



7th Annual Braniff Conference in the Liberal Arts

Solitude and Community

Plenary Address: Dr. Matthew J. Peterson, Vice President of Education at the Claremont Institute, and Editor of *The American Mind*

Keynote Address: Dr. Mark T. Mitchell, Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Government, Patrick Henry College

Friday, March 5, 2021

- 1:30 – 3:00 Graduate Seminar lead by Matthew J. Peterson, Vice President of Education at the Claremont Institute (Serafy, SB Hall)
- 3:30 – 4:30 Poetry Reading, featuring a curated group of local poets (Multipurpose, SB Hall)
- 4:00 – 5:30 Opening Reception, Registration sponsored by the English Department (Foyer and Patio, SB Hall)
- 5:30 – 7:00 Plenary Address by Matthew J. Peterson, Vice President of Education at the Claremont Institute (Multipurpose, SB Hall)
- 7:00 – 8:00 Depart for Dinner

Saturday, March 6, 2021 (Multipurpose Room, SB Hall)

- 9:30 – 10:20 Continental breakfast and registration
- 10:20 – 12:00 **Law and Communion**
Moderator: Patrick Gordon, University of Dallas

“Community of Twelve”

Jake Crabbs, JD, Illinois Appellate Court

Respondent: Melissa Dow, University of Dallas

“The Lawful Use of the Law: Applications and Implications from a Covenantal-Historical Interpretation of Matthew 23”

Philip Thomas Mohr, The Catholic University of America

Respondent: Nicolas McAfee, University of Dallas

“Communion in Solitude and Solitude in Communion: Are Crusoe’s Raisins Really ‘Physical, Wholesome, Nourishing, and Refreshing to the Last Degree?’”

Sarah Kaderbek, Baylor University

Respondent: Joshua Patch, University of Dallas

12:00 – 1:20 Lunch in Haggard Cafeteria

1:20 – 2:40 **Individualism and Renewal**

Moderator: David Cannaday, University of Dallas

“Auden’s Ages of Anxiety”

Ian Tuttle, The Catholic University of America

Respondent: Hannah Rogers, University of Dallas

“Yves Simon on Autonomy and the Interdependence of Liberty and Authority”

Monica Burke, The Catholic University of America

Respondent: Elisa Torres, University of Dallas

2:40 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:40 **Societies and the Self**

Moderator: Ellen Scheuermann, University of Dallas

“Is Achilles a Guardian? Poetry and Politics in Books II-III of Plato’s *Republic*”

Maura Cowan, Tulane University

Respondent: Dolan Kay, University of Dallas

“Formation through the Community of Mother and Child in Marie Howe’s *Magdalene*”

Christina Lambert, Baylor University

Respondent: Dr. Andrew Osborn, University of Dallas

“MacIntyre, Taylor, and the Heroic Ordinary”

Elly Brown, Princeton University

Respondent: Josiah J. Duran, University of Dallas

4:40 – 5:10 Break

5:10 – 5:30 BGSA President Welcome & Conferral of BGSA Service Award

5:30 – 7:00 Keynote Address “Four Gifts: From Stillness to Stewardship,” by Mark T. Mitchell, Professor of Government, Patrick Henry College