

INTER DISCIPLINARITY RADICAL

nothing.

monday, september 30, 2013

6:30-8 p.m. program

8-8:30 reception, sponsored by the center for interreligious engagement

depaul student center, room 120

2250 n. sheffield ave.

with:

prof. lynn narasimhan (depaul, department of mathematical sciences)

prof. thomas o'brien (depaul, department of religious studies)

prof. jesús pando (depaul, department of physics)

how does the concept of “nothingness” show itself in various academic disciplines across the humanities and the sciences? in what ways does “nothing” draw us all together, pointing to our common pursuits and perhaps our common ends? three depaul professors from different departments and colleges will come together to discuss nothing: from the particularities of a god who creates *ex nihilo*, to the ways in which zero and the empty set change mathematical thinking, to the mysteries of a universe (a something) that arises from nothing. a panel discussion will provide opportunities for speakers and audience members to interact, and everyone will be encouraged to share ways their own work has encountered and conceptualized “nothingness” and ways we might all learn from and be inspired by the resulting similarities and differences.