

The foundations of Reason: Proof and Evidence in the Early Modern Period

Tuesday, 22 May 2007

Session I Chair:

9:00-10:00 Jed Buchwald, Caltech

“Descartes’ Experimental Journey Past the Prism and Through the
Invisible World to the Rainbow”

10:00-10:30 Coffee

10:30-11:30 Niccolo Guicciardini, University of Bergamo

“Newton’s views on mathematical evidence and method”

11:30-12:30 Rose Mary Sargent, Merrimack College

“Experimental Evidence: Natural Histories and the Concurrence of
Probabilities”

12:30-14:30 Lunch

Session II Chair:

14:30-15:30 Richard Serjeantson, Cambridge University

“‘Human Nature’ c.1600--1740: The emergence of an Enlightenment
discipline”

15:30-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:00 William Poole, Oxford University

“‘Theory’ and Proof in late seventeenth-century Cosmogony”

17:00-18:00 William Ashworth, University of Kansas

“Visual Argument and Evidence in Seventeenth-Century Science”

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Session III Chair:

9:00-10:00 Mordechai Feingold, Caltech
“The New Science and Historical Evidence”

10:00-10:30 Coffee

10:30-11:30 Jean-Louis Quantin, Sorbonne
“Fable, criticism, and certainty: Was ecclesiastical scholarship rational?”

11:30-12.30 Michael Suarez, Oxford University
“Reasonable Deisms, Reasonable Christianities, Reasonable Doubts:
Biblical Evidence and Argument from Walton’s Polyglot (1657) to
Jefferson’s Synthetic Text (1820)”

12:30-14:30 Lunch

Session IV Chair:

14:30-15:30 Peter Lipton, Cambridge University
“Why did we have to wait for Hume to get the skeptical problem of
induction?”

15:30-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:00 Hannah Dawson, University of Edinburgh
“Reason and Language in Early-Modern Philosophy”

17:00-18:00 Peter Reill, UCLA
“In Search of a Logic for the Human Sciences in the Late Enlightenment”