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The Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative
("LACSI")

CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF NATURE,
EXPLANATION, AND UNDERSTANDING
September 16-17, 2022

PROGRAM

Friday, September 16

2:00 – 3:30 ***Are the Laws of Nature Useful?***
Heather Demarest, University of Colorado, Boulder
Moderator: Carl Gillett, Northern Illinois University

3:45 – 5:15 ***Understanding and Social Measurement***
Kareem Khalifa, Middlebury College
Moderator: Holly Andersen, Simon Fraser University

Saturday, September 17

10:30 – 12:00 ***Causal Explanation and Causal Bearing***
Christopher Hitchcock, California Institute of Technology
Moderator: Harjit Bhogal, University of Maryland, College Park

1:45 – 3:15 ***Persistence, Properties and Explanatory Structure***
Elizabeth Miller, Brown University
Moderator: Katrina Elliot, UCLA

3:30 – 5:00 ***The Practical Value of Causal Understanding***
Michael Strevens, New York University
Moderator: Erica Shumener, Syracuse University