

This conference on “Parental Rights,” which the SCSS is a co-sponsor of with other organizations, had originally been scheduled for April 2021. Due to the coronavirus situation, the co-sponsoring organizations decided to postpone it until October 15-16, 2021, two weeks before the annual SCSS meeting-conference. Both will be held at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio. In a previous mailing, the schedule for April was sent. This is the updated schedule. Registration information will appear at this site this summer, along with registration information for the SCSS’s regular annual meeting-conference on October 29-30, 2021.

CONFERENCE ON PARENTAL RIGHTS

Friday, October 15

12:45 p.m. - **Welcome - Dr. Anne Hendershott**, Professor of Sociology and Director, Veritas Center for Ethics in Public Life, Franciscan University of Steubenville and **Dr. Stephen M. Krason, Esq.**, Professor of Political Science and Legal Studies and Associate Director, Veritas Center for Ethics in Public Life, Franciscan University of Steubenville

1:00 p.m. - **“Philosophical Foundations of Parental Rights” - Dr. Patrick Lee**, Professor of Philosophy and Director of Center for Bioethics, Franciscan University of Steubenville

2:00 p.m. - **“The History and Erosion of Parental Rights in American Law” - Michael P. Donnelly, Esq.**, Senior Counsel and Director of Global Outreach, Home School Legal Defense Association

3:00 p.m. - **“The Welfare State, the Family, and Parental Rights” - Dr. Patrick F. Fagan**, Director, Marriage and Family Research Institute at Catholic U. of America - This talk doubles as the Franciscan University of Steubenville Political Science Department’s 2021 Brownson/Scanlan Lecture in Politics, Law, and Religion

4:00 p.m. - **“Parental Rights and Decisions about Minor Children’s Health Care” - Mary Rice Hasson, Esq.**, Kate O’Beirne Fellow in Catholic Studies, Ethics and Public Policy Center

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Dinner Break (there will a group dinner for all the speakers)

7:00 p.m. - **“False Child Abuse Allegations, the Child Protective System, and the Threat to Parental Rights” - Dr. Stephen M. Krason, Esq.**, Professor of Political Science and Legal Studies, Franciscan University of Steubenville and President, Society of Catholic Social Scientists

8:00 p.m. - **“The Threat to Parental Rights by Gender Ideology” - Michelle Cretella, M.D.**, Executive Director, American College of Pediatricians

Saturday, October 16 -

9:00 a.m. – **“Parental Rights and Parental Involvement in the Public Schools” - Dr. George Ash**, Associate Professor of Graduate Education and Chairman of the Education Department, Franciscan University of Steubenville and **Dr. Charles Kokiko**, Superintendent, Jefferson County (Ohio) Educational Service Center

10:00 a.m. - **“The Assault on Parental Rights by Sex Education in the Schools” - Cathy Cleaver Ruse, Esq.**, Dominion Law Group

11:00 a.m. – **“In Defense of Homeschooling: A Response to Professor Bartholet and the Recent Academic Critics of Parents’ Rights to Educate their Children” - James Mason, Esq.**, President, ParentalRights.org/Parental Rights Foundation

12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. - Lunch Break (there will a group luncheon for all the speakers)

2:00 p.m. - **“The Weakening of the Family in America and How it has Undermined Parental Rights” - Dr. Allan C. Carlson** President *emeritus*, Howard Center for Family, Religion, and Society

3:00 p.m. - **“Parental Rights and the Minority Community” - Allison Folmar, Esq.**, civil rights attorney, Detroit, Michigan

4:00 p.m. - **“Parental Rights and the Life Issues” - Hugh Brown**, Executive Vice President, American Life League

5:00 p.m. - **“The Legal Defense of Parental Rights in the U.S. and Internationally” - Michael P. Farris, Esq.**, President, Alliance Defending Freedom

6:00 p.m. - Conference Ends (there will be a group dinner for all the speakers)

The SCSS is co-sponsoring this conference with Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Department of Political Science and Veritas Center for Ethics in Public Life, Parentalrights.org/Parental Rights Foundation, Alliance Defending Freedom, and Home School Legal Defense Association.