings from 1936-1944. Her further work focuses on developing an ontology based on rethinking embodied time. She is member of the Board of Directors of the Collegium Phaenomenologicum and co-founder of International Hermeneutics Symposium (Freiburg, Germany, 2003).

In her paper Daniela Vallega-Neu rethinks soul in departure from a Western lineage that leads from Aristotle’s designation of soul as the life of bodies to Descartes reduction of soul to consciousness and Foucault’s understanding of soul as the “prison of the body.” She argues the necessity of freeing the notion of soul from its reduction to subjectivity by taking recourse to Nancy and Merleau-Ponty and inquires into the consequences this has for understanding living and non-living things in their singularities and interconnectedness.

Thursday February 6th, 2014
5:00 pm
Harriman Hall 214

Reception to Follow