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Friday, June 10, 2016

- 12:00 – 2:00pm **Conference Registration - (AMU)**
- (2:00 – 5:00pm) **Additional Registration Time - (AMU)**
- 12:00 – 5:00pm **Refreshments - (AMU - Foyer)**
- 2:00 – 2:15pm **Conference Opening and Welcome - (AMU –Lunda Room)**
- 2:20 – 3:50pm **Panel Session I - (AMU)**

A. Arguing for Life

- **Susan Windley-Daoust** (Saint Mary's University of Minnesota) "Five 'Tricks of the Heart' Regarding Physician Assisted Suicide" must present Friday at 2pm
- **Simona Kragh** (Averett University) "The Bridge That Does Not Exist: The Effectiveness of *Reductio ad Absurdum* and the Socratic Method in Teaching on the Issues of Abortion and Euthanasia"
- **Joshua Cole** (Saint Joseph's College) "Arguing Why Precisely Assisted Suicide is Wrong and Whether Morality is More Like Math or Art"

B. Religious Viewpoints

- **Laura Meli** (University of Iowa) "How Jewish Ethics Can Enrich Our Understanding of End of Life Issues"
- **James Stroud** (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology) "Technological Advances and Communication: Revisiting the Catholic Church's Teaching on PVS Patients"
- **Rachel MacNair** (Independent Scholar) "How Different World Religions Have Seen Abortion and Infanticide"

C. End of Life Decisions

- **Heidi Giebel** (University of St. Thomas - St. Paul) "End-of-Life Options and Double Effect: On the Use and Misuse of a Classical Ethical Principle"
- **Jessica Adkins** (Saint Louis University) "Robbed of Life: A Thomistic Position on Terminal Sedation"

- **David Limbaugh** (University at Buffalo) “Animals, Advance Directives, and Prudence: Should we let the Cheerfully Demented Die?”

4:00 - 5:00pm **Plenary Address I - (AMU – Lunda Room)**

- **Timothy Jessick, DO** (Specialist in Hospice and Palliative Care, Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center)

5:00 – 5:45pm **President’s Reception - (AMU – 5th Floor)**

5:45 – 7:00pm **Dinner – (AMU - Lunda Room)**

7:15 - 8:15pm **Plenary Address II - (AMU - Lunda Room)**

- **Thomas Cavanaugh** (University of San Francisco) “Let Me Count the Ways: Why Physicians Ought Not Kill”

8:30 – 9:30pm **Wine and Cheese Reception (AMU – Lunda Room/Haggarty Lounge)**

Saturday, June 11, 2016

8:00am **Mass – (AMU – Chapel of the Holy Family)**

8:15 – 9:00am **Continental Breakfast (AMU – Foyer)**

9:00 – 10:30am **Panel Session II – (AMU)**

A. Panel Discussion on Brain Death - Part 1

Note: This is the first part of a two-panel symposium on brain death. The order of speakers and the distribution of discussants is still tentative. The papers will be made available in advance - the discussion will presuppose that participants have already read the papers.

- **Christopher Tollefsen** (University of South Carolina) "You will never be a brain dead organism"

Discussant: **Fr. Thomas Berg** (St. Joseph’s Seminary)

- **Michael Gorman** (The Catholic University of America) “Metaphysical Worries about Brain Death”

Discussant: **Jason Eberl** (Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine)

- **Maureen Condic** (University of Utah School of Medicine) “Embryos and Integration”

Discussant: **Robert Buchanan, M.D.**, University of Texas at Austin

B. The Abortion Decision

- **Nicholas DiFonzo** (Rochester Institute of Technology) “Framing Unplanned Pregnancy Decision Making within the Theory of Planned Behavior”
- **Steven Abell** (University of Detroit Mercy) “Towards a New Psychology of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life”
- **Timothy Rothhaar** (Marquette University) "On the Notion of Having: Abortion qua Existential Despair"

10:45am – 12:15pm Panel Session III – (AMU)

A. Panel Discussion on Brain Death - Part 2

- **Melissa Moschella** (The Catholic University of America) “Integrated but Not Whole? Applying an Ontological Account of Human Organismal Unity to the Brain Death Debate”
Discussant: **Christian Brugger** (St. John Vianney Theological Seminary)
- **Josef Seifert** (International Academy of Philosophy) TBD
Discussant: **Thomas Cavanaugh** (University of San Francisco)

B. Population Studies

- **Katherine Sherman, Ibrahim Vazirabad, Sarthak, Dabas Sarthak** (Marquette University) “Baby Boom and Generation Z: Environmental and Social Factors Affect Birth Sex Ratio Globally”
- **David Banaszak** (Clark State Community College) “Population Decline – Good or Bad?”

C. Recent Cases and Life Issues

- **Richard Myers (Ave Maria School of Law)** “Obergefell, Substantive Due Process, and the Constitutionality of Laws Banning Assisted Suicide”
- **Steven Gilles (Quinnipiac University School of Law)** “Reflections on The Whole Women’s Health Case”
- **Edward Gehringer** (North Carolina State University) “Conscience protections: Premises and practice”

12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch - (AMU Lunda Room)

1:15 – 2:45 pm Plenary Address III - (AMU – Lunda Room)

- **Christopher Wolfe** (University of Dallas) “Washington v. Glucksberg and Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Pyrrhic Victory?”

3:00 – 4:30 pm Panel Session IV - (AMU)

A. Sorrow, Dignity and the Spiritual Soul

- **Margaret Hughes** (College of Mount Saint Vincent) “Contemplative Sorrow and the Culture of Life”
- **David Hershenov** (University at Buffalo) “Death and Dignity”
- **Peter Colosi** (Salve Regina University) “St. Augustine’s Philosophical Arguments for the Reality of the Spiritual Soul as Indispensable in Contemporary Arguments against Euthanasia”

B. Human Generation, the Right to Life, and the Common Good

- **Matthew Lu** (University of St. Thomas) “The Metaphysics of Human Generation”
- **Lynn Wardle** (J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University), “The Self-Evident Truth of the Inalienable Right to Life: the Slavery Analogy and the Path from Political Rhetoric to Legal Reality”
- **Barbara Freres** (Cardinal Stritch University) “The Common Good and PAS”

C. Life and Art, Perception and Reality

- **Jeff Koloze** (South University), “Biography and Abortion: Perception and Distortion of Reality in Accounts of and by Aborted Mothers”
- **Bernadette Waterman Ward** (University of Dallas) “Sethe, Denver and the Post-Traumatic Family in Morrison’s *Beloved*”
- “Farewell to Hippocrates” and “Just Like Us”, readings by **John Conley, SJ; Joseph Koterski, SJ; Jeff Koloze**

- 4:30 – 5:00 pm** **Open Microphone - (AMU – Lunda Room)**
- 5:15 – 6:15 pm** **Catholic Vigil Mass - (AMU – Chapel of the Holy Family)**
- 6:30 – 8:30pm** **Closing Banquet - (AMU – Lunda Room)**
- Smith Award Recipient and Speaker:**
Joseph Koterski, SJ (Fordham University)
 “Spiritual Care at the End of Life”
- 8:30 – 10:30pm** **Hospitality Suite – (Haggarty Lounge)**