

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
28th Anniversary National Meeting-Conference
Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23-24, 2020

SCHEDULE

All sessions, except probably for the Fri. dinner/banquet, are in the St. Joseph Center. The rooms below are tentative; the final rooms for the conference sessions will be listed in the conference packet that will be given to attendees when they check in at the registration table at the conference.

Friday, October 23, 2020

11:45-12:30

Catholic Social Science Review Editorial Board meeting (CSSR Editorial Board only) - **Conference Room**

12:45-1:00 p.m.

Opening prayer and welcome - **Totino Room**

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Panel on: “CATHOLICS AND THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY” - Totino Room

“The Good, the Bad, and the Trump: Reflections Upon the 45th President’s First Term” - Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

“The Trump Judiciary” - Thomas Varacalli, Texas State University

“The Trump Administration and Religious Freedom” - John Boersma, Texas State University

“Faithful Catholics and the 2020 Election” - Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Panel Moderator: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Session on: “QUESTIONS IN AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW” - Room 107

“Diverging Trends in Catholic Approaches to American Constitutionalism” - Christopher Lloyd Goffos, Hillsdale College

“*Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue* and the Future of School Choice” - Richard S. Myers, Ave Maria School of Law

Moderator: Msgr. Robert J. Batule, St. Joseph’s Seminary (N.Y.)

3:00-4:15 p.m. – Seminar Room

Lecture on: “THE ‘NATURAL LAW MIND’ AND WHY WE NEED IT” - by Bruce Frohnen, Ella and Ernest Fisher Chair, Ohio Northern University School of Law – Seminar Room - In addition to being part of the conference, this lecture is the Franciscan University Dept. of Political Science’s annual Orestes A. Brownson/Fr. Michael Scanlan Lecture.

4:45-6:15 p.m.

Roundtable on: “INTEGRALISM AND CATHOLIC THOUGHT” - Seminar Room

Participants: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University
Eduardo Schmidt-Passos, Texas State University
Thomas Varacalli, Texas State University

Moderator: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Session on: “MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE” - Totino Room

“The American Roots of European Integration” - David Reichardt, Comenius University (Slovakia)

“Sovereignty and the Elites: Lessons from Brexit” - Laurence B. Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

Moderator: Andrew Essig, DeSales University

6:30-7:15 p.m. - Disciplinary Section Meetings (moderated by the chairmen of the sections below or, if they are not in attendance, by a person designated by the SCSS president)

Economics/Business - John Larrivee - **Seminar Room**

History - Kevin E. Schmiesing - **Totino Room**

Philosophy/Theology/Health Care Ethics - Peter J. Colosi - **Room 129A (Classroom A)**

Political Science - Kenneth L. Grasso - **Room 129B (Classroom B)**

Psychology/Psychiatry/Mental Health/Social Work Group - John P. Nelson, M.D. - **Room 107**

Sociology - Germain McKenzie - **Conference Room**

7:30-9:30 p.m. - CONFERENCE DINNER/BANQUET – tentative location: J.C. Williams Center, Gentile Gallery (on the lower level). At the dinner/banquet, the SCSS’s Pope Pius XI Award for Contributions toward the Building Up of a True Catholic Social Science will be presented to Mark Regnerus (Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas and Fellow of the Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture) and the SCSS’s Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award for Catholic Social Action will be presented to Robert Royal (President of the Faith and Reason Institute and Editor-in-Chief of *The Catholic Thing*).

Saturday, October 26, 2019

7:45-7:55 a.m.

Group Prayer - Seminar Room

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Roundtable on: “CATHOLIC REFLECTIONS ON ROBERT R. REILLY’S *AMERICA ON TRIAL: A DEFENSE OF THE FOUNDING*” - Seminar Room

Presenters: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University
Christopher J. Wolfe, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
Clyde Ray, Brevard College
Andrew Essig, DeSales University

Chairman: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Session on: “CATHOLIC REFLECTIONS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS - Totino Room

“A Catholic Perspective on the Rational Choice of *Homo Economicus*” - John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

“Capital Inflow Restrictions During a Pandemic: A Catholic Economist’s Perspective” - Juan Manuel Jauregui, International Monetary Fund

Moderator: Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones

9:45-11:15 a.m.

Panel I on: “ORESTES BROWNSON’S *THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC*” - Seminar Room

“Orestes Brownson For and Against Liberalism” - Michael Krom, St. Vincent’s College

“Orestes Brownson and the Liberal Tradition in America” - Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

Moderator: Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Session on: “ISSUES CONFRONTING CATHOLICS IN THE PROFESSIONS” - Totino Room

“Civil Divorce and the Catholic Lawyer: Answers to Common Moral Questions” - Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and Ligia De Jesus Castaldi, Ave Maria School of Law

“Understanding Dogmatism from a Catholic Counselor’s Perspective” - Grant Sasse, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

Moderator: David Rohall, Missouri State University

11:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m.

Panel II on: “ORESTES BROWNSON’S *THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC*” - Seminar Room

“Brownson’s *The American Republic* and the Challenge of Southern Constitutionalism” - Adam Tate, Clayton State University

“‘Spirituals’ and ‘Temporals’: Orestes Brownson on Church and Polity” - P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

Moderator: Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

Session on: “EDUCATION AND INTELLECTUAL AND RELIGIOUS FORMATION” - Totino Room

“The Intrinsic Value of the Liberal Arts and Its Future Beyond Academia” - Michael Ruzsala, Niagara University

“The Role of Education in Apostasy and Faith Formation” - David Rohall, Missouri State University

Moderator: Michael Baglino, Palm Beach State College

Session on: “FURTHERING THE CAUSES OF PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE AND THE COMMON GOOD” - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Brilliant Innocence: The Sisters of Life” - Todd Hartch, Eastern Kentucky University

“Catholic Social Teaching and ESG (Environmental-Social-Governance) Investing: Common Ground” - Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones

Moderator: Anthony W. Zumpetta, West Chester University (ret.)

1:00-2:15 p.m. - There will be no formal sit-down luncheon at this year’s conference. Instead, a box luncheon will be available in St. Joseph Center for those who wish to purchase it (see registration sheet).

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Panel on: “WHAT IS A CULTURE OF LIFE?” - Seminar Room

Panelists: Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, Human Life International
Cynthia M. Nolan, Christendom College
Stuart W. Nolan, Legalworks Apostolate
Stephen Gajdosik, Human Life International

Chairman: Cynthia M. Nolan, Christendom College

Session on: “TOPICS IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT” - Totino Room

“Martin Luther and the Modern Style of Politics” - Philip Harold, Robert Morris University

“A Thomistic Personalist Approach to Social Structures” - Germain McKenzie, St. Mark’s College (Canada)

Moderator: Laurence B. Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

4:15-5:45 p.m.

Panel on: “THE 2020 ELECTION” - Seminar Room

Panelists: Kenneth Grasso, Texas State University
Andrew Essig, DeSales University
Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Chairman: Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session on: “SECULARIZATION, RELIGIOUS BELIEF, AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY” - Totino Room

“Secularization and Religious Change: A Catholic Perspective” - Phil Davignon, Union University (Tenn.)

“Religious Freedom in the 21st Century: An Apologia” - Andrew S. Kubick, St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School (Dumfries, VA)

Moderator: Anthony W. Zumpetta, West Chester University (ret.)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

SCSS Board of Directors Meeting - **Egan Hall, Room 102**