

INFORMATION ON THE SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS 2022 ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING-CONFERENCE

**Friday-Saturday, October 28-29, 2022
Saint Vincent College – Latrobe, PA**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:

Conference schedule at a glance:

Friday, October 28

9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. - Registration in the Fred Rogers Center (FRC) at Saint Vincent College, site of entire conference. The Rogers Center is the large building directly to the left as one enters campus through the main entrance booth. Attendees (including conference presenters) should be pre-registered. Stop at the registration table inside the front entrance of Fred Rogers Center to pick up your conference packet.

10:00 a.m. – Opening Prayer and Welcome – Fred Rogers Center Banquet Room 2AB

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Session 1

12:00 p.m. – Lunch Buffet – Fred Rogers Center Banquet Room 2AB

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. – *Catholic Social Science Review* Editorial Board Meeting – FRC Meeting 1B

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Session 2

3:00 p.m. – Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Session 3

5:15 – 6:45 p.m. – Session 4

7:00 p.m. – Banquet/Dinner - Rev. Paul Taylor, O.S.B., Presentation – Fred Rogers Center Banquet Room 2AB

Saturday, October 29

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. – SCSS Board Meeting Breakfast – Fred Rogers Center Meeting 1B

8:00 a.m. – Registration continues in Fred Rogers Center

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Session 5

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Session 6

12:00 Noon – Midday Prayer and Lunch Buffet – Fred Rogers Center, Banquet Room 2AB

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Disciplinary Meetings – Locations throughout Fred Rogers Center

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. – Session 7

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Session 8

Registration fee: \$40 SCSS members; \$55 non-members (but non-members should note the special joining offer below); \$25 full-time students (undergraduate or graduate); an accompanying spouse is half-price - registration fee must be paid by all attendees, including presenters, moderators, panelists, etc., preferably in advance. The costs for the three optional conference common meals are below.

Registration procedures (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY): Registration and payment by check or money order may be made by sending in the registration form by mail. Checks should be drawn on an American bank. If your check is drawn on a bank in another country, you must include an additional \$6 processing fee so we can cash the check. If this additional amount is not included, your check will be returned to you. The registration form for use with this mail-in registration is enclosed and also appears on the SCSS website. Be sure also to indicate on the form and include additional payment for the conference meals if you will be taking part in them. Send your registration form with check or money order (payable to "Society of Catholic Social Scientists") to: Anne DelFiandra, Egan Hall, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. (Registration is being handled through the SCSS's headquarters at Franciscan University of Steubenville.) If you prefer to register and make payment online via credit or debit card, that option is available, although you are required to pay an additional fee. Online registration is done through Eventbrite. To register online, go to the SCSS website (www.catholicsocialscientists.org) and follow the directions given. If there are any registration questions, call Anne DelFiandra (740-284-5360) or email her (adelfiandra@franciscan.edu).

Non-members or former members who let their SCSS membership lapse are eligible for special reduced \$65 joint fee for non-member registration and new SCSS membership if they meet the criteria for SCSS membership (covers dues through 2023; normally dues are \$25 per year) - Check SCSS website for membership criteria and forms (catholicsocialscientists.org) and fill out the conference registration form and return it with a completed, signed SCSS application form, profession of faith form (both also at SCSS website), and C.V. or bio - all this should be sent or emailed to Anne DelFiandra (U.S. Mail and email address above - in this case, do NOT send the completed application materials to Fr. Sullins, which the application form directs (he will review them afterwards). This special deal is available if registering either by U.S. Mail or online. (The charge for spouses attending with someone taking advantage of this special deal is \$25.) N.B.: Former members who did not renew their SCSS membership within the past five years do not have to send a CV or bio, as we have these from previously.

Friday Lunch Buffet (optional): \$20, Friday Dinner/Banquet (optional): \$30, and Saturday Lunch Buffet (optional): \$20 - must be paid in advance so we can give the St. Vincent's food service on campus an accurate count - you will not be included in the meals if you do not pay in advance (we must receive your payment for the meals by Friday, October 14, 2022 if you wish to be included). THIS DEADLINE MUST BE EMPHASIZED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS - REGISTRATION FOR THE MEALS AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. The meal payment should be made at the same time as the registration payment. Of course, if you are registering online you will also be able to pay for the meals there. These are the only group meals at the conference. You will receive an email acknowledgement when your payment is received.

This informational packet is the most detailed material you will receive, SO BE SURE TO BRING IT ALONG WITH YOU TO THE CONFERENCE. It and the conference schedule and registration form are also available on

the SCSS website (www.catholicsocialscientists.org). Feel free to reproduce all the material relating to the conference for others or refer them to the website. At the conference, an updated conference schedule will be provided at the registration/check-in table reflecting any changes that have to be made due to unexpected cancellations and room changes. Unless there were proposals for panels or roundtables including certain speakers and papers, papers/speakers have been grouped into sessions on very broadly similar topics (as is done at each year's conference). No changes will be made in any of the sessions from what appears in the enclosed schedule, including the time--so speakers should not request such change. Please be sure to come to the registration/check-in table in Fred Rogers Center as soon as you arrive. This table will be in the Fred Rogers atrium on the upper level.

Refund Policy: If registrants are subsequently unable to attend, they must notify Dr. Stephen M. Krason (Political Science Program, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio 43952 or phone 740-284-5377 or email him (catholicsocialscientists@gmail.com) that they want a refund. Requests for refunds will be accepted only until November 15, 2022. If payment was made online through Eventbrite, the Eventbrite fee charged cannot be refunded. Any meal cancellations after October 21, 2022 cannot be refunded. This is because the count would already have been given to the food service at St. Vincent's College and the meals ordered. Requests for refunds from scheduled conference presenters who cancel will be granted only on a case-to-case basis if there was a compelling reason for the cancellation. The final decision about this will be made by Dr. Stephen Krason, the SCSS President. Also: scheduled presenters or panelists who cancel without a compelling reason, as determined by Dr. Krason, will not be permitted to present a paper or take part on a panel at the following year's national meeting-conference. This is in accordance with a policy adopted by the SCSS Board of Directors. The reason for both of these policies is that some presenters in the past have cancelled suddenly, with little or no notice or explanation, and that necessitated the last-minute cancellation or alteration of conference sessions and thus compromised the overall quality of the conferences.

Lodging: A block of rooms are being held at both Springhill Suites and Hampton Inn. Both hotels are within two miles of campus. The room rate at the Springhill Suites is \$109 per night plus tax and at the Hampton Inn it is \$129.00 per night plus tax. The rooms are blocked for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. You should book your room at either facility by Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Block rooms will be released after that date.

Springhill Suites:

Address: 115 Arnold Palmer Dr, Latrobe, PA 15650.
Phone: (724) 537-7800
Block Name: SCSS (Society of Catholic Social Scientists)
Organization: Saint Vincent College

Hampton Inn:

Address: 3970 US-30, Latrobe, PA 15650
Phone: (724) 539-0400
Block Name: SCSS (Society of Catholic Social Scientists)
Organization: Saint Vincent College

You MUST call these facility's local phone numbers to make your reservation if you wish to reserve one of the blocked rooms. IT CANNOT BE STONGLY ENOUGH EMPHASIZED THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING THIS MAILING, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES WE WILL HAVE. ALL CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS (whether presenters, moderators, panelists, or just regular attendees—other than awardees and special invited guests) MUST MAKE THEIR OWN LODGING RESERVATIONS and, of course, pay their own lodging and other expenses. The SCSS pays for the lodging only for awardees and special invited guests.

Transportation:

“Saint Vincent College: 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650” appears correctly on all known GPS apps.

Directions to Saint Vincent College for participants arriving by plane: From Pittsburgh International Airport: Follow I-376 East (partial toll) to U.S. 30 East. Stay on U.S. 30 for approximately 20 miles; Saint Vincent College is on the north side on the left.

Latrobe does have an airport across from campus with limited commercial flights. They offer multiple rental car services.

Parking: As you drive onto campus you will stop at a “Welcome” booth. Tell them you are with the SCSS (Society of Catholic Social Scientists) Conference. They will give you a temporary parking pass for Lot A, which is adjacent to the Fred Rogers Center.

Meals: As stated above the only group meals at the conference will be the Friday lunch buffet, Friday night banquet dinner and the Saturday lunch buffet. All group meals will be in the Fred Rogers Center Banquet Room. Other meals can be purchased at the campus Dining Hall (in Placid Hall) or the campus luncheon/snack bar area in the Carey Student Center (ground floor). There are also many chain and local restaurants in Latrobe and in nearby towns including Derry and Greensburg.

Mass Times: Saint Vincent Mass schedule in the Basilica for the days of the conference is as follows: Friday: 6:50 a.m., 8:00 a.m.; Saturday: 7:20 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (anticipatory); Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Structure of the Meeting-Conference: Like many U. S. academic organizations’ annual conferences/conventions, the SCSS annual conference has multiple sessions going on at the same time and a limited number of plenary sessions. Our plenary sessions most years are limited just to talks at the conference meals. We do it this way because we want to maximize the opportunities for participation. The paper proposals that were received from our "Call for Papers" were grouped into sessions that have broadly similar topics. It was not feasible, in light of the limitation in the number of rooms and the desire not to have too, too many sessions going on at once, to have a separate session for each single presentation. The panels and roundtables on the schedule were proposed as they appear.

Guidelines for Presentations (this section is for presenters):

All presenters, except for those who are on panels that a particular person has organized for a coordinated presentation or workshops, should have formal papers. **All such presenters must bring at least 15 copies of their papers to make available for distribution at their session.** In a normal session of two paper presentations, **INDIVIDUAL PRESENTERS SHOULD LIMIT THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO 30 minutes; 35 minutes** is the absolute longest they may go although this is not preferred. Basically, presentations of formal academic papers in many cases should be essentially summaries of the paper. For panels in which there will be more than two people presenting formal papers, the panel chairman will instruct presenters about how long their presentations should go on, although the amount of time for audience questions and discussion indicated below must be made available. The presenters at the sessions and the panels must speak in the order they appear in the program. **MODERATORS:** The moderators—whose task essentially involves introductions, time management, and directing the question and discussion time—must strictly enforce the time limits (say, by letting each speaker know when he has 5 minutes left, and then signaling to him that his time is up by standing, going to the podium to introduce the next speaker, etc.). This will help insure that at least 20 and preferably 30, minutes are available for audience questions and discussion (if there are formal discussants or respondents for a session, it is likely that only 20 minutes will be available for audience participation). **IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT MODERATORS MUST INSURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST 20 AND PREFERABLY 30 MINUTES FOR**

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS. The moderators are also responsible for making sure their session starts and stops at the designated times. This is very important to insure the smooth flow of the conference. The moderators have been assigned to the sessions, as much as possible, on the basis of their background in the general area that the session involves, so they may also begin the discussion period by posing some initial questions to the speakers. PAPER PRESENTERS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE: **Paper presenters are expected to send copies of their completed papers NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2022 to the other presenter(s) at their session, the moderator of their session, and any discussants/respondents.** By that date, they are also expected to send a short bio, resume, or CV to their moderator for introduction purposes at the session. They should contact Dr. Foss (his contact information is above) to get the contact information for these other people connected with their session.

Those on panels where there are not formal papers should also apportion their speaking time to insure that at least 30 minutes for audience questions and discussion is available. Panel chairmen should strictly enforce time limits; panels, like the other sessions, run to 90 minutes. Panel chairmen should plan to bring or request their panelists to bring hand-outs of pertinent articles or other materials by the panelists for distribution to attendees. Arrangements for workshops will differ and will be determined by the person(s) conducting the workshop.

All the rooms that presentations are scheduled in will have podiums and chalkboards or marker boards. If you need such items as overhead projectors, slide projectors, or other audio-visual equipment (it is preferable that you bring your own lap-top computer) for your presentation, contact Dr. Jerome Foss at St. Vincent's College (Jerome.foss@stvincent.edu or 724-805-2652) no later than two weeks before the start of the conference (October 14, 2022). Requests for such equipment made after that date will not be honored.

Submission of Papers for Publication Consideration in *The Catholic Social Science Review (CSSR)*. In order for a conference paper to be considered for publication in the *CSSR*, please check the submission guidelines at the *CSSR's* website (www.cssronline.org) or the SCSS website (www.catholicsocialscientists.org) or at the front of the current issue. It must be emphasized that the Editorial Board of the *CSSR* is seeking high quality contributions that are well written and which make important points, raise significant issues, make valuable reflections, and embody solid research on their topics. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE STYLISTICALLY AND GRAMMATICALLY WELL-WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE SUBMITTED.** All submissions are refereed, generally by members of the *CSSR's* Editorial Advisory Board. As with any refereed journal, the referees act in an advisory capacity. The final decision about publication is made by the Editor-in-Chief in light of the referees' comments and, if needed, those of the other members of the Editorial Board. There should be no expectation that just because a paper has been submitted or has been delivered at the conference that there will for sure be a decision to go ahead and publish it. It should be noted that there will be no formal published conference proceedings; those who wish to have their papers considered for publication must submit them for consideration according to the normal procedures for *CSSR* submissions. Any submissions for the *CSSR* will be considered for next year's issue and beyond, depending on the backlog of articles.

Any questions about the above rules for contributions or about how they apply to your planned submission should be directed to: Dr. Christopher Beiting, who takes over as the *CSSR* Editor-in-Chief in October (CJBeiting@proton.me or CJBeiting@aol.com).

Of course, presenters are free to submit their papers to other publications.

Attendance at Presentations: Please take an active role in attending presentations of others (i.e., other sessions and panels besides the one you are presenting at) at the conference. We will have a lot of presentations, and students, faculty, and staff from Saint Vincent College and their spouses also will be invited and encouraged to attend), but we want to make sure there is at least a small audience for each session and panel. (Students, faculty,

staff and their spouses of the hosting college or university may attend the conference without registering or paying the registration fee, though they have to pay for the meals. This is our way of showing our gratitude to the institutions that host our conferences.)

Miscellaneous: Several tables will be set up in the Fred Rogers Center's front lobby area for any literature or hand-outs or information about other events that may be of interest to the attendees that attendees and participants wish to bring along to share with their colleagues, or for people who wish to sell books. If anyone wishes to sell books, he must inform Dr. Foss (contact information above) of that before the conference and must man the book table himself; none of the people helping at the conference are available to do this. We urge attendees to bring along copies of articles and fliers for books they have written and, in order to let colleagues know about their expertise for future lecturing and conference speaking possibilities, etc., professional resumes/vitae. If you bring copies of the latter, please be sure to give one copy to Dr. Stephen Krason, the SCSS President, at the conference for updating of your SCSS paper file. Permission for audio or video taping of any parts of the conference program must be secured in advance from Dr. Foss, and it cannot be done by St. Vincent's College or the SCSS (though the SCSS may record selected sessions that it will make available at the SCSS website - it will seek the respective speakers' permission to do this). The SCSS generally requires that it receive a copy of any sessions recorded by an attendee and retains all rights. If there are any additional general conference questions, please contact Dr. Foss. Please do NOT contact Dr. Foss or Dr. Krason with registration questions; Anne DeFiandra (contact information above) is dealing with registration for the conference. She is the one to contact about registration questions, although most questions should be answered in this informational material. As noted, questions concerning submission of conference papers to the should be directed to Dr. Beiting. To repeat, please be sure to bring this informational material with you to the conference. As stated a final conference schedule will be provided at the check-in table.