

THE GOOD LIFE:
AN UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE IN THE LIBERAL ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS



**All events will take place in the Catholic Foundation Board Room (Room 219) in Cardinal Farrell Hall*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

3:00-4:00 pm: Registration

4:00-4:20 pm: Opening Remarks

4:20-5:30 pm: **Panel I: Words and the Word: Revelations and Representations**

- Hannah Gernhardt, “Reading and Reflection in Jane Austen's *Persuasion*”
- Lane Tschirhart, “Rising from the Ashes: How Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* Can Help Us Rebuild Our Cathedral”
- Alex Walton, “The Greatest Sound Never Heard: Athens, Jerusalem, and the Legacy of Emotion to Provoke Social Change”

Moderator: Zachary Meckley, IPS Literature

5:30-6:30 pm: Reception

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

9:45-10:55 am: **Panel II: The Question of God: Ancients vs. Moderns**

- Monica Hubbard, “On the Similarity in Aquinas and Anselm's Proofs for God's Existence”
- Alex Broussard, “Hawking's No Thing and Aquinas' Nothing”
- Sebastian Fuentes Branas, “Apology Against Richard (Dawkins)”

Moderator: Alex Neff, IPS Philosophy

11:05 am-12:15 pm: **Panel III: Man and the Infinite**

- Anastasia Baker, “It’s All in His Head: Epictetus’ Solution to the Fate of Oedipus”
- Mary Katherine Johnson, “Finite Being Seeking Infinitude: Augustine’s Metaphysical Personalism”
- Maximilian Marck, “Simple Apprehension: The Unspoken Preamble of the Cogito”

Moderator: Elisa Torres, IPS Philosophy

12:15-2:00 pm: Lunch Break

2:00-3:10 pm: **Panel IV: The Problem of Application: Wisdom and the Social**

- Christopher Parr, “Fighting the Devil by Pen and Ink: Cassiodorus and the End of Classical Education”
- Patrick Andrews, “Natural Law and Public Affairs”
- Jimmy Hartley, “A Misguided Truth: An Insight into Germany’s Rise of Nazism from a Lost Identity”

Moderator: Angela Burr, Master of Classics

3:20-4:30 pm: **Panel V: Hierarchy and Autonomy**

- Emily Mistaleski, “Herodotus on Freedom: Preservation of One’s Own”
- Alexander Olar, “E Pluribus Unum: Distinct Diversity in Creation and Study”
- Peter Tardiff, “The Viewless Wings of Poesy”

Moderator: James DeMasi, IPS Literature

5:00-6:00 pm: **Keynote Panel: The Distinctiveness of the Disciplines in the Quest for Truth**

- Dr. Joshua Parens, Philosophy
- Dr. Richard Dougherty, Political Philosophy
- Dr. Gilbert Garza, Psychology
- Dr. Kathryn Davis, Literature
- Fr. Thomas Esposito, Theology

Moderator: Dr. John Peterson, IPS Politics

6:00-7:00 pm: Reception

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