

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
26th Annual National Meeting-Conference
Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina
Friday-Saturday, October 26–27, 2018

Friday, October 26, 2018

11:00 a.m.–Noon

Catholic Social Science Review Editorial Board meeting (CSSR Editorial Board only)—Stowe Hall Room 209

12:30 p.m.–12:50 p.m.

Opening prayer and welcome—Grace Auditorium (St. Leo’s Hall—3rd Floor)

1:00–2:30 p.m.

Session: “Faith and Literature in America”—Stowe Hall Room 213

“The West in the Thought of Louis L’Amour”

James Gaston, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Nineteenth-Century American Literature of Religious Conversion: The Case of J. V. Huntington”

Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Moderator: David Gilbert, Clayton State University

Session: “Theological Perspectives on Marriage and Family”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“Does the Body Matter? An Overview of New Catholic Feminism”

Germain McKenzie, St. Mark’s College (CA)

Moderator: J. Marianne Siegmund, University of Dallas,
Holy Apostles College and Seminary, Richland College

Session: “Philosophy and the Person”—Stowe Hall Room 211

“How the Theories of Integralism and Personalism Complement Each Other”

Robert Colbert Rhodes, University of Texas-Permian Basin (Emeritus)

Moderator: Michael J. Ruzsala, Niagara University

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Session: “CONTEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL QUESTIONS”—Stowe Hall Room 213

“Choosing a Catholic College”

James B. Williams, Woodbridge, VA

“Hybrid Homeschool Parent and Administrator Perceptions”

Eric Wearne, Holy Spirit College

Moderator: Scott Hunt, Eastern Kentucky University

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Session: “Church and State: The Uneasy Relationship”—Stowe Hall Room 215

“Constitutional Foundations for Religious Liberty: Recent Developments”
Lance Roxas, Community College of Philadelphia

Moderator: David Klocek, University of Virginia at Wise

Session: “The Church and History”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“The Soviet Use of Disinformation to Spread Doubt about Christianity and Western Values during the Cold War and Beyond”

Ronald Rychlak, University of Mississippi School of Law

“The Modernist View of History and the Catholic Church”

Nicholas Haywood, University of Dallas

Discussant and Moderator: Robert Gorman, Texas State University, San Marcos

5:00–6:30 p.m.

Session: “St. Thomas Aquinas and Childhood Education”—Stowe Hall Room 213

“Bridging Aquinas’ Faith and Reason with Today’s Catechesis for Children”
Michael J. Ruzsala, Niagara University

“Combining Aquinas with Kahneman in Michael Ruzsala’s Work”

Michael Moore, Primary School Governor

Moderator: Michael Watson, Belmont Abbey College

Session: “Trump Administration Foreign Policy and Catholic Social Teaching in the International Sphere—Stowe Hall Room 215

“Donald Trump’s Grand Strategy and Catholic Social Teaching”

Andrew M. Essig, DeSales University

“Foreign Affairs, Young Conservatives, and the Future”

Colin M. Parks, The Fund for American Studies

“Trump Foreign Policy: A Threat to a Peaceful U.S.-Led Democratic Order”

David M. Klocek, The University of Virginia College at Wise

Moderator: Alexander Binder, Pittsburg State University (KS)

Session: “*Humanae Vitae* At 50 : Taking Stock”—Stowe Hall Room 211

“*Humanae Vitae* and the Fourth Estate”

Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones Financial Newswire

“Stillborn? : Church Leadership and *Humanae Vitae*”

Laurence Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

Moderator: Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

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Session: “Natural Rights, Progressivism and Social Thought”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“Progressive Natural Rights: Msgr. John Ryan’s Natural Rights Theory of and Its Relation to American Progressivism”

Peter Cross, Hillsdale College

Moderator: Phil Davignon, Union University

6:35–7:15 p.m.—Disciplinary Section Meetings (moderated by the chairmen of the sections below or, if they are not in attendance, a person designated by the SCSS president)

Economics/Business

John Larrivee—Stowe Hall Room 211

History

Kevin Schmiesing—Stowe Hall Room 212

Philosophy/Theology/Health Care Ethics

Michael J. Ruzsala (substituting for R. Fastiggi)—Stowe Hall Room 213

Political Science

Kenneth Grasso—Stowe Hall Room 215

Psychology/Psychiatry/Mental Health/Social Work

John Nelson—Stowe Hall Room 205

Sociology

Msgr. Robert Batule—Stowe Hall Room 204

7:30–9:30 p.m.—Conference Dinner/Banquet—Haid Ballroom

Featured Talk: Abbot Placid Solari, O.S.B., superior of the Benedictine Community at Belmont Abbey

Saturday, October 27, 2018

7:45–7:55 a.m.

Group Prayer—Stowe Hall Room 215

8:00–9:30 a.m.

Session: “Catholic Social Teaching Confronts Human Crises of Today”—Stowe Hall Room 213

“Catholic Social Teaching Applied to a Current International Problem, specifically, Human Trafficking”

Elizabeth Donovan, Ave Maria School of Law

“Borders, Walls and Prudential Judgment in Catholic Social Teaching and Practice”

Robert Gorman, Texas State University-San Marcos

Moderator: Joseph Wysocki, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Belmont Abbey College

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Session: “Religious Liberty and Church Property: A Comparison of Historical Experiences in the U.S. and Mexico”—Stowe Hall Room 215

“Church Property and Religious Conflict in Early American History”

Kevin Schmiesing, Acton Institute

“Church Property and the Radical Secularization in Mexico”

David Gilbert, Clayton State University

“Mexico’s Constitution of 1917 and Church Property”

Todd Hartch, Eastern Kentucky University

Discussant and Moderator: Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Session: “‘Known By Their Fruits’: The Relative Impacts Of Private And Public Religious Identities On Spiritual Outcomes”—Stowe Hall Room 212

David Rohall, Missouri State University

Moderator: Laurence Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

Session: “Spirituality and Natural Law”—Stowe Hall Room 211

Sr. Mary Clare Smith, Catholic Charities of Cleveland

Frederick Boley, Central Methodist University

Moderator: Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones Financial Newswire

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Roundtable: “Patrick Deneen’s *Why Liberalism Failed*”—Stowe Hall Room 215

Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Robert P. Hunt, Kean University, NJ

Thomas F. X. Varacalli, Texas State University

Panel Chairman: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Session: “Theological and Sociological Issues”—Stowe Hall Room 211

“The Logos of Social Structure: Communion Theology and Sociology”

Phil Davignon, Union University

“Anthropological Reflections upon Catholic Theology and Western Civilization”

J. Marianne Siegmund, University of Dallas, Holy Apostles College and Seminary, Richland College

Moderator: David Rohall, Missouri State University

Session: “Philosophical Reflections on the Natural Law”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“The Hierarchy of Basic Goods in the Natural Law”

James Berquist, University of Dallas

Moderator: Andrew M. Essig, DeSales University

Session: “What Can Faith-Based Universities Do to Support Faith-Based Ministries?”—Stowe Hall Room 213

John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

Dana Sauers, Mount St. Mary’s University

Alejandro Canadas, Mount St. Mary’s University

Panel Chairman: John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

12:00 Noon–1:30 p.m.—Conference Luncheon—Haid Ballroom

The luncheon program will consist of presentations and a discussion about the current sexual abuse scandal in the Church. It will begin with the following three very short presentations followed by open discussion by the luncheon attendees:

“Is There a Relation between Homosexuality in the Priesthood and Child Sex Abuse?”

Rev. D. Paul Sullins, The Catholic University of America

“The Earlier Uncertainty of Psychology and Psychiatry about How to Address the Abuse Question”

John Nelson, M.D.

“Thoughts about the Lay Response to the Abuse Scandal”

Tobias Nathe, independent scholar

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Panel : “Faith, Reason and Economic Science”—Stowe Hall Room 215

“Aquinas, Mises and Wojtyla: Are Praxeology and Thomistic Personalism Compatible?”

Michael Watson, Belmont Abbey College

“The Humanities’ Moral Teleology and Profane Economics”

Gary Scott, Belmont Abbey College

“The Economic Blessings of Subsidiarity”

Harry Veryser, University of Detroit Mercy

Panel Chairman: Michael Watson, Belmont Abbey College

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Session: “Thomas Hobbes and the Natural Law”—Stowe Hall Room 213

Laurie Johnson, Kansas State University

Jerome Foss, Saint Vincent College

Br. Anselm Cundiff, O.S.B., Belmont Abbey College

Paul DeHart, Texas State University

Kody Cooper, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Panel Chairman: Kody Cooper, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Session: “Restoring the Public Square: Political and Cultural Proposals”—Stowe Hall Room 211

“Jonathan Haidt’s Proposal for a Rejuvenation of Liberal Democracy”

Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University-San Marcos

“The Kierkegaard-Girard Option”

Charles Bellinger, Brite Divinity School

Moderator: Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session: “Catholic Anthropology and Corrective Justice”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“Hirschi’s Theory of Crime : A Critique and Reformulation from a Catholic Perspective”

Scott Hunt, Eastern Kentucky University

Moderator: Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones Financial Newswire

3:45–5:15 p.m.

Session: “Catholicism, Distributism and the Earth”—Stowe Hall Room 211

“John C. Rawe, S.J., and America’s ‘Green Revolution’”

Dr. Allan C. Carlson, International Organization for the Family

“The Cooperative: A Harmonious Marriage of Solidarity and Subsidiarity?”

Rithivong DeMonteiro, University of Dallas

Moderator: Mary Clare Imperato, Belmont Abbey College

Roundtable: “An Evaluation of the Trump Presidency”—Stowe Hall Room 215

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Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

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Session: “Economic and Social Justice Questions”—Stowe Hall Room 212

“The Idea of Intergenerational Justice as It Relates to Government Debt”

Stephen Nakrosis, Dow Jones Financial Newswire

“Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: Economics and Catholic Social Teaching”

Alexander Binder, Pittsburg State University (KS)

Session: “Business Education Is Elitist and Uniform: How Can We Cultivate an Open-Minded Economic Stewardship and Train Future Business Leaders?”—Stowe Hall Room 213

William Mea, National Defense University

John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

Timothy Coffin, George Mason University

Timothy Russo, National Defense University

Panel Chairman: William Mea, National Defense University

6:00 p.m.—Anticipatory Mass for Conference Attendees—Mary Help of Christians Basilica on campus

7:45–10:00 p.m.—SCSS Board of Directors Meeting—Stowe Hall Room 209