

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
31st Annual National Meeting-Conference
Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27-28, 2023

SCHEDULE

All sessions, except for the Fri. dinner/banquet, are in the St. Joseph Center. As noted below, the banquet/dinner is in the Gentile Gallery in the J.C. Williams Center

Friday, October 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Registration and Check-in Begins (continues through the day) - St. Joseph Center foyer (outside of Seminar Room)

12:30-1:15 p.m.

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

1:30-1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer and welcome - **Seminar Room**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

“Author’s Roundtable: Cooper and Dyer’s *The Classical and Christian Origins of American Politics*” (Seminar Room)

Participants: Bruce Frohnen, Ohio Northern University College of Law
Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University
Christopher J. Wolfe, University of St. Thomas (TX)
Kody Cooper, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Moderator: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Session on: Political Thought in Relation to Religion (Totino Room)

“Anselm of Canterbury on Freedom: A Libertarian-Compatibilist Vision for Today” - Benjamin J. Brown, Lourdes University

“Friedrich Nietzsche’s Critique of Catholicism” - Christian Winter, Hillsdale College (Ph.D. candidate)

Moderator: David M. Klocek, Danville Community College

Session on: Psychological Topics in Relation to Religion (Room 107)

“Evangelization in Counseling” - Fred Boley, OP, LPC, St. Barnabas Reconciliation Ministries

“The Virginia Sexually Violent Predator Statute: A Thomistic Interpretation” - William McKenna, Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

Moderator: Christopher Reed Groscurth, Wisdom Wings Ministries

Session on: Ethical Questions (Room 129A - Classroom A)

“The Moral Question of Lying as a Method of Teaching Conscience Formation and Pope St. John Paul II’s ‘Law of Freedom’” - Peter J. Colosi, Salve Regina University

“Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism versus Neo-Aristotelian Grammatical Naturalism” - Allison Postell, Hillsdale College

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

From 3:00-3:30 p.m. the counting of ballots from the SCSS election of officers by the Nominations and Election Committee will take place in the Conference Room (Room 102). SCSS members, if they wish, may be present for the counting.

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Session on: The Decline in Religious Faith and How It Can Be Reversed (Seminar Room)

“Communion and Community: The Decline and Revival of Embodiment in Church and Society” - Phil Davignon, Union University

“Author Meets Critic: *Practicing Christians, Practical Atheists: How Cultural Liturgies and Everyday Social Practices Shape Christian Life*, by Phil Davignon” - David Rohall, Ohio University Eastern; response by Phil Davignon, Union University

“Putting ‘Out into the Deep’ (Luke 5:4): Swimming or Sinking in the New Evangelization” - J. Marianne Siegmund, University of Dallas and Holy Apostles College & Seminary

Moderator: Fr. Andreas Kramarz, LC, University of Notre Dame

Session on: Topics in Political Philosophy (Totino Room)

“Ptolemy of Lucca’s Aristotelian Republicanism” - Casey Wheatland, Texas State University

“A Response to Machiavelli: Prudent Christian Statesmanship in St. Thomas More’s *History of King Richard III*” - Jeannette Richard, Hillsdale College (Ph.D. candidate)

Moderator: Philip Harold, University of Dallas

Panel on: “Divine Omnipotence and Human Freedom: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives” (Room 129A - Classroom A)

“The Catholic Magisterium on Divine Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Human Freedom” - Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

“Banez and Molina: Divine Providence and Human Freedom” - Mark Roberts, Franciscan University of Steubenville (retired)

“Francisco Suarez on Congruism and Predestination” - Victor Salas, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Chairman: Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Session on: Social Science Approaches to Certain Theological and Pastoral Questions (Room 129B - Classroom B)

“Parish Practices Predict Belief in the Real Presence” - Natalie Lindemann, William Paterson University

“Sacred Conversations: A Theological Perspective” - Christopher Reed Groscurth, Wisdom Wings Ministries

Moderator: Fr. Andreas Kramarz, LC, University of Notre Dame

5:45-6:30 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 - **Room 102 (Conference Room)**

7:00-9:00 p.m. - CONFERENCE DINNER/BANQUET - J.C. Williams Center, Gentile Gallery (on the lower level). The SCSS’s 2023 awards will be presented. The Pope Pius XI Award for Contributions toward the Building Up of a True Catholic Social Science will be presented to Richard Garnett of Notre Dame Law School and the Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award for Catholic Social Action will be presented to Luis Tellez of the Witherspoon Institute. Each will briefly speak after receiving their awards.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

7:45-7:55 a.m.

Group Prayer - Seminar Room

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Session on: Catholic Social Teaching and the State I (Seminar Room)

“Integralism and the Human Person” - Christopher Zedick, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“*Caritas in Veritate* and the Crisis of Political Form” - Patrick Jones, Catholic University of America (Ph.D. candidate)

Moderator: Megan Russo, University of St. Thomas (TX)

Session on: A Catholic Perspective on Environmental and Population Questions (Totino Room)

“Aldo Leopold and Catholic Environmentalism: Why the Urge to Comprehend Must Precede the Urge to Reform” - Jacob Boros, Benedictine College

“Human Well-Being and Population Growth: A Statistical Investigation” - Gabriel X. Martinez, Ave Maria University

Moderator: Natalie Lindemann, William Paterson University

Session on: Historical Topics Relating to the Church and Catholic Social Teaching (Room 129A – Classroom A)

“Subsidiarity and the Antifederalists of New York’s Understanding of Representation” - Ezekiel Thomas Loseke, Texas State University

“‘The Sound Startles You’: A Spiritual and Architectural Revolution at a Jesuit Retreat House” - Hanael Bianchi, Howard Community College

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

Panel on: “American Catholics and the Politics of the 1850s and 1860s” (Room 129B - Classroom B)

“The Controversy over the Temporal Power of the Pope and American Catholic Politics during the 1850s” - Adam Tate, Clayton State University

“Political Violence and the Election of 1860” - David F. Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Chairman: David Gilbert, Clayton State University

10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Session on: Controversies in Mexican-American History (Seminar Room)

“Heroes and Villains in Colonial California: The Historiography of St. Junipero Serra” - Kevin Schmiesing, Freedom & Virtue Institute

“Faith or Fanaticism? American Views of the Cristero War in Mexico (1926-1929)” - David Gilbert, Clayton State University

Moderator: Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Session on: Catholic Social Teaching and the State II (Totino Room)

“Limits on the Legitimate Aims of the Political Community” - Patrick Lee, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Building. The Communion of Persons: Lessons from St. John Paul II for Transforming Regimes” - David M. Klocek, Danville Community College

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

Session on: Catholic Education and Developing of the Person (Classroom 129A - Classroom A)

“‘From Fragmentation to Full Human Flourishing’: The Potential Integral Formation, Properly Grounded, to Become a Paradigm Shift in Education and Beyond - Fr. Andreas Kramarz, LC, University of Notre Dame

“Does Authentic Catholic Education Exist Anymore?” - Msgr. Robert J. Batule, Diocese of Rockville Centre

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

Panel on: “Recent Technology and Catholic Social Thought” (Room 129B - Classroom B)

“Big Tech versus Human Dignity: Catholic Responses” - Bruce Frohnen, Ohio Northern University College of Law

“Web 3.0 as Diderot’s *Encyclopedia*” - Kevin Lee, North Carolina Central University School of Law

“The Shallows and Catholic Social Thought: How the Internet Challenges the Practice of Reading” - Phillip Thompson, Mercy Hospital and Clinics (Oklahoma City)

Chairman: Casey Wheatland, Texas State University

Session on: Catholic Social Teaching and Economics (Room 107)

“Catholic Entrepreneurship: A Field Ripe for Scholarly Attention” - Miguel R. Olivas-Lujan and Xhonane T. Olivas, both Pennsylvania Western University

“The Perennial Teaching of the Church on Usury and the Catholic Economist” - Robert Houston, Jr., Eastern Kentucky University

Moderator: Douglas M. Meador, University of St. Francis (IN) (retired)

Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch and Business Meeting (Totino Room)

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Session on: Christian Social Science against the Secular Culture (Seminar Room)

“The Intrusion of Liberal Psychology into American Christianity” - Jacob Bruns, Hillsdale College (Ph.D. candidate)

“What’s in a Name?: A Member’s Perspective on How the SCSS Positions Itself Amongst the Secular Culture” – Douglas M. Meador, University of St. Francis (IN) (retired)

Moderator: Fred Boley, OP, LPC, St. Barnabas Reconciliation Ministries

Session on: Applications of Subsidiarity and Mutualism (Totino Room)

“Pope Benedict on Subsidiarity as a Manifestation of Charity” - Richard J. Coronado, Benedictine College

“Healthcare Sharing Ministries and the Re-emergence of Mutualism in Health and Social Assistance in the United States” - Grant R. Martsolf, University of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Brent Robbins, Point Park University

Panel on: Fair Wage: An Analysis of Executive Compensation through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching” (Room 129A - Classroom A)

Panelists: James H. Martin, John Carroll University (*emeritus*)

 Mariah C. Webinger, John Carroll University

 Brian M. Saxton, John Carroll University

Chairman: Brian M. Saxton, John Carroll University

Session on: Topics in International Politics (Room 129B - Classroom B)

“The Bancor as a Means to Achieve Peace in Ukraine” - Carmine Gorga, Somist Institute

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

Moderator: Andrew M. Essig, DeSales University

Session on: Background of and Application of Catholic Social Teaching Principles (Room 107)

“Msgr. John A. Ryan on Private Property and the Family Living Wage” - Megan Russo, University of St. Thomas (TX)

“The Promotion of Solidarity and Subsidiarity in Matters of Thought and Belief: Parents as Exemplars” - Scott FitzGibbon, Boston College Law School (*emeritus*)

Moderator: Douglas M. Meador, University of St. Francis (IN) (retired)

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Roundtable on: “Carl R. Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*” (Seminar Room)

Participants: Andrew M. Essig, DeSales University
Caleb Henry, Franciscan University of Steubenville
James Williams, Woodbridge, VA

Moderator: David M. Klocek, Danville Community College

Panel on: “Toward a Conceptualization and Measurement of Catholic Social Teaching Constructs” (Totino Room)

Panelists: Mariah C. Webinger, John Carroll University
Brian M. Saxton, John Carroll University

Chairman: Brian M. Saxton, John Carroll University

“Author’s Roundtable: Philip Harold’s *Against Values: How to Talk about the Good in a Postliberal Era*” (Classroom 129A - Classroom A)

Participants: Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College
Jacob Boros, Benedictine College
Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University
John Boersma, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Philip Harold, University of Dallas

Moderator: Ezekiel Thomas Loseke, Texas State University

Symposium on: “Cultivating Relationships for Human Flourishing in the 21st Century” (Room 129B - Classroom B)

Presenters:

“Converging Relational Perspectives as Key to Human Flourishing” - Stefanie Morris, Ave Maria University

“Gnostic Themes in the Sexual Revolution” - Brent Dean Robbins, Point Park University

“Worship as the Basis for Human Flourishing” - Deborah Rojas, Integrity Counseling Services

“Matchmaking for Marriage through Networks of Trusted Friends” - John P. Nelson, psychiatrist in private practice, Pittsburgh, PA

Chairman: Brent Dean Robbins, Point Park University

There will be an anticipatory (vigil) Mass in the Conference Room of the Best Western Inn at Franciscan Square (across the street from the main entrance to the University) at 6:00 p.m. This is especially for those who will be traveling early Sunday and will not be able to attend any of the Masses on campus on Sunday morning. SCSS member Msgr. Robert Batule of the Rockville Centre Diocese will be the celebrant. The Sunday morning Mass times on campus are: 8:00 a.m. (in Christ the King Chapel), and 10:00 a.m. and noon (in the Finnegan Fieldhouse). There are no Saturday vigil Masses on campus.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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

