

**SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS'
16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING-CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 24-25, 2008**

*DeSales University
Center Valley, Pennsylvania*

Co-chairs

**Dr. Andrew Essig, Associate Professor of Political Science
Dr. Brennan Pursell, Associate Professor of History**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

1:30 – 3:00p.m.

Panel #1: Advice for Catholics and the Contemporary Catholic Church

Moderator: Michael Coulter (Grove City College)

1. Fr. Robert Araujo, S.J. (Boston College) “The Responsibility of Conscience”
2. Dr. Joseph Varacalli, (Nassau Community College) “In Necessary Things, Unity; In Doubtful Things, Liberty; In All Things, Charity; An Age Old Advice for the Contemporary Catholic Church”

Panel #2: Constitutional Freedoms

Moderator: Joseph Devaney, Esq. (Catholic University of America)

1. Piero Tozzi (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute) “The Rebirth of the State Constitutional Free Exercise Clause”
2. Richard Myers, Esq. (Ave Maria School of Law) “Parental Rights and Constitutional Law”
3. Dr. Michael Johnson, “Wake Up America”

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Panel #3: Developing a Catholic Perspective of Psychology

Moderator: Eric Gudan (Institute for the Psychological Sciences)

1. Dr. Thomas Kubarych (Virginia Commonwealth University) “Towards a Catholic Psychology”
2. Dr. Aaron Stratman (Catholic Social Services, Lincoln, NE) “The Clinical Value of Suffering”

Panel #4: Natural Law

Moderator: Dr. Kenneth Grasso (Texas State University)

1. Dr. Joseph Almeida (Franciscan University of Steubenville) “The Greek Sophists: Shaping the Contours of the Debate about Natural Law”
2. Dr. Eric Manchester (Caldwell College) “Locke, Fichte, and the ‘De-Naturalization’ of Personhood and Rights: A First Amendment Response”
3. Dr. Gary Glenn (Northern Illinois University) “The Presence and Absence of Gratitude in Pre-modern and Modern Contract Theory”

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Disciplinary Section Meetings

Economics/Business

History

Philosophy/Theology/Health Care Ethics

Political Science

Psychology/Psychiatry/Mental Health/Social Work

Sociology

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Reception and Banquet

I. The Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award was presented to Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries, and Fr. Robert Araujo, S.J. for his work with the Holy See’s U.N. delegation.

II. Dr. Brennan Pursell discussed his book *Benedict of Bavaria: An Intimate Portrait of the Pope and His Homeland*.

III. Keynote Address: Dr. John M. Haas, S.T.L., President of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia, PA.

Saturday, October 25, 2008

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Panel #5: Panel: Transnationalism and the Transformation of International Social and Cultural Norms through International Institutions

Moderator: Susan Yoshihara (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute)

1. Dr. Susan Yoshihara (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute) “From Doing Good to Changing Minds: Effects of Transnationalism on UN Economic, Social and Cultural Policy”
2. Dr. Andrew Essig (DeSales University) “World Health Organization”
Piero Tozzi, JD (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute) “Misusing International Law to Impose Abortion, Redefine the Family and Undermine Sovereignty”

Discussant: Richard Stith, JD (Valparaiso University School of Law, Swygert Research Fellow)

Panel #6: Issues of Sexuality

Moderator: Dr. John Nelson (University of Pittsburgh/ St. Francis Hospital)

1. Mateusz Dzikowski (Institute for the Psychological Sciences) “Addressing Issues of Same-Sex Attraction Among Catholic Males from an Integrated Psychological Perspective”
2. Eric Gudan (Institute for the Psychological Sciences) “Identification and Treatment of Cybersexual Compulsives from a Catholic Anthropology”
3. Joseph Devaney, Esq. (Catholic University of America) “An Examination of the Constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act”

Panel #7: Augustine and Aristotle

Moderator: Dr. Eric Manchester (Caldwell College)

1. Dr. Cecilia Castillo (Texas State University – San Marcos) “The Insufficiency of the Aristotelian Family: “Jane Austen’s On Fathers”
2. Dr. Robert Gorman (University of Dallas) “Reflections on the Beatitudes as a Source of Just War Teaching in Augustine”

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel #8: Promoting Education

Moderator: Dr. Aaron Stratman (Catholic Social Services, Lincoln, NE)

1. Dr. Stephen Haessler (Robert & Marie Hansen Foundation) “Presenting ‘Apostles & Markets’: Lessons for Theology and Social Studies Classrooms”
2. Dr. William Zehringer, “Sheep May Safely Graze: The Digital Common and the Universal Library”

Panel #9: The Human Person

Moderator: Dr. Michael Coulter (Grove City College)

1. Su Li Lee (Institute for the Psychological Sciences) “Understanding Interdependence Through Pope John Paul II’s Anthropology”
2. Dr. Michael Krom (St. Vincent College) “Transcendence and Human Freedom: Modernity and the Right to Truth”
3. Andrew Sodergren (Catholic Social Services, Lincoln, NE) “Attachment Theory and Catholic Morality”

Panel #10: Workshop: Healing the Wounded Spirit

Presenter: Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Luncheon and SCSS Business Meeting

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Panel #11: Catholicism Among Nations

Moderator: Kevin Schmeising (Acton Institute)

1. Dr. Frank Cavaoli, “ACIM, Italian Americans, and Immigration Reform”
2. Dr. Ronald Rychlak (University of Mississippi) “Cardinal Stepanic and the Croatian Catholic Church”

Panel #12: The Building of Communities

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Haessler (Robert & Marie Hansen Foundation)

1. Tim Ehlen, “Reviving the Catholic Land Movement”
2. Dr. Jason King (St. Vincent College) “Calling for Community”

Panel #13: Business Approaches from a Catholic Perspective

Moderator: Brian Simboli (Lehigh University)

1. Dr. Miguel Olivas-Lujan (Clarion University of Pennsylvania) “Tensions Between Catholic Social Thought and Management”
2. Dr. Lloyd Sandelands (University of Michigan) “Why the Center Holds: On the Nuptial Foundations of the Corporation”
3. Dr. John Larrivee (Mount Saint Mary’s University) “Learning the Lessons of Communism”

4:00 – 5:30p.m.

Panel #14: Analytical Approaches to Catholic Issues

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Essig (DeSales University)

1. Nicholas Lund-Molfese, Esq. (University of Illinois at Chicago) and Sarah Pilisz (Archdiocese of Chicago) “A Survey of Cases of Killing and Traditions of Justification”
2. Peter Martin (Catholic Social Services, Lincoln, NE; doctoral candidate at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences) “Atheism Quantified: Findings from the Psychology of Attachment”

Panel #15: Prophylactics and Public Policy

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Krason (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

1. Dr. Joseph Burke (Ave Maria University) and Catherine Ruth Pakaluk (Harvard University) “Prophylactics and Public Policy”

Panel #16: A Catholic View of the Role of Technology

Moderator: Richard Myers, Esq. (Ave Maria School of Law)

1. Dr. Samuel Nigro (Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychiatry) “A Suggestibility Prevention Program”
2. W. David Pittman, “The Share-Net Economic Vision”

6:00 p.m.

Anticipatory Mass

Celebrant: The Rev. Eric Bergman, Chaplain, St. Thomas More Society, Scranton, PA

This Mass was celebrated according to the Anglican Use, a form approved by Pope Benedict XVI for the use of Catholics, based on the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

7:00 – 9:00p.m.

SCSS Board of Directors Meeting