

# 2024 Ciceronian Society Conference Schedule

\*\*Titles are tentative and the schedule is subject to change. Plano, TX is in the Central Time Zone  
Updated 21 October

## Thursday, February 29

8:00am - 9:00am	Morning Prayer	Conference A
9:00am - 9:30am	Opening Remarks	Conference A
9:30am - 11:00am	<b>SESSION #1 - PLENARY</b>	Conference A

### **The Spiritual life in the Christian Tradition**

Irenaeus and the Spiritual life  
Stephen Presley (CRCD)

Gregory of Nyssa and the Spiritual life  
Jonathan Bailes (Christ Church - Plano, TX)

Calvin and the Spiritual life  
Mark McDowell (Reformed Theological Seminary)

Robert Murray M'Cheyne and the Spiritual life  
Jordan Stone (Redeemer Presbyterian Church - McKinney, TX and Reformed Theological Seminary)

11:00am - 11:15am	Break	
11:15am - 12:45pm	Lunch	Conference C
12:45pm - 1:00pm	Break	
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>SESSION #2 - A</b>	Conference A

### **Courage and Other Virtues of Leadership**

Cultivating Courage: Exploring the Essence and Practice of Christian Courage  
Jeremy A. Kee (Keyhole Counseling)

On Courage  
Jeffrey Paul Bristol

Manliness and Decline in Radical Traditionalism  
Josh Vandiver (Univ. of Colorado, Colorado Springs)

The Virtue of Humanity: Plutarch's Lost Comparison of Alexander and Caesar  
Christopher James Wolfe (Univ. of St. Thomas)

1:00pm - 2:30pm

**SESSION #2 - B**

Conference B

**Tradition, Place, and Education**

Love is the Architect: The Role of Love in Academic Placemaking

Jennifer Patterson Souza (Appalachian State Univ. and Paideia Academics)

Learning on the Devil's Mountain: Historical Progress and Liberal Education in Hobbes's *Behemoth*

Michael Roland Gonzalez (Princeton Univ.)

Walther the Lutheran Humanist

Nadia Hartwig (CRCD - Shaftesbury Fellow)

Campuses, Structures, and Traditions: Lessons from Nineteenth-Century Christian Colleges for Contemporary Education

Jacob Edward Hiserman (Univ. of Alabama)

1:00pm - 2:30pm

**SESSION #2 - C**

Conference C

**The Peril and Promise of Citizenship**

Manly Citizenship in Early America

Jeremiah A. Regan (Hillsdale College)

Regarding Slavery and Technocratic Society

Clark Summers (Belmont Abbey College)

Citizenship in *Gladiator*

Richard Jordan (Baylor Univ.)

Tocqueville's Assessment of American Political Parties

Joe Postel (Hillsdale College)

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm - 4:15pm

**SESSION #3 - A**

Conference A

**Technology and the Human Life**

The Spirits of the Cloud and the Need for Re-Incarnation: Living a Human Life Under Digital Conditions

Thomas P. Harmon (Univ. of St. Thomas)

Digital Menippus: The Satirical Form of our Technological Culture"

Adam Pugen (Univ. of St. Thomas)

Technology, Freedom, and the New Globalization

Dan Churchwell (Acton Institute)

The Role of Mediating Institutions and Civics in Public Resiliency

Stephen L. Thomas (Baylor Univ.)

2:45pm - 4:15pm

**SESSION #3 - B**

Conference B

**Early American Christian Thought Revisited**

David Austin and Patriotic Millennialism in the Early Republic

Andrew Barrett Lawson (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

Critiquing the Feminist Interpretation of Phoebe Palmer

Jared M. Causey (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

The Role of Disinterested Benevolence in Nathaniel Emmons' Political Theology

Christopher Wright Parr (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

That Time the Devil Beat Daniel Webster

Rodolfo Hernandez (Univ. of Missouri)

2:45pm - 4:15pm

**SESSION #3 - C**

Conference C

**Foreign Policy & National Security in an American Past and Present**

The Emerging Social Doctrine of Military Service Members as Lesser Citizens

Chase Spears (U.S. Army Major (Ret.) Kansas State University)

Subsidiarity: The Principle Undergirding Effective National Security Decision Making

Anthony Jones (Baylor Univ.)

Safety in the Republican Sense": The National Security Doctrine of The Federalist

Casey J. Wheatland (Texas State Univ)

Folly in the Pacific: Pearl Harbor as a Consequence of American Intervention in the Far East

Josiah Lippincott (Hillsdale College)

4:15pm - 4:45pm

Announcements and Day 1 Closing Prayer

Conference A

5:00pm - 8:00pm

[Panelists and attendees make their own dinner plans]

8:00pm - 11:30pm

Hospitality

[LOCATION TBD]

# Friday, March 1st

8:00am - 9:00am	Morning Prayer	[LOCATION TBD]
9:00am - 10:30am	<b>SESSION #4 - A</b> <b>History, Tradition, and Rights</b> History, Tradition, and the Establishment Clause Mark David Hall (Regent University and Project Director, Religious Liberty in the States)  History and Tradition and Parental Rights Luke Sheahan (Duquesne Univ.)  Foundations of the Right of Charitable Uses Adam MacLeod (Professor of Law, St. Mary's University, Senior Fellow, CRCDC)	Conference A
9:00am - 10:30am	<b>SESSION #4 - B</b> <b>Christian Reflections on Human Personhood</b> "The 'Person' as Matrimonial Animal Under the Fourteenth Amendment" David R. Upham (Univ. of Dallas & Univ. of Texas)  Care for bodily health: A Christian humanist tradition Chris Armstrong  Self, Soul, and Body: An Examination into the Distinctness of the Self in Christian Anthropology Peter Keepman (Villanova Univ.)	Conference B
9:00am - 10:30am	<b>SESSION #4 - C</b> <b>The Artist's Role in Society</b> The Larson Lesson: Architecture, Fame, Perfection Rod Miller (Hendrix College)  Defeating the Lie: Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and the Power of the Artist Morgan K. Miller  Artist as Hero, Artist as Slave Jeff Bristol  Cormac McCarthy Confronts Nihilism Ashleen-Menchaca Bagnulo (Texas State Univ.)	Conference C
10:30am - 10:45am	Break	
10:45am - 12:15pm	<b>SESSION #5 - PLENARY</b> <b>The Inklings and Classical Education</b> Receiving the Given: Insights from C.S. Lewis for the Classical Classroom Josh Herring (Thales College)  The Ascent of the Imagination: Charles Williams in the Classical Christian Classroom Sean Hadley (Univ. of Arkansas)  Owen Barfield and Language in Classical Education Landon Loftin (Gravitas Prep School)  Reading Tolkien in the Classical Classroom Jason Jewell (Faulkner Univ.)	Conference A

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch Conference C

1:45pm - 3:15pm **SESSION #6 - A** Conference A

**Mid-20th Century American Conservatism**

Peter Viereck and Unadjusted Conservatism

John D. Wilsey (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

A Philosophical Habit of Mind: Kirk, Newman, and Liberal Education

Darrell Falconburg (Russell Kirk Center)

Exploring the Intersections Between Russell Kirk and Paul Ricoeur on Ideology, Utopia, and the Imagination

Jonathan Brubaker (Faulkner University)

Rooted in the Nation": Whittaker Chambers's Existentialist Agrarianism

Michael Lucchese (Pipe Creek Consulting)

1:45pm - 3:15pm **SESSION #6 - B** Conference B

**The Political Economy of Tradition**

The Economics of the Medieval Marriage Contract

Clara Piano (Austin Peay State University)

Virtue as a Limit on Justice

Michael D. Thomas (Creighton University)

Hayek on Tradition, Place, and Things Divine

J. Robert Subrick (James Madison University)

1:45pm - 3:15pm **SESSION #6 - C** Conference C

**Forces of Christian Formation**

The Form of Music and Its Effects on the Soul

Matt Bianco (CiRCE Institute)

Catechesis as Cultural Engagement

Stephen Presley (CRCD)

What Kind of Village? The Role of Communities in Child Development

Nicholas Spencer (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

St. Gregory and the Balance between Theoria and the Earthly Life

Alec Bianco (CiRCE Institute)

3:15pm - 3:30pm Break

3:30pm - 5:00pm **SESSION #7 - A** Conference A

**American Republicanism**

Benjamin Franklin & the Politics of Imperial Reform

Colin Michael Brown (Declaration of Independence Center - Univ. of Mississippi)

The Foundational Principles of The Federalist Papers: Strength in Separation

Noelle Mary Alicia Salgado

Arms and Republicanism: An Aristotelian Justification of the Second Amendment

Shane Leary (Baylor Univ.)

Benjamin Franklin's Imperial Politics

Kevin Slack (Hillsdale College)

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**SESSION #7 - B**  
**The Classical and the Christian in Conversation**

Conference B

His Glory or Our Happiness? Toward a Proper Teleology  
JP Shafer (Edinburgh Theological Seminary)

Rhetoric, Metaphysics, and Early Christian Challenges  
Mark a Gring (Texas Tech Univ.)

Aquinas's Use of Cicero's *De Officiis* in the Treatise on Law  
Randall Brian Smith (Univ. of St. Thomas)

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**SESSION #7 - C**  
**Literature, Formation, and Interpretation**

Conference C

The Vocabulary of Nihilistic Literature  
Andrew Richard Jacobs (Faulkner Univ.)

Ideals, Idylls, and Isolation in 3 Poems by Robert Graves  
Katherine L. Bradshaw (Ancient Language Institute)

Wendell Berry: Harms to Creation and the Degradation of our Character  
Madeleine Sophie Austin (Univ. of North Carolina - Chapel Hill)

5:00pm - 8:00pm

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8:00pm - 11:30pm

Hospitality

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# Saturday, March 2nd

8:00am - 9:00am

Morning Prayer

[LOCATION TBD]

9:00am - 10:30am

## SESSION #8 - A

Conference A

### Political and Legal Thought in the Middle Ages and Its Legacy

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in Medieval England: Reexamining the *Stubbs v. Maitland* debate  
Joshua Mark Janniere (Shaftesbury Fellow - CRCD)

Nichole Oresme: The Catholic Prophet of Inequality  
Benjamin Michael Studebaker (Univ. of Cambridge)

"Dante and Political Authority"  
Dominic A. Aquila and Joseph A. Aquila (Univ. of St. Thomas)

Social Cooperation and the Natural Law: Parallels in Mises and St. Thomas  
Nicolas C. Gonzalez (Univ. of Miami)

9:00am - 10:30am

## SESSION #8 - B

Conference B

### Moral Formation and Epistemology

The Normative Failure of Moral Constructivism  
Paul R. DeHart (Texas State Univ.)

Newman and Solzhenitsyn on Conscience  
David P. Deavel (Univ. of St. Thomas)

9:00am - 10:30am

## SESSION #8 - C

Conference C

### Christianity and Economic Thought

Prosperity and Piety; Effects of commercial republicanism on Christian culture  
Theodore A. Madrid (Hillsdale College)

ESG: Untying Ties That Bind  
Allen Mendenhall (Troy Univ.)

What does Vienna have to do with Rome? Considering Austrian Economics and Catholic Economic Thought  
John A. Moore (Walsh College)

A Christian Defense of Homo Economicus  
Sarah M. Estelle (Hope College)

10:30am - 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 12:15pm

## SESSION #9 - PLENARY

Conference A

### Religious Liberty in the States

Mark David Hall (Regent University and Project Director, Religious Liberty in the States)

Caleb Ridings (Regent Univ. Law School)

Paul Mueller (American Institute for Economic Research and Associate Director, Religious Liberty in the States)

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch

Conference C

1:45pm - 3:15pm

**SESSION #10 - A**

Conference A

**Ciceronian Political Thought**

What Cicero got right--and wrong--about the republic  
Coyle Neal (Southwest Baptist University)

Ciceronian Statesmanship: Political Violence, Martyrdom, and the Necessities of Post-Constitutional Rule"

Samuel T. Lair (Hillsdale College)

Duty, Honor, and Virtue in Book I of *De Officiis*

Zachary David Stone (Atlanta Classical Academy / Univ. of Dallas)

Cicero and the Separation of Powers

Moryam VanOpstal (Cambridge School of Dallas)

1:45pm - 3:15pm

**SESSION #10 - B**

Conference B

**Revisiting the Liberal Tradition**

"Comprehensive Politics"  
John G. Grove (Liberty Fund)

Psychology and Liberalism

Aaron L. Pomerantz (Rice Univ.)

War Against The State: Daniel Patrick Moynihan and the Defense of Localism

Jeffery Tyler Syck (Univ. of Pikeville)

Conformable to the Law of Nature: John Locke's Morally Minded State

Michael Driscoll (Hillsdale College)

1:45pm - 3:15pm

**SESSION #10 - C**

Conference C

**Democracy and Innate Goodness: Nineteenth Century Debates over Political Anthropology**

Jacob Wolf (Regent Univ.)

Joel Iliff (Regent Univ)

Dallas Terry (Boston College)

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Break

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**SESSION #11 - PLENARY**

Conference A

**Assessing Patrick Deneen's *Regime Change***

Ethan Alexander-Davey (Campbell Univ.)

Ben Peterson (Abilene Christian Univ.)

Tiffany Miller (Univ. of Dallas)

Luke Sheahan (Duquesne Univ)

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