

2023 Ciceronian Society Conference Schedule

**Titles are tentative and the schedule is subject to change. North Carolina is in the Eastern Time Zone
Updated 19 January 2023

Thursday, March 9th

2pm - 2:15pm Opening Remarks

2:15pm - 3:45pm

American Catholic Political Thought (Roundtable)

Joseph Wysocki (Belmont Abbey College)

Mary Imperato (Belmont Abbey College)

Thomas Varacalli (Belmont Abbey College)

Jerome Foss (St. Vincent College)

3:45pm - 4pm Break

4pm - 5pm

Prosperity, Place, and Philanthropy

“A ‘Human’ Economy: Adam Smith’s Theory of Moral Sentiments in the Age of the Great Enrichment.”

John A. Moore (Walsh College)

“Cheerful Giver: Why Christian Traditions of Philanthropy Still Matter”

Rebecca Richards (American Council of Trustees and Alumni)

“Place-Base Neighborhood Stabilization”

Rachel Ferguson (Concordia Univ. - Chicago)

DISCUSSANT John Grove (Liberty Fund)

5:30pm - 5:45pm Break

5:45pm - 7:15pm Dinner

Remarks by Abbot Placid (Belmont Abbey Monastery)

Friday, March 10th

Morning Prayer (Location & Time, TBD)

9am - 10:30am

We Built Reality: Social Science and Christian Thought

Jason Blakely (Pepperdine University)

Joseph Capizzi (The Catholic University of America / Institute for Human Ecology)

Enoch Hill (Wheaton College)

Jennifer Frey (University of South Carolina)

Ben Peterson (Abilene Christian University)

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Institute for Human Ecology (<https://ihe.catholic.edu/>)

Lumen Christi Institute (<https://www.lumenchristi.org/>)

Nova Forum for Catholic Thought (<https://www.novaforum.org/>)

10:30am - 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 12:15pm

Religious Liberty in the States

Jordan J. Ballor (Center for Religion, Culture & Democracy), moderator

Patrick M. Garry (University of South Dakota)

Mark David Hall (George Fox University)

Adam MacLeod (Faulkner University)

Sarah M. Estelle (Hope College), respondent

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Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy (<https://crcd.net/>)

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:30pm - 3pm

Breakout Sessions

PANEL 1 (Room TBD)

The Pulpit and the Public

“Phoebe Palmer and Expressive Individualism”

Jared Causey (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

“Jonathan Mayhew and Issac Backus on the Foundations of Natural Rights”

Christopher Parr (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

“George Tyrell, Pius X, and the Problem of Defining Modernism”

Dennis L. Durst (Kentucky Christian University)

DISCUSSANT: Casey Spinks (Baylor Univ.)

PANEL 2 (Room TBD)

The Rise of Classical Education

Derec Shuler (Ascent Classical Academies)

Leigh Bortins (Classical Conversations)

[Waiting on a new third participant]

PANEL 3 (Room TBD)

George Grant in Our Time and His

“Losing One’s Land and People: George Grant and Lament for a Nation”

Brent Waters

“Conserving Modern Technology? George Grant and Russell Kirk on America”

Jeremy Geddert (Assumption College)

[Waiting on a 3rd paper – invite sent]

DISCUSSANT: Travis Cook (Belmont Abbey College)

3pm - 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm - 4:45pm

Breakout Sessions

PANEL 1 (Room TBD)

The Limits of Secular Society

“That Time the Devil beat Daniel Webster”

Rudy Hernandez (Kinder Institute / Univ. of Missouri)

“Is Philosophy Permitted in the Public Square?”

Harley Price (Univ. of Toronto)

“Religion’s Place and the Relationship between Faith and Reason”

Stephen Thomas (Baylor Univ)

“Science, Theology, and the Improvement and Perfection of Law in the Founding Era”

Carli N. Conklin (Kinder Institute / Univ. of Missouri)

DISCUSSANT: Matthew Siebert (Belmont Abbey College)

PANEL 2 (Room TBD)

Socratic Teaching (Roundtable)

Andrew Kern (CiRCE Institute)

Matt Bianco (CiRCE Institute)

Katerina Kern (CiRCE Institute)

PANEL 3 (Room TBD)

Tolkien in Paradise

“The Three Elven Rings and the Benedict Option”
Jason Jewell (Faulkner University)

“Preservation and Perversion: Josef Pieper’s Theory of Festivity in The Lord of the Rings”
Chris Butynskyi (Classical Conversations)

“The Magic of Middle-Earth: Tolkien as Training Ground for Paradisal Reality”
Andrew Jacobs (Faulkner University)

DISCUSSANT: Josh Herring (Thales Academy)

4:45pm - 5pm

Break

5pm - 6:30pm

Dinner

Saturday, March 11th

Morning Prayer (Location & Time, TBD)

9am - 10:30am

PANEL 1 (Room TBD)

Farming and Faith

“Ancient Metaphysics, Medieval Logic, and Modern Farming”
Quinn Patrick Gerney (Mount St. Mary’s Univ.)

“Reclaiming Ithaca: Marriage and the Land”
Stephen McGinley (Mount St Mary’s Univ / Good Soil Farm LLC)
Casey-Mae McGinley (Good Soil Farm LLC)

“Monasticism as Spiritual Permaculture”
Fr. David Galloway (St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary)

DISCUSSANT: Clark Summers (Belmont Abbey College)

PANEL 2 (Room TBD)

Literature, Philosophy, and Faith

“Austen as an Aristotelian: Happiness and Virtue in Pride and Prejudice”
Ardith Amon (Ashland Univ.)

“The Mind of a Reader: Toward a Trinitarian Framework for Literary Theory”
Annie Crawford (Wilson Hill Academy / Society for Women Letters)

“Flannery O’Connor and the Violence of Humanitarianism”
Ryan R. Holston (Virginia Military Institute)

DISCUSSANT: Sean Hadley (Faulkner Univ.)

PANEL 3 (Room TBD)

Christianity and the Classics

“Tragedy and Comedy in Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale”
John Boersma (Univ. of Wisconsin)

“A Christian Reflection on The Republic’s Cephalus”
Casey Spinks (Baylor Univ.)

“The wartime Christian humanism in Lewis’s Abolition of Man”
Chris Armstrong (Kern Family Foundation)

DISCUSSANT: Jason Jewell (Faulkner University)

10:30am - 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 12:15pm Breakout Sessions

PANEL 1 (Room TBD)

Common Grace in Place: the Work of Abraham Kuyper

“No Secular State: Common Grace, Globalism, and God’s Redemptive Purposes for Nations”

Michael Carlino (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

“Kuyper, COVID, and Common Grace”

Coyle Neal (Southwest Baptist Univ.)

“Kuyper, Stories, and the Moral Imagination”

Sean Hadley (Faulkner Univ.)

DISCUSSANT: Bob Kaminski (Drew Univ)

PANEL 2 (Room TBD)

Place, Friendship, and the Human Condition

“Communities of Blood, Place, and Spirit in Ferdinand Tönnies’ Theory of Human Will”

Eric Malczewski (Virginia Tech)

“The Τόπος of the Human Heart: Hesychasm and the Rediscovery of ‘Place’

Fr. Alexander Earl (St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary)

“Love and Friendship in a Democratic Age”

Sarah Gustafson (Harvard Univ.)

DISCUSSANT: Svetlana Corwin (Belmont Abbey College)

PANEL 3 (Room TBD)

Communicating the Virtues

“Virtuous Discourse: Some Lessons from the Christian Tradition”

Stephen O. Presley (Center for Religion Culture and Democracy)

“Augustine, Intentionality, and the Policy Process”

H. Lee Cheek Jr. (East Georgia State College)

Timothy P. O’Brien (Liberty Univ.)

“History, Philosophy, and the Problem of Cicero’s Rome Made ‘Young and Beautiful’

Moryam VanOpstal (Cambridge School of Dallas)

“Dialectic as Festivity”

Marc Hays

DISCUSSANT: Emily McCarty (Hope College)

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:30pm - 3pm Breakout Sessions

PANEL 1 (Room TBD)

Farmers, Eaters, and Reality

Stephen McGinley (Mount St Mary's Univ / Good Soil Farm LLC)

Chris Anadale (Mount St. Mary's Univ.)

Brian Fink (Fink Family Farm)

PANEL 2 (Room TBD)

The Evolution of Individualism in Thought and Practice

“Oscar Wilde: Jesus as Expressive Individualist”

Jacob Wolf (Regent University)

“Descartes: Individualism or Community?”

Dallas Terry (Boston College)

“Shulamith Firestone: Individualism and Feminist Anti-Natalism”

Joel Iliff (Regent University)

DISCUSSANT: William Batchelder (Waynesburg University)

PANEL 3 (Room TBD)

Liturgy Revisited

“More Catholic than the Pope? American Traditionalists and the Liturgy Wars, 1965-1984”

Bob Kaminski (Drew Univ.)

“Fasting, Ferial, and Feasting Days: Liturgical Calendar as a Social Framework”

Theodore Madrid (Hillsdale College)

“Between Afropessimism and Afrofuturism: Liturgy and the Mean of Melancholic Hope”

Warren Lattimore (Duke University)

DISCUSSANT: Elisa Torres (Belmont Abbey College)

3pm - 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm - 4:45pm

Presentation of the William G. Batchelder III Memorial Award for the Study of Place

Community, Place, and the Post-Liberal Right

“State vs. Community: Nisbet and the Post-Liberal Right”

Luke Sheahan (Duquesne Univ. / University Bookman)

“National Conservatism’s Place Problem

John G. Grove (Liberty Fund)

“W.H. Riehl’s Cure for Modernity: A Defense of National, Regional, and Social Differentiation

Ethan Alexander-Davey (Campbell University)

DISCUSSANT: James Patterson (The Ciceronian Society)

4:45pm - 5pm

Break

5pm - 6:30pm

Dinner

Remarks by Ian Crowe (Belmont Abbey College)