

[Gebser] 2006 Conference Recap

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Gebserians:

First of all, I want to commend everyone who participated in this year's conference. It was a wonderful array of papers, and the discussions were, I think, profound, lively, warm, and respectful. I wish to recognize this year's newcomers: Andrea Gallant, from LaTrobe University, Australia, Jessica Bogard, from the University of Oklahoma, Takuya Sakurai, also from the University of Oklahoma, and Lisa A. Schwenk, from California State University, Sacramento. All four are graduate students, and did a marvelous job! Andrea's paper, Have you heard of Jean Gebser? was the first presentation this year, and really set the tone for the rest of the conference. Her paper examined using Gebser's theories and methods as pedagogical tools. A revised version of the program is attached as a pdf file, for your convenience.

Other highlights of this year's conference:

* Dean Jeffrey Mason of the College of Arts and Letters at Sacramento State opened the conference with a wonderful talk about the value of small academic societies and circles, and offered reflections on the conference theme (Exploring Transitions of Knowledge) as the North American university culture changes.

* Chair Nick Burnett of Communication Studies opened the second day of the conference with insights into research and teaching, and an overview of who we are in the Communication Studies department at Sacramento State.

* John Dotson prepared a moving memorial to Mario Kamenetsky, which he performed along with Arlyn Anderson (U. Wisconsin, Eau Claire) and Jessica Bogard (U. Oklahoma).

* Marale Childs and John Dotson created and distributed conference posters featuring Marale's beautiful painting Parrot Tulips. A copy of the poster will be on the Gebser website for download.

* Three student papers were presented by Andrea Gallant, Takuya Sakurai, and Lisa A. Schwenk.

* More than 100 Sacramento State students, including 20 graduate students, attended the conference over the two days. Many participated in the discussions following the presentations.

* Eric Kramer's keynote address, How we arrive at the origin, was, as is usual with Eric, thought-provoking and penetrating, and stimulated a fantastic discussion.

* Delegates were given transportation by a dedicated team of Sacramento State graduate students and faculty, who also joined us for the conference and for meals.

* After a long time of excellent, dedicated, and valuable service, Phil Dalton (Stetson U.) nominated David Zuckerman (Sacramento State) for president of the society. Dave was elected president, and Arlyn Anderson (U. Wisconsin) took over for Dave Worth (Rice U.), who has served faithfully as vice president. Charlton McIlwain (NYU) was reelected as treasurer.

* We have decided to change the Gebser blog to a different format. Visit the website for more information.

* All 16 hours of the conference were recorded on digital video, and will be available on the Gebser Website (www.gebser.org) as soon as possible.

Next year's conference (2007) will be at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The conference theme will be Community and Civic Culture. The date has yet to be determined. Please direct all questions to Arlyn Anderson, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire <mailto:ANDERSAT_at_uwec.edu> .

The 2008 conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia, and the theme will be Globalization. There will be more discussion about this conference in the coming months.

Finally, I want to thank our former President and Vice President, Phil Dalton and Dave Worth. Under their leadership, the society has done well. Everyone who knows Phil can say that he works tirelessly and has demonstrated a lot of vision. From the website to the blog to the annual to the conferences, Phil has shown an immense amount of dedication and will be a truly tough act to follow. Luckily for us, Phil has agreed to maintain the Gebser website.

As your new society president, I will send periodic email newsletters like this. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, ideas, complaints, insights, epiphanies, moments of clarity, falls through the void, or general information. I would like to continue the momentum we've built, connect with other societies around the world, continue to bring in new scholars and groom graduate students, and promote Gebser's work. I welcome your help, your guidance, and your suggestions.

Thanks again!

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