Descartes Day is an informal gathering of scholars and graduate students in order to discuss Cartesian texts in an unhurried setting. No papers are given. The first Descartes Day was held in Princeton in May 2004. It came about because of long discussions between Dan Garber, Peter Machamer, Ted McGuire, and Roger Ariew. There never seemed to be enough time to finish the discussions. So we said, let’s pick a day and invite some convivial people and discuss further. This is the second meeting. There may be more and may be other texts than Descartes will be discussed.

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9:30 am Continental Breakfast
10-1 pm Morning session
Descartes’ Material World
Provocateur: Tad Schmaltz
1-3 pm Lunch (on your own)
3-6 pm Afternoon session
Descartes’ Theory of Perception
Provocateur: Pedro Amaral
8 pm Participant’s Dinner
Moré’s
214 N. Craig Street
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