

DE NICOLA CENTER FOR  
ETHICS AND CULTURE  
22ND ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

AND IT WAS VERY GOOD.  
*(On Creation)*

NOVEMBER 10–12, 2022



## ABOUT THE DE NICOLA CENTER

The de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame is committed to sharing the richness of the Catholic moral and intellectual tradition through teaching, research, and engagement, at the highest level and across a range of disciplines. As a traditions-based center committed to our Catholic intellectual heritage, we welcome dialogue with all moral traditions as we grapple with the most pressing and complex questions of ethics, culture, and public policy today.

To learn more about our mission and work, visit [ethicscenter.nd.edu](http://ethicscenter.nd.edu).

## THE BOUNDARIES OF HUMANITY PROJECT

The Boundaries of Humanity project seeks to deepen dialogue on human place and purpose in the cosmos, particularly with respect to conceptions of human uniqueness, human enhancement, and the potential impact of advancing biotechnology on the human future.

For more information, visit [boundariesofhumanity.stanford.edu](http://boundariesofhumanity.stanford.edu).

## SAVE THE DATE

23rd Annual Fall Conference  
November 2–4, 2023

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Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Notre Dame for our 22nd annual Fall Conference, “And It Was Very Good’: On Creation.”

Each year, the de Nicola Center’s Fall Conference brings together the world’s leading thinkers—both Catholic as well as those from other traditions—in fruitful discourse and exchange on the most pressing and vexed questions of ethics, culture, and public policy today. This year, we are honored to be partnering with the Stanford University’s “Boundaries of Humanity” project to grapple with questions of creation and the created order.

The Boundaries of Humanity project seeks to deepen dialogue on human place and purpose in the cosmos, particularly with respect to conceptions of human uniqueness, human enhancement, and the potential impact of advancing biotechnology on the human future. There is no more pressing question today than our place in the created order, and no better place to explore these questions in friendship and fellowship than at the Fall Conference. I am grateful to my dear friend Bill Hurlbut, who directs the project, for his collaboration on this event, as well as the John Templeton Foundation, whose support helped make this partnership possible.

In the following pages, you will find a full schedule of events for the weekend’s conference (beginning on page 3). A campus map on page 2 highlights major conference locations, guest parking lots, and various on- and off-campus dining options. More information and a complete program (with links to abstracts and speaker biographies) may be found at [ethicscenter.nd.edu/fc22](http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/fc22). If you have any questions over the course of the weekend, please don’t hesitate to ask any member of the de Nicola Center team or one of our wonderful student volunteers.

Again, a warm welcome to everyone joining us for our 22nd annual Fall Conference. We look forward to spending time in conversation and reflection with you in the days ahead!

In Notre Dame,



**O. Carter Snead**

*Director, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture  
Professor, Notre Dame Law School*



- 1. McKenna Hall Conference Center
- 2. Morris Inn
- 3. Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza
- 4. South Dining Hall
- 5. Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6. Visitor Parking

- A. The Gilded Bean (bookstore)
- B. Huddle Food Court in LaFortune  
(Starbucks, Flip Kitchen, Smashburger, Taco Bell/Pizza Hut, Noodle Nook, convenience store)
- C. Duncan Student Center  
(Hagerty Family Cafe, Modern Market, Chick-fil-A)
- D. Eddy Street Commons  
(Blaze Pizza, Brothers, Bru Burger Bar, Chipotle, Five Guys, Jimmy John's, Noodles & Co., O'Rourke's, Purely Pressed, Trader Joe's)

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Fall Conference Mobile App



Download the free “Notre Dame Mobile” app to your smartphone (iPhone and Android) to access the updated conference agenda, presentation abstracts, campus map with walking directions, and more. Use the QR code or visit [ethicscenter.nd.edu/fc-app](https://ethicscenter.nd.edu/fc-app) on your phone’s browser to download, or go directly to your phone’s app store and search “Notre Dame Mobile.” Once you’ve installed the app, choose the “Guest” persona and find the “dCEC Fall Conference” icon.

### How to Get Around

The majority of the conference sessions will take place in the McKenna Conference Center, located on the second floor of McKenna Hall, and the Morris Inn. Plenary keynote presentations will be held in the Morris Inn Ballroom, with the exception of Saturday evening (in Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business), as indicated in the program. Please carefully note these locations on the campus map.

For visitors with mobility issues, golf carts will be available to offer courtesy rides between conference locations and meals. Please look for these carts outside the conference buildings, or ask a dCEC staff member or volunteer for assistance.

### Parking

Visitor parking is available by permit during regular business hours on Thursday and Friday in the visitor lot, south of the stadium (please consult the campus map). Use the code **NP3455G** at the visitor lot kiosk to waive the parking fee. No permit is required outside of regular business hours and on weekends, when parking is available in any of the open lots. A campus shuttle runs along Holy Cross Drive, next to the visitor lot, with a drop-off point at McKenna Hall. Please be aware that sporting events in the Joyce Athletic Center and the Compton Family Ice Arena may affect the flow of traffic on campus.

### Dining Around Campus

Dining options are indicated on the campus map. Check [dining.nd.edu](https://dining.nd.edu) or the Notre Dame Mobile app for hours of service. Please note that on-campus eateries are now cashless, and most make use of virtual ordering via Grubhub. Additional dining options are available in Eddy Street Commons, just south of campus. Consult the map for more details.

### University COVID-19 Protocols

Visitors are welcome on campus, subject to any public health protocols in effect at the time of their visit. Masks are optional for visitors. University buildings, including academic and administrative buildings and residence halls, remain open to visitors. Please visit [covid.nd.edu](https://covid.nd.edu) for more information.

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# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Registration Check-In**

MCKENNA HALL

*Note: Check-in will also be available all day Friday.*

**1:30–2:45 p.m. Colloquia\***

MCKENNA HALL

## ROOM 205 | WHO SET ITS MEASUREMENTS? MATHEMATICS IN CREATION

**Deborah Arangno (Holy Cross College)**

Discovering the Creator through Science and Mathematics

**Antonio Cercena (Mount Carmel Academy)**

Creation and Mathematics

**Brian Mullholland (University of Notre Dame)**

God the Geometer

*Chair: Kathryn Mulholland (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM 206/207 | BEARING GOD'S BREATH: CREATOR AND CREATION

**Salvatore Aquila (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**

Priests in the Line of Adam: The *Imago Dei* as Dominion

**Jordan Wales (Hillsdale College)**

A Reality Beyond Will: Augustine, AI, and the Vindication of Theophany

**Rev. Harrison Ayre (Maryvale Institute)**

Nothingness and Sacrament: Joseph Ratzinger's Theology of Creation

*Chair: Rev. Vincent Herreman, LC (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM 215 | 'THAT THE WORKS OF GOD MIGHT BE DISPLAYED': DISABILITY IN CREATION

**Rev. Matthew Schneider, LC (Belmont Abbey College)**

Created Autistically in the Image and Likeness of God

**Sara Chan (University of Notre Dame)**

Illumined—Not Blinded—by Love: Caregiver Testimony on Behalf of the Cognitively-Disabled

**Maria Sermersheim (University of Notre Dame)**

Behold the Glory of God in Blindness: The Problem of Physical Evil

*Chair: Charleen Katra (National Catholic Partnership on Disability)*

## ROOM 216 | FROM GLORY TO GLORY: EVOLUTION AND CREATION

**Christopher Baglow (University of Notre Dame)**

Animals, the Human Animal, and God

**Santiago Sanz Sanchez (Pontifical University of the Holy Cross)**

Evolution, Chance, or Necessity? Ratzinger's Creation Theology in Dialogue with Teilhard de Chardin and Jacques Monod

**Daniel Kuebler (Franciscan University of Steubenville)**

An Evolutionary Creation: Finding Goodness, Order, and Purpose in Evolution

*Chair: Rev. Terrence P. Ehrman, CSC (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM B01 | 'BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW'

**Joshua Anthony (Archdiocese of Chicago)**

The Viriditas of the Cross: Creation and Redemption in St. Hildegard of Bingen's Prayer Book

**Samuel Roberts (University of Notre Dame)**

The *Heptaplus* of Giovanni Pico della Mirandola: A Renaissance Theology of Man and Creation

**Andreas Waldstein (University of Notre Dame)**

William of Auvergne and St. Bonaventure on the Beauty of Creation

*Chair: Rev. Andrij Hlabse, SJ (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM B02 | CO-CREATION TOWARDS THE UNIVERSAL DESTINATION OF GOODS

**Felipe Lemos (Federal University of Technology Paraná)**

**and Christian Morrison (University of Notre Dame)**

JubileeDAO and Catholic Cryptocurrency: A New—Doubtless Very Different—Jubilee

**Emma Coley and Bert Fitzgerald (Simone Weil Catholic Worker House, Portland)**

Practicing Communion Economy

**Bob Kloska (Notre Dame Federal Credit Union)**

Credit Unions as Institutions and Metaphors for Lay Catholic Life

**Brian Boyd (University of Notre Dame)**

The Nature of Money and the Need for a Jubilee

**Jack O'Leary (University of Notre Dame)**

Fair Credit: A Jubilee Initiative

*Chair: Brian Boyd (University of Notre Dame)*

**2:45–3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

MCKENNA HALL

**3:15–4:30 p.m.**

**Colloquia\***

MCKENNA HALL

## ROOM 205 | PRE- AND POSTLAPSARIAN VISIONS OF POLITICS

**Evelyn Behling (University of Notre Dame)**

**Haidun Liu (Harvard University)**

**Elly Brown Long (Princeton University)**

*Chair: Luke Foster (University of Chicago)*

## ROOM 206/207 | WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS

**Richard Doerflinger (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)**

Re-Creating Humanity: The Hubris of Cloning in Popular Culture

**Justin Petrisek (Independent Scholar)**

Creative Microcosms in Film: What Hollywood Thinks of God and Man (and Where Hollywood Went Wrong)

**Rev. Jordi Pujol (Pontifical University of the Holy Cross)**

Anything Goes in the Name of Arts and Freedom of Expression?

*Chair: Rev. William R. Dailey, CSC (University of Notre Dame)*

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## ROOM 215 | COMEDY AND THE CREATIVE ARTS

**Claire Vaidyanathan (Independent Scholar)**

Creation and Creativity, or How NFP Made Me a Comedian

**Dorian Speed (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**

Beyond Satire: Cultural Engagement with Our Ridiculous Reality

**Alexander Taylor (University of Dallas)**

Can We Still Make Satire? “Little Independent Systems of Order” Amid Metaphysical Hysteria

*Chair: Ken Hallenius (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

## ROOM 216 | CREATING MAN ANEW

**Megan Levis (University of Notre Dame)**

The Genesis of Engineered Life: Cocreation and the Culture of Bioengineering

**Dillon Stull (Stanford University)**

Human-Animal Chimeras and the Embodied Mind

**Rev. Michael Baggot, LC (Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum)**

The Thomistic Metaphysics of Creation as a Corrective to Transhumanism’s Technocratic Paradigm

*Chair: Bill Hurlbut (Stanford University)*

## ROOM B01 | TO WHAT END? MEANING IN CREATION

**Susan Waldstein (Franciscan University of Steubenville)**

Is Beauty a Purpose of Nature: Darwin, Soloviev, and Portmann

**Brian Miller (The Discovery Institute)**

The Return of Teleology to the Natural Sciences

**Rev. Terrence P. Ehrman, CSC (University of Notre Dame)**

A Guided Tour through the Amphitheater of Creation

*Chair: Santiago Legarre (Catholic University of Argentina)*

## ROOM B02 | ‘BEFORE ME NOTHING BUT ETERNAL THINGS WERE MADE’

**Catherine Kuiper (Hillsdale College)**

Nature’s Rhetoric: The Language of Creation in Phaedrus

**Abraham Schoener (Scholium Wines)**

Dante and the Architecture of Creation

**Alberto Ross (Universidad Panamerica)**

Simplicius and Philoponus on Creation: Discussions between Christians and Pagans in Late Antiquity

*Chair: Jason Baxter (University of Notre Dame)*

**5:15 p.m.**

**Mass**

BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

**8:00–9:15 p.m.**

**Plenary Lecture: “The Thin Blue Line”**

**Robert Pogue Harrison (Stanford University)**

MORRIS INN BALLROOM

*Chair: O. Carter Snead (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

**9:15–10:30 p.m.**

**Opening Reception**

MORRIS INN BALLROOM AND PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Registration Check-In**

MCKENNA HALL

**8:00 a.m.**

**Coffee and Pastries**

MCKENNA HALL

**9:00–10:15 a.m.**

**Colloquia\***

MCKENNA HALL

## ROOM 202 | YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER OUR FEET: DOMINION AND STEWARDSHIP

**Justin Hawkins (Yale University)**

The Things Wilderness Can Do For Us: Magnanimity and the Sublime American West

**Michael Stevens (Cornerstone University)**

Love of Soil, Love of Souls: How Stewardship of the Created Order Is a Tutorial for Love of Neighbor

**Patrick LaPacz, O. Praem, and Matthew Dougherty, O. Praem. (St. Norbert College)**

Environmental Justice in the 12th Century Hagiography of St. Norbert of Xanten

*Chair: Rev. Henry Stephan, OP (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM 205 | STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING THE COMMON GOOD

**Javier de Cendra de Larragan (University Francisco de Vittoria)**

Understanding the Past, Present and Future of International Environmental Law from the Perspective of the Global Common Good: Insights from Recent Catholic Social Doctrine

**Marc Neri (Texas Christian University)**

The Good Steward: Are Accountants Called to Save the World?

**Louisa Conwill, Megan K. Levis, Paul Blaschko, Walter J. Scheirer (University of Notre Dame)**

Using Catholic Social Teaching to Create Virtuous Social Technologies

*Chair: Craig Iffland (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM 206/207 | DEFINING THE IMAGE OF GOD

**Thomas D. Williams (St. John’s University)**

“Let Us Make Man”: Creation and Human Exceptionalism in the Thought of John Paul II

**David McPherson (Creighton University)**

Contemplative Affirmation: On Coming to See Life as Good in the Face of Evil and Suffering

*Chair: Michael Giles (Great Lakes Christian College)*

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ROOM 215 | FULFILLING THE LAW OF LOVE: THE PRACTICE OF BIOETHICS

**Mark Cherry (St. Edward's University)**

Bioethics and the *Imago Dei*: "Reproductive Autonomy" and Its Eugenic Impulses

**Xavier Symons (Harvard University)**

Bioethics as Therapy: Toward a New Acceptance of Nature and the Human Condition

**Andrew Moeller (University of Oxford)**

Bioethics in the Light of Christ's Work in Creation and New Creation

*Chair: Monique Wubbenhorst (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

ROOM 216 | LITERATURE AS CO-CREATION

**Jake Grefenstette (University of Cambridge)**

C.S. Lewis and Harold Bloom on J.R.R. Tolkien's Theory of Sub-Creation

**Dwight Lindley (Hillsdale College)**

Personifying the World: The Human Vocation to Participate in Creation

**Jonathan Geltner (Eastern Michigan University)**

Fiction and the Spiritualization of Matter

*Chair: Anthony Monta (Holy Cross College)*

ROOM B01 | EVERYTHING TO THE GLORY OF GOD: PARTICIPATING IN CREATION

**Paul Blaschko (University of Notre Dame)**

Creation and Expulsion: Toil, Labor, and the Genesis of Our Disordered Relationship to "Work"

**Todd Hartch (Eastern Kentucky University)**

Craft Beer, Monasticism, and Co-Creation

**Lauren Fink (Hillsdale College)**

Christ as Tekton and Master Craftsman

*Chair: Ricardo Calleja (University of Navarre)*

ROOM B02 | THE DIFFERENCE CREATION MAKES: CATHOLIC ART AND CREATIVE IMAGINATION

**William Gonch (Independent Scholar)**

**Katie Broussard (Artist)**

**Rachel Nozicka (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)**

**Nathan Bradford Williams (University of Toronto)**

*Chair: Michael Murphy (Loyola University Chicago)*

10:15–10:45 a.m.

**Break**

MCKENNA HALL

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Colloquia\*

MCKENNA HALL

ROOM 202 | FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

**K.T. Brizek (University of Illinois Chicago)**

"She Is the Image of His Goodness": Christ, the Church, and Women as Image of God

**Monica Jeffery (Catholic University of America)**

The Female as Normative: A Thomistic Approach

**Philip Jeffery (Newsweek)**

Catholic Ecology and Ecofeminism

*Chair: Stacey Noem (University of Notre Dame)*

ROOM 205 | SED CONTRA

**Margaret McCarthy (John Paul II Institute)**

Putting Predestination in Its Place: An Answer to the Question "Why the World?"

**Gabriella Berman El-Hallal (University of Notre Dame)**

Out of Order: Assessing Aquinas and His Order of Charity as a Resource for Male-Female Equality

**Benjamin Conroy (University of Chicago)**

Animal Suffering, Fallen Natures, and the Goodness of Creation

*Chair: Randall B. Smith (University of St. Thomas, Houston)*

ROOM 206/207 | THE CREATION OF POLITICS

**Evelyn Boyden (Harvard University)**

The First Patriarchy: Dominion, Paternal Authority and the Kingship of Adam

**Amy Chandran (Harvard University)**

Leviathan Ex Nihilo: Instrumental Power, Artificiality and the Creation of the Modern State

**Chad Pecknold (Catholic University of America)**

Politics in the Image of God: Plato, Augustine and the Order of the Passions

**Guillaume de Thieulloy (Sénat de France)**

The Birth of Society: Naturalism or Contractualism?

*Chair: Gladden Pappin (University of Dallas)*

ROOM 215 | MEDICINE AND TELEOLOGY

**Jose Buñil (Bur Oak Foundation)**

The Normal, the Pathological and the Perfect: Lessons from Medicine & Genetics

**Maryssa Gabriel (ADF International)**

The Right to Health and Our Role in Maintaining and Improving Our Own Health

**Lauris Kaldjian (University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine)**

Preserving the Endowed Goodness of Our Bodies Against Competing Concepts of Health

*Chair: Thomas P. Hogan (University of Scranton)*

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ROOM 216 | THE STRAIGHTFORWARD PATHWAY HAD BEEN LOST: SUFFERING AND ART

**John Rziha (Benedictine College)**

Christianity and Plague Art: A Theological Investigation of God, Suffering, and Morality

**Theresa Rice (University of Notre Dame)**

“A Heap of Broken Images”: The Human Desire for God amid Fragmentation

**Helena Tomko (Villanova University)**

This Created Life: The Credibility of Goodness in Walker Percy’s *The Moviegoer*

*Chair: Raul Rodriguez (Michigan State University)*

ROOM B01 | CREATION IN THEOLOGY

**Brett Bourbon (University of Dallas)**

Thinking Theologically as a Christian about the Beginning

**Michael Waldstein (Franciscan University of Steubenville)**

The Eucharist in John as the Completion of the Creator’s Gift of Life

**Garrett Peters (Dominican House of Studies)**

Reconciling God’s Necessity, Simplicity, and Creative Freedom

*Chair: Jennie Grillo (University of Notre Dame)*

ROOM B02 | DIGITAL TEMPLES OF THE HOLY GHOST

**Brett Robinson (University of Notre Dame)**

**Bo Bonner (Mercy College)**

*Chair: Jay Martin (University of Notre Dame)*

**12:00–1:15 p.m. Lunch†**  
WEST WING, SOUTH DINING HALL

**1:30–2:45 p.m. Plenary Lecture: “The Apparent Oddness of the Universe: How to Account for It?”**  
**Alasdair MacIntyre (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)**  
*Chair: David Solomon (University of Notre Dame)*  
MORRIS INN BALLROOM

**2:45–3:15 p.m. Break**  
MCKENNA HALL

† Advance meal registration required.

**3:15–4:30 p.m. Invited Speakers**  
MCKENNA HALL AND MORRIS INN

MCKENNA 205/206/207 | CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

**Jacqueline Rivers (Harvard University)**

**Ernest Morrell (University of Notre Dame)**

**Michael Griffin (Holy Cross College)**

*Chair: Diane Desierto (University of Notre Dame)*

MCKENNA 215/216 | AND IT WAS GOOD?: AN ANALYSIS OF NEURAL ORGANOID AND CHIMERAS

**Charlie Camosy (Creighton University)**

**Kristin Collier (University of Michigan)**

**O. Carter Snead (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)**

*Chair: Dillon Stull (Stanford University)*

MORRIS INN PRIVATE DINING ROOMS | MYTH AND MODERNITY: WHAT LEWIS HAS TO TEACH SECULAR SOCIETY

**Micheal Flaherty (Think Again Studios)**

**Jason Baxter (University of Notre Dame)**

**5:15 p.m. Mass**  
BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

**6:15–7:45 p.m. Dinner†**  
WEST WING, SOUTH DINING HALL

**8–9:15 p.m. Plenary Lecture: “Humans and Our Paths to Transcendence Or...”**  
**SIMON CONWAY MORRIS (UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE)**  
MORRIS INN BALLROOM  
*Chair: Bill Hurlbut (Stanford University)*

**9:15–10:30 p.m. Reception**  
MORRIS INN BALLROOM AND PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

† Advance meal registration required.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**8:00 a.m. Byzantine Divine Liturgy (Mass), Feast of St. Josaphat**  
ST. THOMAS MORE CHAPEL, NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL  
*Celebrant: Rev. Andrij Hlabse, SJ (University of Notre Dame)*

**8:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastries**  
MCKENNA HALL

**9:00–10:15 a.m. Colloquia\***  
MCKENNA HALL

## ROOM 202 | LANGUAGE, TELEOLOGY, AND LIFE

**Margaret Monaghan Hogan (University of Portland)**  
The Grammar of the Created World: Real and Rational

**Nicholas Ramirez (Thomistic Institute)**  
Teleology, the Uterus, and the Rights of the Unborn

**James Mumford (University of Virginia Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture)**  
“Our Kind of Person”: The Significance of Species-Membership in the Debate about Abortion  
*Chair: Mary Hallan FioRito (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

## ROOM 205 | ‘ON THE SEVENTH DAY, HE RESTED’: ON THE SABBATH

**Noelle Johnson (University of Notre Dame)**  
The Sabbath in Thomas and P

**Brian Pedraza (Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University)**  
“All Time Belongs to Him, and All the Ages”: John Paul II and the Recovery of the Practice of the Lord’s Day

**Nathaniel Peters (Morningside Institute)**  
The Theology and Ethics of Sabbath Rest in Augustine of Hippo and Jürgen Moltmann  
*Chair: Rev. Aquinas Beale, OP (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM 206/207 | ‘I ADDRESS MY VERSES TO THE KING’: CREATION IN POETRY

**Kasia Balsbaugh (Independent Scholar)**  
“Can Trust Itself to Go By Contraries”: Creation Narrative and Creative Relationship in Robert Frost’s “West-Running Brook”

**Andrew Hayes (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**  
A Poet’s Reading of the Book of Creation: St. Ephrem the Syrian’s Hymns as Microcosm

**Christopher Petter (Howard University)**  
Creation within the Poet’s Response to Alienation from Nature  
*Chair: Tamara Smith (University of St. Thomas, Houston)*

## ROOM 215 | DISABILITY AND THE IMAGO DEI

**Mary O’Callaghan (University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College)**  
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: The Case for Full Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disability in the Church’s Teaching and Pastoral Work on Human Sexuality

**Mariele Courtois (Benedictine College)**  
Investigating the Relationship between Disability and Identity through Edith Stein: Insights for Biomedical Ethics

**Miguel Romero (Salve Regina University)**  
Motley Beauty: Aquinas on the Diversity of Human Bodies in the State of Innocence  
*Chair: Charleen Katra (National Catholic Partnership on Disability)*

## ROOM 216 | LET HEAVEN AND EARTH PRAISE HIM: ENVIRONMENTALISM IN THEOLOGY

**Claire Murphy (University of Notre Dame)**  
Pope Francis and Charles De Koninck on Humanity’s Responsibility toward the Cosmos

**Msr. Martin Schlag (University of St. Thomas) and Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde (Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas)**  
Caring for the Common Home: Rights of Nature or Human Stewardship?

**Keith Lemna (St. Meinrad Seminary)**  
Jesus Christ, the End of Creation: On Christological Finality and Integral Ecology

## ROOM B01 | UNDERHEARD VOICES IN THE CHURCH

**John Allen (Duquesne University)**  
Breaking the Chains of Addiction: Transformative Narration in the Liberative Journey of Sobriety

**Eve Tushnet (Independent Scholar)**  
Order in Same-Sex Love

**Isaac Kimmel (University of Notre Dame)**  
Collectivities as Co-Creators and the Call to Love the Woke in Our Midst  
*Chair: Abigail Favale (University of Notre Dame)*

## ROOM B02 | FASHIONED BY HUMAN SKILL AND IMAGINATION: CREATION IN ART

**Andrew Moran (University of Dallas)**  
The Baroque Hymns of Creation in *The Tempest*

**Andrew Smith (AWS Sculpture Studio, LLC)**  
Whistler’s *Madonna*: Recovering Creativity in the Context of Sacred Art

**Michael Krom (St. Vincent College)**  
In Tune with the World: Music, Morality, and the Created Order  
*Chair: Mike Rippy (University of Notre Dame)*

**10:15–10:45 a.m. Break**  
MCKENNA HALL

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**10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Colloquia\***

MCKENNA HALL

**ROOM 205 | EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

**Gregory Roper (University of Dallas)**

The Freshman as Creature: An Approach to Student Life

**James McFetridge Wilson (University of Cambridge)**

The Metaphysics of Creation and Interpretation: Jacques Maritain and the Crisis of the Humanities

**Kyle Washut (Wyoming Catholic College)**

Re-Reading God's First Book in the 21st Century: The Experiment at Wyoming Catholic College

*Chair: Brett Robinson (University of Notre Dame)*

**ROOM 206/207 | 'THERE WAS A CHILD WENT FORTH': BIRTH AND NATURE IN POETRY**

**Megan Meyer (University of Notre Dame)**

Earth, a Shadow of Heaven? Milton's Dynamic Eden in *Paradise Lost*

**Dominic Aquila (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**

Nativity and Human Action in Dante's *Commedia*

**Betsy Fentress (Independent Scholar)**

"God's Recreation": Darkness and Birth in the Works of Eleanor Farjeon and Caryl Houselander

*Chair: Jennifer Newsome Martin (University of Notre Dame)*

**ROOM 215 | FINDING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE AND CIRCUMSTANCES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE IMAGO DEI**

**Cecelia Klingele (University of Wisconsin Law School)**

Honoring the Inherent Goodness of Defendants & Victims: Implications for Criminal Laws and Penalties

**Michael Cassidy (Notre Dame Law School)**

The *Imago Dei* and Solitary Confinement

**Marah McLeod (Notre Dame Law School)**

Punishment and Human Dignity

**Thomas Donnelly (Cook County Circuit Court)**

Redemptive Sight: Seeing Christ in the Courtroom

*Chair: Rev. John Paul Kimes (Notre Dame Law School)*

**ROOM 216 | WHAT WOMEN ARE: THE IMAGO DEI IN CREATION**

**Erika Bachiochi (Ethics & Public Policy Center, Abigail Adams Institute)**

Sexually Dimorphic Rational Creatures: Toward a Natural Law Basis for Sex Discrimination Law

**Leah Libresco Sargeant (Other Feminisms)**

Women-Annihilating Transhumanism

**Pia de Solenni (Independent Scholar)**

And God Found It Very Good: Sexual Difference & Equality

*Chair: Mary Hallan FioRito (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

**ROOM B01 | PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW**

**Patrick Gouker (St. Meinrad's Archabbey Seminary)**

Behold, I Make All Things New: The Profane Made Sacred in the Liturgy

**Rev. Andrij Hlabse, SJ (University of Notre Dame)**

'*Homo liturgicus* and His Revolution': The Liturgical Vocation of the Human Person in the Cosmic Context of Creation

**Sr. Mary Christa Nutt, RSM (Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, MI)**

Religion and Creatureliness: A Thomistic Account of Why We Must Embrace Being Creatures in Order to Worship

*Chair: Rev. Gregory Haake, CSC (University of Notre Dame)*

**ROOM B02 | ON DEATH AND NATURAL EVILS**

**Kyle Karches (Saint Louis University)**

Until "the Former Things Have Passed Away": Teleology and Chronic Pain

**Abigail Jorgensen (University of Notre Dame)**

Would Miscarriage Exist Without the Fall?

**Emma Miller (University of Notre Dame)**

Creation's Theodicy: Insights from Joseph Ratzinger and the Book of Job

*Chair: Rev. Harrison Ayre (Maryvale Institute)*

**12:00–1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch†**

WEST WING, SOUTH DINING HALL

**1:30–2:45 p.m.**

**Invited Speakers**

MCKENNA HALL AND THE MORRIS INN

**MCKENNA 205/206/207 | GROWING UP: PROGRESS, PLAY AND BIOTECHNOLOGIES OF MATURATION**

**Ben Hurlbut (Arizona State University)**

*Response: Nicholas Teh (University of Notre Dame)*

**MCKENNA 215/216 | CONTEMPLATIVE REALISM**

**Katy Carl (Dappled Things)**

**Joshua Hren (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**

**Brigid Pasulka (Author)**

**James Matthew Wilson (University of St. Thomas, Houston)**

**MORRIS INN PRIVATE DINING ROOMS | CREATION AND INCARNATION**

**Gary Anderson (University of Notre Dame)**

*Chair: Michael Moreland (Villanova University)*

**2:45–3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

MCKENNA HALL

\* Papers chosen from among submissions in response to the Call for Papers.

† Advance meal registration required.

3:15–4:30 p.m.

**Invited Speakers**

MCKENNA HALL AND THE MORRIS INN

MCKENNA 205/206/207 | LAUDATO SI' AND THE ECOLOGICAL ART OF GEORGES ROUAULT

**Thomas Hibbs (Baylor University)**

*Chair: John Haigh (Benedictine College)*

MCKENNA 215/216 | CREATION OR COINCIDENCE: IS THERE A COSMIC PLAN?

**Terrence Deacon (University of California, Berkeley)**

**Bill Hurlbut (Stanford University)**

**Simon Conway Morris (University of Cambridge)**

**Jeffrey Schloss (Westmont College)**

MORRIS INN PRIVATE DINING ROOMS | DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME: INTERSECTIONS IN THE THEOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF MEMORY

**Elizabeth Hlabse (University of Notre Dame)**

Trauma, Embodiment, and the Healing of Memory

**Rev. Kevin Grove, CSC (University of Notre Dame)**

St. Augustine and the Healing of Memory

**Connie Svob (Columbia University)**

Autobiographical Memory as a Potential Means for Cultivating Virtue

*Chair: Michael Waddell (Saint Mary's College)*

5 p.m.

**Closing Mass**

BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

*Celebrant: Rev. John Paul Kimes (Notre Dame Law School)*

6:15–7:45 p.m.

**Dinner†**

WEST WING, SOUTH DINING HALL

8–9:15 p.m.

**Plenary Lecture: “Creation, Complementarity, and St. John Paul II in Michelangelo’s Sistine Ceiling”**

**Elizabeth Lev (Duquesne University)**

MENDOZA AUDITORIUM

*Chair: O. Carter Snead (de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture)*

9:15–10:30 p.m.

**Closing Reception**

MENDOZA ATRIUM

10:30 p.m.

**Young Adult Reception**

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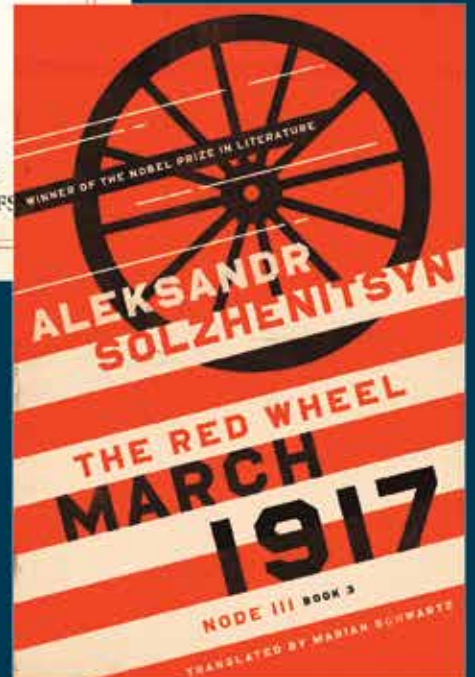
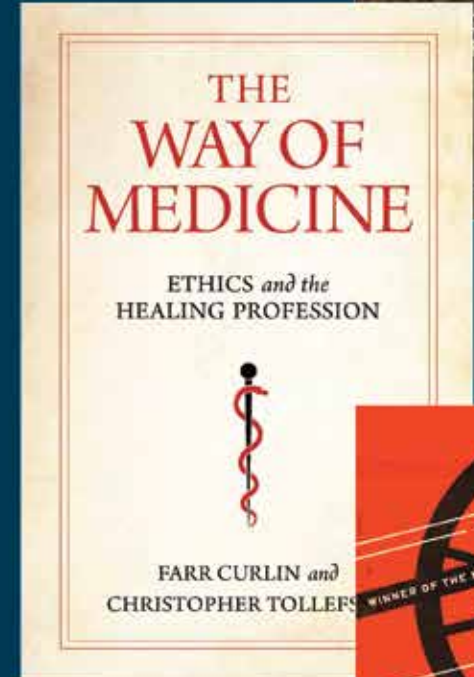
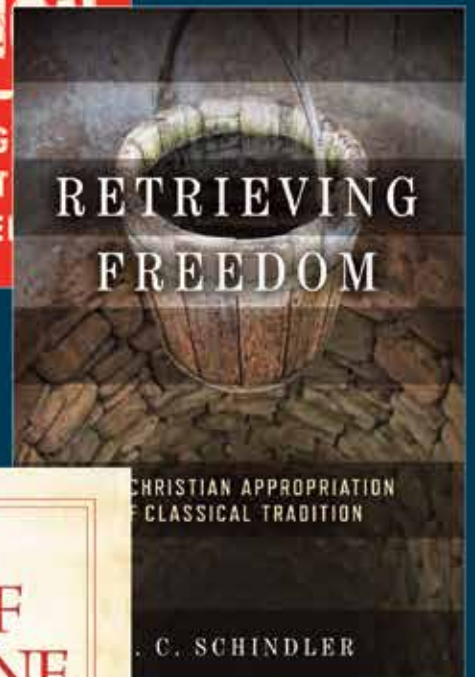
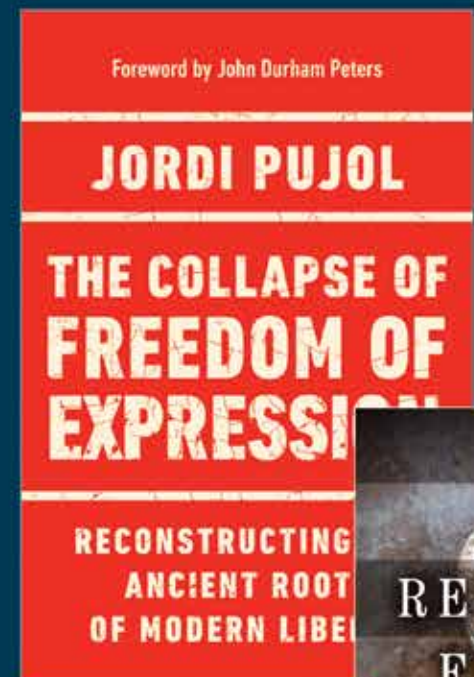
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