



# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Braniff Conference in the Liberal Arts For Every Time, A Season

**Plenary Address:** Dr. Jonathan J. Sanford, President and Professor of Philosophy, University of Dallas

**Keynote Address:** Dr. Andrew Willard Jones, Director of Catholic Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville

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## Friday, March 4, 2022

- 2:30 – 3:30 Poetry Reading, featuring a curated group of Braniff graduate student poets (Art History Auditorium)
- 4:00 – 5:15 Registration, Opening Reception sponsored by the English Department (Thompson Loggia, Haggerty Art Gallery)
- 5:15 – 6:45 “A Time to Study: Docility and the Role of Faith in Liberal Education”  
Plenary Address by Dr. Jonathan Sanford, President, University of Dallas (Art History Auditorium)
- 7:00 Depart for Dinner

## Saturday, March 5, 2022 (Catholic Foundation Board Room – Room 219, Cardinal Farrell Hall)

- 8:30 – 9:30 Continental breakfast for speakers and volunteers, Registration
- 9:30 – 11:10 **The Seasonal Animal**  
Moderator: Dolan Kay, University of Dallas
- “Stages in Personal Differentiation: The Seasons and John Paul II’s Cycle of Knowledge and Generation as a Reception of Life”  
Dr. Grzegorz Ignatik, Associate Professor, Pontifical College Josephinum  
Respondent: Matthew Wilde, University of Dallas
- “Good Qualities for Young People in the *Nicomachean Ethics*”  
Joseph Cherny, University of St. Thomas (Houston)  
Respondent: Natalie Moreira, University of Dallas
- “Independence and Orthodoxy in Hagiographies of Three Eremitic Fathers”  
Kelsey Coia, The Polis Institute  
Respondent: Andrew Bobo, University of Dallas
- 11:30 – 12:50 Lunch in Haggart Cafeteria

- 1:00 – 2:40     **Winter and Decay**  
Moderator: Maia Campbell, University of Dallas
- “Winter and the Withdrawal of God: Hildegard, Anselm, and Heidegger”  
Jens Harrington, Villanova University  
Respondent: Dr. Michael Vendsel, University of Dallas
- “The Changing of the Times as the Changing of the Seasons: Historiography as Conceptual Analysis of Time and Nature”  
Nayeli L. Riano, Georgetown University  
Respondent: Alexander Taylor, University of Dallas
- “Seasons of Civilization: A Model for Hope in the Catholic Revival Novels of J.K. Huysmans and Gertrud von le Fort”  
Stephanie Stoeckl, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Respondent: Prof. Ron E. Scrogam, University of Dallas
- 2:40 – 3:00     Break
- 3:00 – 4:40     **Transcendence and Springtime**  
Moderator: Rachel Dugan Wood, University of Dallas
- “Fortune’s Wheel and Philosophy’s Cure: How the Seasons Model Man’s Road to Happiness”  
Knox Merkle, New Saint Andrews College  
Respondent: Erica Johnson, University of Dallas
- “Henri de Lubac and the Seasonal Nature of Theology”  
Michael D. Boland, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, Catholic University of America  
Respondent: Nicolas McAfee, University of Dallas
- “Hope in the Resurrection, not in Progress: John Henry Newman’s ‘The Second Spring’ as a Rebuke of Liberal History”  
Austin Walker, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago  
Respondent: Zachary Meckley, University of Dallas
- 4:40 – 5:10     Break
- 5:10 – 5:30     BGSa President Welcome & Conferral of BGSa Service Award
- 5:30 – 7:00     “*The Senses of Scripture and the Cycles of History in the High Middle Ages*”  
Keynote Address by Dr. Andrew Jones, Director of Catholic Studies,  
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