CONFERENCE I:
The *Opera Philosophica* of John Duns Scotus

The Franciscan Institute
at St. Bonaventure University
18–21 October 2007

PLENARY SPEAKERS:
Stephen Brown, Boston College
Thérèse-Anne Druart, Catholic University
Stephen D. Dumont, University of Notre Dame
Giorgio Pini, Fordham University

SPECIAL EVENTS:
Celebration in Honor of
Fr. Allan B. Wolter, O.F.M.

Celebration of the Completion of the
Critical Edition of the
*Opera Philosophica* of John Duns Scotus
(Timothy B. Noone, General Editor)

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Allan B. Wolter, O.F.M., one of the greatest scholars on the thought of Blessed John Duns Scotus in the 20th century, died November 15, 2006, nine days before his 93rd birthday. Father Allan enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a professor, most notably at The Catholic University of America, and as a prolific author, editor and translator of medieval philosophical works especially those of Scotus. Occasionally, he also taught philosophy on the campus of St. Bonaventure University during the summers in the 1950’s and 1960’s. He also returned to campus in 1998 as the first Fr. Joseph A. Doino, O.F.M., Visiting Professor of Franciscan Studies. He retired from active academic life in November 2002, returning to his home province of the Friars Minor of the Sacred Heart in Saint Louis, where he joined his friar-brother, Martin Wolter.

Father Allan enjoyed great prominence in the international scholarly world, but was also a man of authentic Franciscan simplicity. When asked what attracted him to devote his energies to the works of John Duns Scotus, Allan replied that it was Scotus’ idea of the Incarnation as the supreme act of creation.

In November 2006, an anonymous donor, grateful for the exceptional education he had received from three friar-educators at St. Bonaventure University — Philotheus Boehner, O.F.M.; Eligius Buytaert, O.F.M.; and Allan B. Wolter, O.F.M. — established an endowment for the Franciscan Institute to honor their legacy: The Boehner-Buytaert-Wolter Endowment. The purpose of the endowment is to promote critical scholarship and teaching excellence at the Institute.
John Duns Scotus, 1308 – 2008

On 8 November 1308, the great Franciscan scholastic thinker, John Duns Scotus, died and was buried in the friars’ convent in Cologne (Germany). Building upon the intellectual heritage of his Franciscan predecessors in Paris, Alexander of Hales and Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Scotus extended this peculiarly Franciscan approach to the philosophical and theological traditions of western Christianity in new and bold directions with unique emphases and implications. These ramifications became the foundation for an important alternate current of philosophical thought known through history as Scotism.

On the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the death of John Duns Scotus, international scholars from around the world will be gathering together to celebrate in a comprehensive manner the life, work and intellectual legacy of the Subtle Doctor. This gathering will take the form of a Quadruple Congress, comprising four conferences, treating four different themes, associated with the intellectual journey and legacy of Scotus: namely, Oxford, Cologne-Bonn, Paris-Strasbourg and The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University. The first conference, 18-21 October 2007, will take place at The Franciscan Institute where the critical edition of the Opera philosophica was begun in the late 1980’s. The edition was completed at The Catholic University of America under the general editorship of Dr. Timothy J. Noone.

Program

Thursday, October 18, 2007

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Check-In — University Chapel Foyer, Doyle Hall

6:00 p.m. Welcome & Inaugural Plenary Lecture – University Chapel

Introduction: Marilyn McCord Adams (Oxford University)

“The Franciscan Sources of Scotus’ Philosophical Works”

Stephen Brown (Boston College)

7:00 p.m. Cocktails — Doyle Dining Room

8:00 p.m. Informal Buffet Dinner — Doyle Dining Room
**Friday, October 19, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. Second Plenary Lecture** — Rigas Theater, 
Quick Center for the Arts

Introduction: Timothy B. Noone (The Catholic University of America)

*How Avicennan is Scotus?*
Thérèse-Anne Druart (The Catholic University of America)

**Session I: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** — Trustees Room, Doyle Hall

**Scotus and His Late Thirteenth-Century Predecessors**

Organizer: G. J. McAleer (Loyola College, Baltimore)

*Time and the Will: A Portrait of Aquinas as a Young Scotist*
Andrea Robiglio (Freiburg im Breisgau)

*Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas and Duns Scotus on the Metaphysics of Personal Subsistence*
Stephen A. Hipp (Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary)

*Giles of Rome and Scotus on Whether Sensations are Intentional*
G. J. McAleer (Loyola College)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break: Hickey Dining Hall, Café La Verna, Reilly Center

**Session II: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** — Trustees Room, Doyle Hall

**Celebrating Fr. Allan B. Wolter, O.F.M.**

Organizer: Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J. (Loyola Marymount University)

Introduction: F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M. (The Franciscan Institute)

*On Intensification and Remission of Forms: Scotus, Before and After*
Girard J. Etzkorn (Prof. Emeritus, The Franciscan Institute)

*Cosmology and Transcendentals*
Marilyn McCord Adams (Oxford University)

*Duns Scotus, Univocity and Analogy: Some Remarks on a Long-Forgotten Comment by Allan Wolter, O.F.M.*
Trent Pomplun (Loyola College)
Session III: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Critical Edition of the *Opera philosophica*: A Round Table

Organizer: Timothy B. Noone (The Catholic University of America)

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Saturday, October 20, 2007

9:00 a.m. Third Plenary Lecture — Rigas Theater, Quick Center for the Arts

Introduction: Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J. (Loyola Marymount University)

“The Coherence of Scotus’ Ethics”
Stephen Dumont (University of Notre Dame)

Session IV: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon — Trustees Room, Doyle Hall

The Franciscan Tradition and Scotus’ Philosophy

Organizer: Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J. (Loyola Marymount University)

“Scotus and the Oxford Franciscans”
Seamus Mulholland, O.F.M. (Franciscan Study Centre, Canterbury)

“Scotus and the Franciscan Educational Model”
Timothy B. Noone (The Catholic University of America)

“Franciscan Identity and Scotus’ Ethics”
Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J. (Loyola Marymount University)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break: Hickey Dining Hall, Café LaVerna, Reilly Center

Session V: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Trustees Room, Doyle Hall

Metaphysical Questions

Organizer: Antonie Vos (Utrecht)

“A Desire to know it All? The Impact of *desiderium naturale* in Duns Scotus’ *Quaestiones metaphysicae*”
Thomas Möllenbeck (Paderborn)

“The Notion of *ens* in the *Quaestiones super libros metaphysicorum Aristotelis IV*”
Severin Kitanov (Boston College)
“The Notion of Potentiality in Duns Scotus’ Quaestiones super libros metaphysicorum Aristotelis IX”
Antonie Vos (Utrecht)

Session IV: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Trustees Room, Doyle Hall
Scotus and Logic

Organizer: Francesco Fiorentino
Introduction: Oleg Bychkov (St. Bonaventure University)

“Sensus divisus and sensus compositus according to John Duns Scotus”
Francesco Fiorentino

“Duns Scotus on Synchronic Contingency and Free Will: A Discussion of the Originality and Importance of His Contribution”
Maria Cruz González Ayesta (Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona)

“Duns Scotus on Formal Distinction, Identity and Material Constitution”
Joshua D. Blander (UCLA)

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   Fr. Joseph Chinnici, O.F.M. Celebrant and Homilist
7:00 p.m. Cocktails—Doyle Dining Room
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Dr. Ludger Honnefelder is currently the director of the Albertus-Magnus-Institut and the coordinator of Conference Three of the Quadruple Congress honoring John Duns Scotus in November 2008. Dr. Honnefelder has served on the Theological Faculty in Trier from 1972-1982, was professor of Catholic Theology and Philosophy at the Free University of Berlin from 1982-1988, and, since 1988, has lectured and taught at the University of Bonn. He has been a member of numerous committees established to develop a biomedical ethics based on Catholic teachings.

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Sunday, October 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. Fourth Plenary Lecture—Hall of Fame Room, Reilly Center
   Introduction: Oleg Bychkov (St. Bonaventure University)

   “Scotus’ Approach to Logic and Metaphysics”
   Giorgio Pini (Fordham University)

10:00 a.m. Festive Brunch—Hall of Fame Room
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