Erich Fromm bemoaned the divorce of psychology from philosophical and religious traditions and, in many ways, this artificial separation from our historical and conceptual siblings has only increased. The purpose of this conference is to enrich conversations at the intersections of philosophy, psychology, and theological/religious studies, particularly emphasizing scholarship around the notion of the “Other.” The term “Other” constitutes a shared space for continental thought, theology, and a variety of psychological discourses. As an interdisciplinary conference, presentations will explore the rich discourses that have emerged around the concept of the “Other” in various intellectual traditions, ranging from phenomenological work like that of Emmanuel Levinas to the work of John Zizioulas in theology or that of Jessica Benjamin in psychoanalysis. We invite psychologists, psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, social workers, philosophers, sociologists, anthropologists, theologians, clergy, and graduate students of all persuasions to participate in this year’s event. Our hope is that our conversations and collaborations will challenge and deepen our various disciplines.

Plenary Addresses:

Jeffrey Bloechl, Ph.D., Boston College
Lynne Layton, Ph.D., Harvard Med School
Mark Freeman, Ph.D., College of the Holy Cross
Stuart Pizer, Ph.D., ABPP, Harvard Medical School

Invited Addresses:

Donna Orange, Ph.D., Psy.D.
Kenneth Gergen, Ph.D.
Frank Richardson, Ph.D.
Humphrey Morris, M.D.
Marie Hoffman, Ph.D.
Merold Westphal, Ph.D.
Alfred Tauber, MD
Suzanne Kirschner, Ph.D.
Alvin Dueck, Ph.D.
Jonathan Slavin, Ph.D., ABPP

***Also featuring addresses and responses by Lewis Aron, Sue Grand, Melanie Suchet, Neil Altman, Roger Frie, William Coburn, Malcolm Slavin, and many others.***

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