

CALL FOR PAPERS

Saying What We Mean: A Symposium on the Works of Eugene Gendlin

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Seattle University, Seattle WA USA

The Eugene T. Gendlin



Center for Research
at The International Focusing Institute

The Departments of Psychology and Philosophy at Seattle University are partnering with The Gendlin Research Center of the International Focusing Institute to announce an online symposium advancing the work of Eugene Gendlin. We invite participants to explore the implications of Gendlin's posthumous collection *Saying What We Mean: Implicit Precision and the Responsive Order* (2018). This extraordinary collection, edited by Edward Casey and Donata Schoeller, brings together a series of essays demonstrating Gendlin's creative and insightful ability to balance conversations across a wide range of voices in philosophy and psychology. We are delighted that Dr. Schoeller will be one of our featured speakers.

Gendlin had a unique capacity for thinking "at the edge" of conceptual formulations. He was able to discover, in words and concepts, an evasive connection between idea and experience. Gendlin sought to open up phenomena by exploring ideas that can only be thought in the mode of embodied practice. Gendlin's hope was that he might awaken an appetite in his readers, a yearning to understand how "the experiential side always exceeds the concepts." In this regard, Gendlin invites expansive efforts to explore embodied thinking and experiencing.

In *Saying What We Mean*, Gendlin leaves for us a collection of intriguing enactments of this embodied thinking, with essays ranging across the spectrum of his adventurous thinking. Though all paper proposals working with Gendlin's thought are welcome, we particularly solicit investigations into the four main themes of *Saying What We Mean*:

- Phenomenology of the Implicit
- A Process Model
- On the Edges of Plato, Heidegger, Kant and Wittgenstein
- Thinking with the Implicit

If interested in presenting a paper at the conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words by **AUGUST 30, 2020**. Please include your name, institution, degree, specialization, and contact info on a separate document, as well as any audio-visual equipment you may require. Presentations should be approximately 40 minutes in length, and presenters should anticipate facilitating conversation after their paper is given. Registration will be through The International Focusing Institute (www.focusing.org). Information on registration and suggested hotels will be available soon there as well as on the Seattle University Psychology department homepage (<https://www.seattleu.edu/2020GendlinSymposium>).

Please send submissions and any inquiries to Dr. Kevin Krycka at gendlinsymposium@seattleu.edu.