FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23
[Global and International Studies Building, Room 1128]

3:00PM: PARADOXES OF BELIEF: IRONY, FAITH, & IDENTITY

Wei Liu, Ohio State University
*Religious Ambiguity in a Local Chinese Culture: Case Study of Mulian Opera*
Adam Sweatman, Florida State University
*Feeling Postmodern: Emotion and the Emerging Church Movement*
Respondent: Prof. Stephen Selka, Religious Studies

4:30PM SOCIAL HOUR
(beverages and hors d’oeuvres)

5:30PM KEYNOTE LECTURE
[Jordan Hall Room A100]

“Undoing Irony”
delivered by Professor Katrin Pahl,
Johns Hopkins University

SATURDAY (continued)

11:00AM: FORMS & FUNCTIONS OF IRONIC TEXTUALITIES

Sam Goldstein, Brown University
*Daoism in Sima Xiangru’s Shanglin Fu*
Josie Wenig, Indiana University
*“Total Origenal”: Textualities and Cosmologies of the Ironic Sublime*
Respondent: Prof. Sonia Velázquez, Religious Studies

12:30PM LUNCH (provided)

1:30PM IRONY IN THE ACADEMY
a conversation with
Professors M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University
& Katrin Pahl, Johns Hopkins

2:30PM: IRONIC CIRCUITS, SPACES, & STAGES

Jakob Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
*S.S. inthomosexuality: Lee Edelman, the Queer, and American Holocaust Film*
Taylor Thomas, Indiana University
*Gogol’s Paper World: Eccentric Space and Narrative Incoherence in St. Petersburg*
Joseph D’Ambrosi, Indiana University
*On the Stage, but not of the Stage: Exploring Evangelical Appropriation of Secular Theatre in Antebellum America with Harriet Beecher Stowe’s The Christian Slave*
Respondent: Prof. Sarah Imhoff, Religious Studies

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8:30AM BREAKFAST (coffee and pastries)

9:00AM: NARRATIVE IRONIES: SELVES, GROUPS, & OTHERS

Maureen Kelly, University of Chicago Divinity School
*The Nation of Autobiography with continual reference to Augustine*
Wenyuan (Winnie) Shao, The Ohio State University
*Ironies and the Rhetoric of Exclusion: Deciphering Vernacular Rebellions in Southwest China*
Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
*Irony, Historicism, and Racialization*
Respondent: Prof. Richard Nance, Religious Studies