“The Poul Lübcke Memorial Lecture Series”

The series will include a talk followed by a discussion each Wednesday at 1 pm (central time).

If you are interested in viewing the lectures and joining in the discussion, please email shimota@stolaf.edu to be put on the list of participants. You will receive updates and invites for each lecture via email.

June 10
Title: “Danish Lessons”
Speaker: Gordon Marino teaches philosophy and related courses at St. Olaf College and serves as the curator of the Hong Kierkegaard Library. He has authored and co-authored numerous works, including several books, and articles that have appeared in internationally acclaimed news sources and periodicals such as the Atlantic Monthly, New York Times Magazine, Wall Street Journal, and the American Poetry Review.

June 17
Title: ”Kierkegaard’s Vepdepunkt: Reflections on Shame and the Categories of Crisis.”
Speaker: Vanessa Rumble is an associate professor of philosophy at Boston College with interests in psychoanalysis and the German context for Kierkegaard’s work. She served as a member of the editorial board of Kierkegaard’s Journals and Notebooks (Princeton: 2007-2020).

June 24
Title: "Ethical Purposes of Silence"
Speaker: Sergia Hay is associate professor of philosophy and the director of the Wild Hope Center for Vocation at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. She is a former summer scholar and now serves on the board of the Friends of the Hong Kierkegaard Library.

July 1
Title: “The Blotting Paper on a Heavenly Letter: Johannes Climacus on the Hegelian Paratext.”
Speaker: Troy Wellington Smith is a PhD candidate in Scandinavian at the University of California, Berkeley. He will be the Kierkegaard House Foundation Fellow for the 2021-2022 academic year.

July 15
Title: "Description as a Doing: Wittgenstein, Kierkegaard, and the Impossibility of Disinterested Depiction"
Speaker: Charlie Djordevic is the current Kierkegaard House Foundation Fellow. His major research interest is in the philosophical anthropology and its connections with metaphilosophy and philosophical methodology. Prior to this, he was a researcher at the TINT Centre for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, in Helsinki, Finland, and held a postdoctoral position at the University of Zurich Chair for Social Theory and Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

July 22
Title: “Transforming Love”
Speaker: Deidre Green is a postdoctoral fellow at the Maxwell Institute at BYU. She has published on Kierkegaard in Hypatia and the Journal of Religion. Her book, Works of Love in a World of Violence, examines the limits of self-sacrifice set by Christian love.

July 29
Title: "Militant Liturgies: Practicing Christianity with Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer, and Weil"
Speaker: J. Aaron Simmons is professor of philosophy at Furman University and president of the Søren Kierkegaard Society (USA). Working primarily in existential and phenomenological philosophy of religion, Simmons is the author or editor of numerous books including: Kierkegaard’s God and the Good Life, The New Phenomenology, God and the Other, and Kierkegaard and Levinas. He is now working on a collection of essays on postmodern religious existence and the importance of trust.

“The Utech Seminar”

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Time TBD
Title: "Kierkegaard: Writing a Life"
Over the course of two lectures Clare Carlisle will discuss the intimate connection between life and writing; Kierkegaard’s relationship to writing; and her own experience writing Kierkegaard’s life.

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