The Enduring Challenge of Rousseau’s Thought: Tercentenary Conference
Held by The Colorado College and the Rousseau Association/Association Rousseau
Colorado College, December 13 – 15, 2012

Thursday December 13th

7:45 p.m.  Bemis Hall

Keynote Address: Reading Rousseau’s Confessions in 2013
Michael O’Dea, Université Lumière Lyon

Friday December 14th

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. /Gaylord Hall

On the manner and goal of Rousseau’s writing

Chair: Clifford Orwin, University of Toronto
Rousseau the Philosopher, Judge of the Philosopher Jean-Jacques
Matthew Maguire, DePaul University
Is Du contrat social One of Rousseau’s Paradoxes?
James Swenson, Rutgers University
Rousseau and the public vocation of the Enlightenment
Masano Yamashita, University of Colorado at Boulder

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Gaylord Hall

Rousseau on modern rationalism and natural science

Chair: John Scott, University of California, Davis
Rousseau and the possibility of philosophy
Lucas Fain, Harvard University
Rousseau’s Introspective Turn
Eve Grace, Colorado College
Rousseau’s Chemical Apprenticeship and Diderot’s Twenty-First Thought
Christopher Kelly, Boston College
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. / Gaylord Hall

Rousseau on law, society, and the market

Chair: Jason Neidleman, University of La Verne
Commerce and Self-falsification: J.-J. Rousseau and Adam Smith in Dialogue
Charles Griswold, Boston University
Rousseau on statutory and constitutional interpretation
Joseph Reisert, Colby College
Rousseau’s discovery of society
Zev Trachtenberg, University of Oklahoma

Saturday December 15th

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Gaylord Hall

Perspective, imagination, artistic creation, and truth

Chair: Eve Grace, Colorado College
Morality, simulacrum and distraction: the function of art according to Rousseau
João Gabriel Lima da Silva, Universidade Federal Fluminense
Saint-Preux à Paris ou le point de vue du « spectateur suisse»
Maria Leone, Université de Lyon 1
The Sublime Science of Simple Souls: Rousseau’s Philosophy of Truth
Jason Neidleman, University of La Verne
Passions et imagination dans la pensée de Rousseau
Marisa Vento, Universidade Estadual de Campinas

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Gaylord Hall

Education and Emile

Chair: Christopher Kelly, Boston College
La modernité pédagogique de Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Etienne Haché, University of/Université d’ Alberta
The Illustrative Education of Rousseau’s Emile
John Scott, University of California, Davis
La force du sexe faible : pudeur et morale féminine selon Rousseau
Marco Menin, Università degli Studi di Torino

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. / Gaylord Hall

Rousseau’s philosophical psychology

Chair: Zev Trachtenberg, University of Oklahoma
Preliminary Reading of the Reveries
Victor Gourevitch, Wesleyan University
Rousseau versus Plato on compassion
Clifford Orwin, University of Toronto
Promises of utility and the soul of the bourgeois
Kimberley Stewart, Boston College