



ProVita

Online Newsletter of the
University Faculty for Life



In this edition we review the *Life and Learning Conference XXV*, held at the University of St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis.. We also focus on the many recent accomplishments of our members.

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UFL Updates

In which we highlight the activities of our organization, members, and chapters, including publications, talks, and consultations.

UFL

- ***Life and Learning Proceedings.*** The UFL's conference proceedings are available through the **2014** conference at [UFL Annual Proceedings](#) link on the UFL web page.
- ***Cardinal O’Connor Conference for Life.*** UFL once again will cosponsor the [Cardinal O’Connor Conference for Life](#) at Georgetown University in conjunction with the March for Life in Washington,. D.C. on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The theme this year will be “Whose Choice?” Details will be forthcoming on their web page.

Publications and member activities

- **Helen M. Alvaré** (law), “Religious Freedom versus Sexual Expression: A Guide” (October 2, 2015). *Journal of Law and Religion*, 2015, Forthcoming; George Mason Legal Studies Research Paper No. LS 15-28. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2668741>.

“The Opposite of Anarchy and the Transmission of Faith: The Freedom to Teach after Smith, Hosanna Tabor, Obergefell and the Ascendancy of Sexual Expressionism” (October 2, 2015). *San Diego Law Review*, Forthcoming 2015; George Mason Legal Studies Research Paper No. LS 15-26. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2668677>.

- **Stephen J. Heaney** (philosophy), “[Keeping the Spotlight on Planned Parenthood](#),” (Public Discourse, September 14, 2015).
- **Richard Stith** (law), “[Facing the Unborn.](#)” *First Things* (August 2015).

Last November Stith presented a lecture at Ave Maria School of Law entitled “How to Explain the Truth to Those Who Claim Not to Believe in Truth Yet Nevertheless Cannot Help Seeking It.” At St. Edwards University, in February, he discussed the possibility of “Life-or-Death Sentencing.” His “Construction vs. Development: Polarizing Models of Human Gestation” appeared in the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* Vol. 24, No. 4, 345–384, December 2014. This coming November he returns to Ave Maria for a follow-up lecture, and in December he has been invited to address a faculty seminar

at Columbia University, where he will present a paper entitled "Excluding Religion Excludes More Than Religion."

- UFL board member **Lynn Wardle** (law) has written an article for CNSNews.com called "[Disintegration of Sexual and Marital Morality Is Having a Detrimental Impact on Society](#)." Wardle highlights the detrimental effect Roe v. Wade has had on U.S. culture. He also discusses the possibility that the U.S. can reverse the trend.

Wardle has also written, "[The Future of the Family: The Social and Legal Impacts of Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage](#)," (2015).

- Here is a neat interview about philosophy in *America* magazine with UFL board member **Fr. Joe Koterski, SJ**. "[Catholic Philosophy Today: 11 Questions for Joseph Koterski, S.J.](#)"
- Michael Foley and UFL member **Frank Beckwith** appeared on KCEN television to discuss the significance of the pope's visit to the United States. [Click here to access the video](#). There are several videos of the interview.
- [Here are some recent articles](#) by **Mark Latkovic** (moral theology) on the [Truth and Charity Forum](#) of Human Life International web page.
- **Kevin Miller** (moral theology) spoke on October 16th at Marquette University on "Ethical strengths and weaknesses of physician orders for life sustaining treatments."
- **Debora M. Savage** (theology and philosophy) gave a presentation, "Male and Female He Created Them," on John Paul II's Theology of the Body on November 3 at Franciscan University Steubenville.
- **Monica Migliorino Miller** (theology) writes in *Crisis*, "[Were Planned Parenthood Videos Produced Unethically](#)," a defense of David

Daleiden against the accusation that the deception he and his team engaged in to gain the videos of Planned Parenthood was immoral because it was lying, which is always wrong.

- UFL member **Fr. John Conley, S.J.** (philosophy) recently wrote a piece for *America* magazine called, "[An Elusive Integral Ecology](#)." Conley discusses the approach to the environment that influenced Pope Francis in writing his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, addressing the relationship between the economy and ecology and the non-economic components of the ecology that focuses on human relations.

Fr. Conley also recently had two plays produced dealing with human life themes. *The Dissertation* dealt with the Armenian genocide during World War I. It was performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Labor Day Weekend and at Theatre Project in Baltimore Sep. 10 to Sep. 20. *Just Like Us* presents a dystopian Baltimore one hundred years in the future. Eugenic engineering has eliminated all differences; everyone now happily shares the same race, same religion, even the same taste in dessert. It was performed at Single Carrot Theatre in October.

- **Peter J. Colosi** (moral theology), "[The HHS Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom or The Life Issues](#)," *The Catholic Social Science Review* 20 (2015): 53-73. It also appeared in *Crisis* online.
- **Christopher Kaczor** (moral theology) wrote a review of "[Reason, Morality, and Law: The Philosophy of John Finnis](#)," (Public Discourse, October 8, 2015). Finnis is a long-time UFL member. If you haven't read the book, the review may encourage you.

Social Networking

- Don't forget, UFL is on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In. On Facebook you can "like" the "University Faculty for Life" page. On Twitter follow "Faculty4Life". Our blog can be found at www.ufl.org/blog/. There is also an active "University Faculty for Life" subgroup of the "Pro-life Professionals" group on LinkedIn.

Other Resources

- At the 2013 Life and Learning Conference in San Francisco there was a presentation by Nyna Pais Caputi about a film she and her husband were producing about female infanticide and other abuses of women in India. The film has now been released. You can find out more about it at the [Petals in the Dust web page](#).

Resources

In which we highlight scholarly journal and online articles and resources regarding abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia representing all sides of the issue.

Recent and upcoming research

- Daniel K. Williams (history), *Defenders of the Unborn: The Pro-Life Movement before Roe v. Wade* (Oxford University Press, 2015) attempts to disabuse the reader of the idea that the pro-life movement is simply reactionary. Rather, it sprang from the same impulse as the civil rights movement.
- *Bioethics: An Anthology* (Blackwell Philosophy Anthologies). 3rd edition. Helga Kuhse, Udo Schüklenk, Peter Singer, eds. Wiley-Blackwell, 2015. Contains pro- and con- essays on life issues.

- Artur Rosman of the Patheos blog called "CosmosTheLost" recently interviewed Charles C. Camosy is Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at Fordham University. "[The Anti-Abortion Supermajority: Beyond the Abortion Wars](#)." Camosy is the author of *Beyond the Abortion Wars: A Way Forward for a New Generation* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2015). In the interview Camosy discusses whether there is any purely secular argument for the dignity of the unborn and the role of prophetic action in the pro-life movement.
- Emeziem, Cosmas, "A Right to Die? A Comparative Legal Philosophical Enquiry" (August 27, 2015). This article is a survey of philosophical positions related to euthanasia. It considers argument pro and con. It appears to be relatively even-handed. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2652303> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2652303>.
- Beck, Randy, "Twenty-Week Abortion Statutes: Four Arguments" (March 2, 2015). *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*, Forthcoming. This article give four legal arguments in favor of a ban on abortion after 20-weeks of gestation without, however, arguing from an anti-abortion position. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2573213> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2573213>.
- William Hutchison, *A Dissertation on Infanticide: In Its Relations to Physiology and Jurisprudence* (Forgotten Books, 2015). This is a restored and reprinted facsimile edition of a book published in 1821. [An unrestored facsimile of the original is available at archive.com](#). Forgotten Books has restored and reissued many other historical books on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.
- Adriana Cavarero and Angelo Scola, *Thou Shalt Not Kill: A Political and Theological Dialogue (Commonalities)* (Fordham University Press, 2015). A dialogue between

a feminist and the Archbishop of Milan about life issues.

Opposing viewpoints

- We are used to hearing a comparison of abortion to slavery. Here is the opposite view, that “forced labor,” like slavery, is forbidden by the 13th Amendment, therefore abortion should be legal. Koppelman, Andrew, “Forced Labor: A Thirteenth Amendment Defense of Abortion” (1990). 84 *Northwestern University Law Review* 480 (1990); Northwestern Public Law Research Paper No. 15-46. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2669824>.
- One of the ways to promote abortion is to redefine language. Here is an article that affirms that regret is a significant emotional aftereffect of abortion, but denies that the presence of regret means what many people think it means. Madeira, Jody Lynee, “Aborted Emotions: Regret, Relationality and Regulation” (January 1, 2014). *Michigan Journal of Gender & Law*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2014; Indiana Legal Studies Research Paper No. 324. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2640329>.
- Johanna Schoen. *Abortion after Roe: Abortion after Legalization (Studies in Social Medicine)* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2015). This book, by a historian at Rutgers, argues that the increasing extremism of the antiabortion movement has led abortion advocates and providers to ever more see “abortion care” as a moral act.
- Sally Sheldon, “[The regulatory cliff edge between contraception and abortion: the legal and moral significance of implantation.](#)” This paper offers an argument that even implantation, which is the standard in English law, is not a good “divider” for the determination of human life. The purpose of the argument is to make way for technologies that prevent gestation, but which may operate either before or after implantation.

Statistics and data

- LifeSiteNews has an article, “[Progress: States have enacted dozens of pro-life laws so far in 2015,](#)” by Dustin Siggins, discussing the increase in the number of state laws restricting abortion in the past few years. They compare and contrast the [Guttmacher Institute](#) statistics with the [Americans United for Life](#) statistics. Both show a clear increase in laws restricting abortion, but because they count differently, they come up with different numbers.

Editor’s Corner

Preparing *Provita* gives me exposure to some very interesting approaches and strategies from pro-abortion/euthanasia/infanticide scholars.

For instance, I have recently noticed a phrase among their literature, the irony of which seems to escape them. That phrase is “abortion care.” In other words, what they are promoting and defending is good “abortion care.” For instance, there is an NGO called [IPAS](#):

dedicated to ending preventable deaths and disabilities from unsafe abortion. Through local, national and global partnerships, Ipas [sic] works to ensure that women can obtain safe, respectful and comprehensive abortion care, including counseling and contraception to prevent future unintended pregnancies.” IPAS has as one of its principles, “Every woman has a right to safe reproductive health choices, including safe **abortion care** [emphasis added] (“[Who We Are](#)”).

That such a procedure can’t even pass muster as care for the mother, much less the child, is something that seems not to have crossed their minds.

Another important distortion of language is the equation of pregnancy with implantation, as the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology would have it. Biologists would not accept that standard. [Here is a link to a list of texts that place the beginning of a new human life at fertilization.](#)

Finally, there is the article cited above that seeks to redefine “regret,” so that the presence of regret does not equate to remorse.

Language is important. What is conception? What is human life? What is marriage? What is health? What is freedom? Efforts at a pro-life culture will always include attempts to shape language so that it more accurately reflects reality, rather than simply attempting to justify the desires of the speaker.

Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out in October, 2014. We need

- Notices of member’s publications, presentations and other activities,
- Calls for papers and notices of upcoming conferences.

Masthead

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ProVita is the quarterly online newsletter of the [University Faculty for Life](#). Its purpose is to pre research, dialogue and publication by faculty who respect the value of human life from inception to natural death, especially focusing on abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide. More information about UFL can be found on our web site at uffl.org. Editorial correspondence can be sent to the editor at <mailto:provitanews@yahoo.com>.

- Citations of relevant significant research in any discipline, whether from a pro-life perspective, neutral, or the opposing perspective.
- Useful online and print resources.

You can send them to me any time. I will put them on the [blog](#) first, and then put them in *ProVita*. Any contributions may be forwarded to provitanews@yahoo.com.

Resources for research and education

| Member web pages and blogs | | |
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| UFL Blog | http://www.uffl.org/blog/ | |
| UFL Annual Proceedings. | http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html | |
| Peter Colosi | http://peterjcolosi.com/ | |
| Francis Beckwith Return to Rome | http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/ | |
| Janet E. Smith | http://www.janetesmith.org/ | |
| Mirror of Justice | http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/ | A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory. |
| Culture of Life Foundation | http://www.cultureoflife.org/ | Complex moral issues made simple |
| Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse | http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/ | Public Discourse is an online publication of the Witherspoon Institute that seeks to enhance the public understanding of the moral foundations of free societies by making the scholarship of the fellows and affiliated scholars of the Institute available and accessible to a general audience. |
| Human Life Internation Truth and Charity | http://www.truthandcharityforum.org/ | “The <i>Truth and Charity Forum</i> is an online publication of Human Life International (HLI), dedicated exclusively to the sacredness and gift of all human life, the mission and vocation of |

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| | | the family, and the right to live in accord with our Catholic faith.” |
| Conferences | | |
| Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference | http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-conference-videos | Held in November |
| Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life | http://cardinaloconnorconference.com/ | Co-sponsored by UFL. Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January. |
| Prolife World Congress | http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/ | The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish |
| Online resources | | |
| Social Science Research Network (SSRN) | http://ssrn.com/en/ | SSRN (the Social Science Research Network). “Our vision was (and still is) to enable scholars to share and distribute their research worldwide, long before their papers work their way through the multi-year journal refereeing and publication process.” |
| ***USCCB Human Life and Dignity web page | http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm | United States Conference of Catholic Bishops |
| World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education | http://www.wecareexperts.org/ | International research collaboration, Scientific information dissemination, Professional education, Consultation, Expert testimony, Program evaluation, Grant writing |

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| <p>Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling (2d edition, 2012)</p> | <p>http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe</p> | <p>“In this ground-breaking book, Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who covered the Supreme Court for 30 years for The New York Times, and Reva Siegel, a renowned professor at Yale Law School, collect documents illustrating cultural, political, and legal forces that helped shape the Supreme Court’s decision and the meanings it would come to have over time.”</p> |
| <p>Reproductive Research Audit</p> | <p>http://reproductiveresearchaudit.com/</p> | <p>“Reproductive Research Audit (RRA) exists to shine a light on the methodology of scientific studies on reproductive health issues, exposing their bias, flaws and propensity to ignore data that does not support a pre-determined political agenda.”</p> |
| <p>Global Health and Human Rights Database</p> | <p>http://www.globalhealthrights.org/</p> | <p>“The Global Health and Human Rights Database is a free online database of law from around the world relating to health and human rights. Developed by Lawyers Collective and the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, in collaboration with a worldwide network of civil society partners, the database offers an interactive, searchable, and fully indexed website of case law, national constitutions and international instruments.”</p> |
| <p>Academia.edu</p> | <p>https://www.academia.edu/</p> | <p>A place to share research.</p> |
| <p>Journals and online publications</p> | | |
| <p>Human Life Review</p> | <p>http://www.humanlifereview.com/</p> | |

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| Linacre Quarterly | http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/ | Journal of the Catholic Medical Association. |
| Post-Abortion Review | http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm | “Documents abortion's injustice and harm to women” |
| ***Charlotte Lozier Institute (Susan B. Anthony List) | http://www.lozierinstitute.org/ | The education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List |
| Ethika Politika | http://ethikapolitika.org/ | Ethika Politika is a publication of the Center for Morality in Public Life. Its purpose is to put the search for wisdom at the service of good practical decisions, and to engage contemporary ethical and cultural issues from an elevated yet common sense perspective. |
| Organizations | | |
| Society of Catholic Social Scientists | http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/ | |
| Catholic Medical Association | http://cathmed.org/ | |
| Healing the Culture | http://healingtheculture.com/ | Promotes the Life Principles of UFL co-founder Robert J. Spitzer, SJ. |
| Bioethics defense fund | http://www.bdfund.org/ | <p>Bioethics Defense Fund (BDF) is a public-interest law firm whose mission is to advocate for the human right to life via litigation, legislation and public education.</p> <p>BDF provides legal expertise and public education on the issues of healthcare rights of conscience, abortion and its impact on women, human cloning/destructive human</p> |

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| | | embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing. |
| National Catholic Bioethics Center | http://www.ncbcenter.org/ | Publishes the <i>National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly</i> |
| Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas | http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/ | Founded and headed by UFL member Teresa Collett |
| Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity | http://cbhd.org/ | “The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity explores the nexus of biomedicine, biotechnology, and our common humanity. Within a Judeo-Christian Hippocratic framework, we anticipate, interpret, and engage the pressing bioethical issues of our day. As a center of rigorous research, theological and conceptual analysis, charitable critique, and thoughtful engagement, we bring clarity to the complex issues of our day.” |
| Feminists for Life | http://www.feministsforlife.org/ | |
| The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) | http://icolf.org/ | “The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) was established with a view to producing, compiling and providing a broad range of resources and materials for a number of interested parties working on “Law, life, faith and family” issues on the national, regional and international levels.” |

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| National Right to Life News | http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/#.Sp5dWSo | |
| LifeNews.com | http://www.lifenews.com/ | |
| LifeSiteNews | http://www.lifesitenews.com/ | |
| Bioedge | http://www.bioedge.org/ | Bioethics News around the world |
| Anti-life resources | | |
| RH Reality Check | http://rhrealitycheck.org/ | Reproductive and Sexual Health and Justice News, Analysis and Commentary |
| Guttmacher Institute | http://www.guttmacher.org/ | Research arm of Planned Parenthood Federation. Guttmacher Policy Review Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health . International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health |