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**Session 1 — 9:00 - 12:00**
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Richard Rosengarten, Dean of the Divinity School
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Gabriel Richardson Lear, Philosophy, University of Chicago
Plato on Acting & Being Yourself

Vincent Carraud, Philosophy, Université de Caen
The Ego and the Self in Augustine and Descartes

Robert Morrissey, Romance Languages, University of Chicago
The Napoleonic Self and the Poetics of Fusion

Lunch (provided)

**Session 2 — 1:30 - 4:30**
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Charles Larmore, Philosophy, Brown University
Recognizing Persons

Rodolphe Calin, Philosophy, Université Sorbonne (Paris-IV)
Self and Meaning: the ethical and poetic self in Levinas and Ricoeur

Jean-Luc Marion, Philosophy, Divinity School Université Sorbonne (Paris-IV)
Descartes and the Horizon of Finitude

James Conant, Philosophy, University of Chicago
Kierkegaard and Climacus on Subjective Thought

**Session 3 — 9:00 - 12:00**
27 January, Swift Hall Commons, 1025 E. 58th St.

Danielle Allen, Dean of the Humanities, Opening Remarks

Rodolphe Calin, Philosophy, Université Sorbonne (Paris-IV)
The Subjected Self: Tragedy and Theology

Jean-Yves Lacoste, Philosophy, Institut Catholique de Paris
Again: Reasons and Persons

Panel Discussion and Conclusions

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