

# THE CICERONIAN SOCIETY

*A Society Dedicated to the Study of Tradition, Place, and 'Things Divine'*



All members of the faculty, staff, and student body at Mount Saint Mary's University are welcome to attend free of charge. Seating for the O'Hara Dining Room portions of the conference will be granted in accordance with the occupancy limits.

## CICERONIAN SOCIETY CONFERENCE MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY EMMITSBURG, MD

The latest conference program can be viewed at [theciceroniansociety.com/conferences](http://theciceroniansociety.com/conferences).

The Ciceronian Society will be holding its annual conference at Mount Saint Mary's University, March 12–14, 2015. Panelists will present on a variety of topics related to our core themes of Tradition, Place, and 'Things Divine.' Special thanks is due to the Anamnesis Foundation and the Mount Saint Mary's University College of Liberal Arts for co-sponsoring this conference. Thanks also to Dean Joshua Hochschild, Professor Christopher Anadale, and MSM's excellent event-planning staff for their assistance in organizing this gathering.

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### Featured speakers include

John Zmirak (keynote),  
Paul Gottfried,  
Joshua Hochschild,  
John Larrivee, Sean Lewis,  
Ken Masugi, Joseph Postell,  
Jeff Taylor, and many more.

### Panel Schedule for 2015

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

**5:00 - 5:45pm** (*Horning Hospitality Suite*)  
**COCKTAILS AND GREETING**

**5:45 - 7:30 DINNER** (*Horning Suite*)

Speaker: **John Larrivee**, "Views of the Human Condition and Economic and Social Theory"

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**9:00 - 10:30am PANEL** (*O'Hara Dining Room*)  
**Political Pursuits of the Good**

(1) **Dennis Durst**, "Social Reform & Hereditary Criminals" (2) **Erik Root**, "Grant and Slavery" (3) **Jack Kerwick**, "Burke's Patriotism vs. 'American Exceptionalism'"

**10:45am - 12:15pm PANEL** (*O'Hara*)

**Religion, Patriotism, Traditionalism, and Liberalism**

(1) **John Wilsey**, "Civil Religion, Exceptionalism, and Patriotism" (2) **Jerry Salyer**, "What is Patriotism?: Propositional vs. Traditionalist Perspectives" (3) **Peter Haworth**, "The Liberal Skeptic's Dilemma"

**12:15 - 1:45 pm: LUNCH** (*MSM Cafeteria*)

**2:00 - 3:30 pm PANEL** (*O'Hara*)

**Jaffa's Political Thought: Is Equality the Fundamental Conservative Principle?**

(1) **Jason Jividin** (2) **Paul Gottfried**  
(3) **Ken Masugi**

**3:45 - 5:15 pm PANEL** (*O'Hara*)

**Political Theology, Biblical Interpretation, and Philosophy**

(1) **Annie Lefler**, "Kant's Treatment of the Sublime" (2) **Nathan Lefler**, "Naming God's Language: Theological Implications of the Use of Acrostic as a Structural Device in Some Proverbs and Psalms" (3) **James Patterson**, "'He That Hath Ears, Let Him Hear': Religious Political Foundations & American Development"

**DINNER** (*On Own*)

Optional fine dining event at The Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

**8:45 - 10:15 am PANEL** (*O'Hara*)

**Aristocracy, Medieval History, and Religious Liberty**

(1) **Ethan Alexander-Davey**, "Aristocracy and Modernity" (2) **William Batchelder**, "Philip Rieff's Concept of Charisma: Some Applications in Medieval Hagiography" (3) **Macon Boczek**, "John Courtney Murray's Arguments for Religious Liberty" (Remarks presented by Peter Haworth)

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm PANEL** (*O'Hara*)

**American Political Thought**

(1) **Joseph Postell**, "The Controlling Power of Organization: Constitutional Conservatism and

Parties as Republican Organizations" (2) **Joseph Devaney**, "Same-Sex Marriage, Federalism, and the Court: Current and Coming Case Law" (3) **Joshua Bowman**, "Thoreau and the Environmental Imagination"

**12:00 - 1:00 pm: LUNCH** (*MSM Cafeteria*)

**1:00 - 3:00 pm KEYNOTE** (*Auditorium*)

**John Zmirak**

"Can Catholics Be Good Americans?  
Can Americans Be Good Catholics?  
And Why Should Anyone Care?"

**3:15 - 4:45 pm PANEL** (*Auditorium*)

**Wendell Berry, Bob Dylan, and Aristotle**

(1) **Sean Lewis**, "Things Divine in Wendell Berry's Hannah Coulter: Bringing the Epic to the Farm" (2) **Jeff Taylor**, "The Politics of Bob Dylan" (3) **Gregory Sadler**, "Anger's Importance in the Aristotelian Tradition of Moral Theory" (Remarks presented by Christopher Anadale)

**4:45 - 5:15 pm: COCKTAILS** (*Location TBA*)

**5:30 - 7:30 pm: DINNER** (*O'Hara*)

Speaker: **Dean Joshua Hochschild**

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