

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
2021 Annual National Meeting-Conference
Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29-30, 2021

SCHEDULE

All sessions, except 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 29, 2021

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Catholic Social Science Review Editorial Board meeting (CSSR Editorial Board members only) - **Conference Room (Rm. 102)**

12:45-1:00 p.m.

Opening prayer and welcome - **Seminar Room**

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Session on: Philosophy and Religion in Current Education and Leisure - Seminar Room

“Faith-Based Universities Went Ethics and Theology When They Should Have Gone Metaphysics” - John D. Larrivee, Mt. St. Mary’s University

“Echoes of Purgatory in the World of Warcraft: Shadowlands” - Edward Castronova, Indiana U.

Moderator: Megan Furman, University of Dallas

Session on: The Church Confronting the Secular Culture - Totino Room

“Religious but Still Secular: How Treating Religion as a Virtue Changes the Debate over Secularization” - Phil Davignon, Union University (TN)

“The New Lepers: Liberty, Truth and Conscience in the Age of Covid” - Laurence B. Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

Moderator: James J. Dillon, University of West Georgia

Session on: Aspects of the Teaching and Thought of Recent Popes - Conference Room

“Mere Marriage: Sexual Difference and Christian Doctrine” - Andrew D. Cannon, retired

“Natural Law, Justice, the Common Good, and Love in Benedict XVI’s *Deus Caritas Est*” - Daniel Zoumaya, Hillsdale College

Moderator: Rev. D. Paul Sullins, Institute for Policy Research, The Catholic University of America

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Panel on: “Catholic Thinkers on Democracy in America” - Seminar Room

Presenters:

“John Carroll and the American Founding” - Jerome C. Foss, Saint Vincent College

“Thomism in the New World: Maritain’s *Reflections on America*” - Michael Krom, St. Vincent College

“Popular Sovereignty in the American Founding, Originalism, and the Thought of Orestes Brownson” - Kody Cooper, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

“John Courtney Murray, S.J., on America in the World” - P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

Chairman: P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

Session on: Topics in Philosophy and Psychology - Totino Room

“Delimiting Psychology to Bring Out the Full Breadth of Psychological Reality” - James A. Harold, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“What’s in a Word and How Are We to Use It? Recovering Some Realist Insights from Heidegger” - Megan M. Furman, University of Dallas

Moderator: James J. Dillon, University of West Georgia

Panel on: “Dominance of Ethical Stem Cell Research Likely Due to Scientific Utility and Not Politics” - Room 129A (Classroom A)

Speakers: Derek M. Doroski, Daniel P. Casey, Monica Moore, all Franciscan University of Steubenville

Chairman: Derek M. Doroski, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session on: Historical and Recent Developments regarding Religious Orders - Room 107

“The Jesuits as Missionary Paragons” - Todd Hartch, Eastern Kentucky University

“Changing Fortunes among America’s Nuns: The Contrasting Experiences of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Conference of Major Superiors of Women” - John F. Quinn, Salve Regina University

Moderator: Charles K. Bellinger, Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University)

4:45-6:15 p.m.

Session on: Threats to Liberal Democracy in Our Time - Seminar Room

“Modern Towers of Babel: The Boon and Bane of Bureaucracy” - Robert Gorman, Texas State University (*emeritus*)

“‘The Subterranean Stream of Western History’: Hannah Arendt’s *The Origins of Totalitarianism* and the Predicaments of Our Time” - Richard Upsher Smith, Jr. Franciscan University of Steubenville (retired)

Moderator: Ernest Greco, Salve Regina University

Session on: Reflections on the Recent Unrest in the United States - Totino Room

“Policing, Protests, and Polarization: How René Girard’s Mimetic Theory Sheds Light on Our Cultural Crisis” - Charles K. Bellinger, Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University)

“Dark Night of the American Soul: The Capitol Riot and Metastasizing Terrorism” - Stephanie Barone McKenny, Los Angeles Police Dept. (police psychologist)

Moderator: Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session on: Christian and Catholic Culture - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“American Christian Culture in the Rearview Mirror: How the Economic Storms and the Cultural Movements of the Twentieth Century Became the Undoing of Christian Culture in the Twenty-First” - Karen Wood, Benedictine College

“The Role of Catholic Piety in the Development of Catholic Culture” - James Gaston, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Moderator: Kevin Schmiesing, Freedom and Virtue Institute

Roundtable on: “Contemporary Analyses of the State of American Culture” - Room 129B (Classroom B)

Presenters:

Kody Cooper, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga: Carl Trueman’s *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution*

Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University: David French’s *Divided We Fall: America’s Secession Threat and How to Restore Our Nation*”

Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University: Joshua Mitchell’s *American Awakening: Identity Politics and Other Afflictions of Our Time*

Eduardo Schmidt Passos, Texas State University: Bruno Macaes’ *History Has Begun: The Birth of a New America*

Moderator: Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

6:15-7:15 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 D. Larrivee - **Seminar Room**

History - Kevin Schmiesing - **Totino Room**

Philosophy/Theology/Health Care Ethics - Robert Fastiggi - **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 – J.C. Williams Center, Gentile Gallery (on the lower level).

Saturday, October 30, 2021

7:45-7:55 a.m.

Group Prayer - Seminar Room

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Panel on: The Question of the Integrity of the 2020 Presidential Election and Its Implications for the Future - Seminar Room

Panelists:

Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Rev. D. Paul Sullins, Institute for Policy Research, The Catholic University of America

Chairman: Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session on: The Church, Marriage, and Family Life - Totino Room

“One Family at the Time: Laity Organizing to Sanctify Family Life” - Miguel Olivas-Lujan, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

“Religious Expectations of Marriage in the Early Christian Community: Negotiating Roman, and Jewish, Cultures in the Development of our Catholic Vision of Marriage” - Randall Woodard, Saint Leo University

Moderator: Robert Gorman, Texas State University (*emeritus*)

Session on: The Role of the Church and Her Social Teaching in Building a Just Culture - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Using the Principles of Catholic Social Doctrine to Promote the New Evangelization and the Works of Christian Charity” - Fosuaba A. Mensah Banahene, SCSS Ghana Chapter

“Urgent Role of the Catholic Church to End All Poverty and Slavery” - Peter Obaeko Odom, Panafawa (Ghana Non-Profit Organization)

Moderator: Megan M. Furman, University of Dallas

9:45-11:15 a.m.

Panel on: “Common Good Constitutionalism” - Seminar Room

Panelists:

“Structure and the Common Good: America's Original Constitution in Context” - Bruce Frohnen, Ohio Northern University College of Law

“Constitutional Discourse and Legitimacy” - Clyde Ray, Holy Cross College of Notre Dame

“Thomism and the Administrative State” - Thomas F.X. Varacalli, Texas State University

Moderator: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Session on: Catholic Teaching and the Economic-Financial System - Totino Room

Commentary on “Some Considerations for Ethical Discernment in Finance,” Issued by the Holy See - Juan Manuel Jauregui, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Catholic Social Thought and Free Market Theory: Areas of Intersection - Edward A. Lynch, Hollins University

Moderator: John D. Larrivee, Mt. St. Mary's University

Session on: Crucial Persons and Developments in the Church in the Last Century - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“The Bishop Dressed in White: Did Benedict XVI Canonically Resign the Papacy?” - Terrence McKeegan, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Msgr. John A. Ryan and the Old Law and the New Norm” - Megan Russo, University of Dallas

Moderator: Rev. D. Paul Sullins, Institute for Policy Research, The Catholic University of America

Roundtable on: “Christian Smith’s *The Sacred Project of American Sociology*” - Room 129B (Classroom B)

Panelists:

Phil Davignon, Union University

Germain McKenzie, St. Mark’s and Corpus Christi Colleges (Canada)

David Rohall, Ohio University Eastern

Moderator: Germain McKenzie, St. Mark’s and Corpus Christi Colleges (Canada)

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Panel on: “Author Meets Critics: *It is Right and Just: The Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion* (book by Scott Hahn and Brandon McGinley)” - Seminar Room

Panelists:

Jerome C. Foss, Saint Vincent College

Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

Response: Brandon McGinley, freelance writer

Moderator: Robert Gorman, Texas State University (*emeritus*)

Roundtable on: The SCSS Monograph Series - Room 107

Presenters:

Andrew Essig, DeSales University - Monograph on International Relations

Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville - Monograph on Family and Sexual Morality Issues

Caleb Henry, Seattle Pacific University - Monograph on Education

Moderator: Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University

Session on: Historical Topics: Europe and America - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“The Italo-Greek Byzantine Communities in Italy and the Diaspora: Opportunities and Challenges for Ecumenical Understanding” - Deacon Philip Franco, Cathedral Preparatory Seminary (Queens, NY)

“The Intersection between War and Peace: Spanish-American Diplomatic Relations in 1815” - Michael S. Fitzgerald, Franciscan University

Moderator: Raymond Ruscoe, Air Command and Staff College, Air University

Panel on: Mental Illness, Mental Health, Human Flourishing, and Holiness - Room 129B (Classroom B)

Panelists:

John P. Nelson, psychiatrist in private practice

Brent Robbins, Point Park University

Chairman: John P. Nelson, psychiatrist in private practice

1:15-2:15 p.m. - Luncheon - Totino Room

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Session on: The Future of Religious Liberty in America - Seminar Room

“A Threat Assessment: Can Religious Freedom in the United States Survive COVID-19?” - Charles J. Russo, University of Dayton

Moderator: Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University

Session on: Socio-Political Developments, the Church, and the Implications for Christians - Room 107

“The Institutional Church and the New World Order: Prophet or Collaborator?” - Terrence McKeegan, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Choosing to Be Gold: What St. Augustine Can Teach Christians Facing Persecution” - Anna Dean, University of Dallas

Moderator: D. Brian Scarnecchia, Ave Maria School of Law

Session on: Selected Current Family and Human Life Issues - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Razed Liberal: The Nature and Developmental Effects of Liberal Parenting” - James J. Dillon, University of West Georgia

“Explaining the Wrongness of Physician Assisted Suicide in the Public Sphere, A Case Study in Rhode Island Concerning The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act” - Peter J. Colosi, Salve Regina University

Moderator: Charles K. Bellinger, Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University)

Session on: Reflections on Different Understandings of Personalism - Room 129B (Classroom B)

“The Personalism of Post-Liberalism” - Philip Harold, University of Dallas

“A Thomistic Personalist Approach to Social Structures” - Germain McKenzie, St Mark’s & Corpus Christi Colleges (Canada)

Moderator: Karen Wood, Benedictine College

4:15-5:45 p.m.

Panel on: North American Catholic Literary Responses to Mid-Nineteenth-Century Political Radicalism - Seminar Room

“American Catholics and the Revolutions of 1848: Bresciani’s *The Jew of Verona* and the Lure of Conspiracy” - Adam Tate, Clayton State University

“Exposing the Liberal agenda in Mexico in 1857: Roa Barcena’s *The Model Manor*” - David Gilbert, Clayton State University

Moderator: Todd Hartch, Eastern Kentucky University

Session on: Health Care, Abortion, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Current U.S. Supreme Court - Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Clarence Thomas and the Right to Life” - Christopher Lloyd Goffos, Hillsdale College

“Healthcare in the Light of the Gospel of Life” - Mary Imperato, Belmont Abbey College

Moderator: Laurence B. Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

Session on: Philosophy, Education, and the Family - Room 129B (Classroom B)

“Integrating the Curriculum through a Course on The Human Person in the Human Sciences” - John D. Larrivee, Mt. St. Mary’s University

“Plato’s Family” - Ezekiel Loseke, Hillsdale College

Moderator: Miguel Olivas-Lujan, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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