

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**The Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative  
("LACSI")  
CONFERENCE ON ONTOLOGY**

September 25–26, 2009

**PROGRAM**

**Friday, September 25**

- 2:00 – 3:30 ***Lexical and Ontological Categories***  
Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Yale University  
*Moderator:* Mark Heller, Syracuse University
- 3:45 – 5:15 ***Relational versus Constituent Ontologies***  
Peter van Inwagen, University of Notre Dame  
*Moderator:* Karen Bennett, Cornell University
- 6:30 Conference Dinner: Porter's City Tavern

**Saturday, September 26**

- 9:00 – 12:00 ***Symposium: Common Upper Ontology***  
Barry Smith, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Christopher Menzel, Texas A&M University  
*Moderator:* Paul W. Humphreys, University of Virginia
- 12:05 Lunch: Conference Venue
- 1:30 – 3:00 ***Three Lines of Investigation at the Metaphysics Research Lab***  
Edward N. Zalta, Stanford University  
*Moderator:* Delia Graff Fara, Princeton University
- 3:15 – 4:45 ***On Doing Ontology Without Metaphysics***  
Achille C. Varzi, Columbia University  
*Moderator:* Yuri V. Balashov, University of Georgia