



ProVita

Online Newsletter of the University Faculty for Life



In this edition we review this year's Life and Learning conference at Fordham in the Bronx. 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

➤ **2014 Conference.** On June 6-7, UFL held its annual Life and Learning Conference on the beautiful, rose-bedecked campus of Fordham University in the Bronx. The meeting featured a combination of keynote speakers, break-out sessions, and awards banquets.

Smith Award. Among the highlights was the presentation of the annual Smith Award to Helen Alvaré, Professor of Law at George Mason University and long-time pro-life spokesperson and activist.

In her acceptance speech, Alvaré discussed strategies for effectively communicating a

pro-life, pro-family message in cultural context that may not respond to arguments that appeal to the welfare of the child, the mother, or the poor. Among her proposals is to clearly articulate and compare and contrast the different anthropologies of those who reject the traditional understandings of life and sexuality and those who support them.



She also talked about the importance of showing young people in a hook-up culture how a traditional approach to sexuality helps make families into communities of love that contribute to human flourishing.

The weekend also included two plenary talks: One by Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, of the Sisters for Life, the other by Erika Bachiachi. There were many break-out session with topics including: brain death, the Hobby Lobby case, pro-life tactics.



Among the more light-hearted moments is the annual “check-in” after the Saturday banquet. Members take turns standing on a

chair (or coffee table in this case) to report on any significant events in their personal or professional lives during the past year.



Scholarly Achievement Award.

One of the highlights of the UFL Life and Learning Conference is the Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research given to talented undergraduate and graduate students. This year the awards were given by Jeff Koloze and Clara Sarrocco at the Saturday night banquet in an Oscar-style presentation, complete with “And the envelope, please!” The award recipients for this year were:

Creative Writing

- First place: Kimberly Hubbard (Baylor University) for her short story “Infinite?”
- Second place: Teresa Pincus (North Carolina State University) for her short story, “Confessions of a Sidewalk Counselor.”

Research

- First place: Andrew Kubick (Holy Apostles College and Seminary, Cromwell, Connecticut) for his essay “Could GMO Classification Facilitate the Global Trafficking of Human Embryos for Scientific Research?”

- Second place: Anthony Crescio (Marquette) for his essay, “Abortion: A Threat to the Actualization of the Mother as an Individual.”

The student scholars who win in any category may be offered an opportunity to read their work before the annual conference of University Faculty for Life. They may have their work published on UFL’s website and in conference proceedings. Finally, first-place winners in each category received \$200.



➤ *Life and Learning Proceedings.*

The UFL’s conference proceedings are available through the 2009 conference at [UFL Annual Proceedings](#) link on the UFL web page.

Publications and member activities

- **Peter Colosi** (moral theology) is featured in a new video, “[Life Affirming Choices](#),” produced for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The movie looks at end-of-life ethical issues by focusing on the story of a young man, Brenden Flynn, who suffered a significant brain injury in an accident when he was eighteen. Colosi and several other provide a theoretical framework for the

events in Flynn's life and for the life-affirming choices Flynn's parents made.

- **Teresa Collett** (law), UFL President and Professor at the University of St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis, was the primary author of an [amicus curiae brief](#) in the Arizona case of NAACP et. al. v. Tom Horne, et al. The brief defends a challenged Arizona law that prohibits abortions for the purpose of sex selection.
- **Francis Beckwith** (political science) writes, "[On Slippery Slopes](#)," for *The Catholic Thing* (July 19, 2014). In it he discusses why the Hobby Lobby decision is not undermined by a "slippery slope fallacy" challenge.
- **Richard Weikart** (history), "The Role of Evolutionary Ethics in Nazi Propaganda and Worldview Training," in *Nazi Ideology and Ethics*, eds. Wolfgang Bialas and Lothar Fritze (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014). This essay explores the way that Nazi ideology stressed the importance of biological improvement of humanity as the highest moral goal.
- The Washington & Lee Law Review just published the papers from the "[Roe at 40](#)" conference held at W & L on November 7, 2013. Much of the funding for this conference came from University Faculty for Life (UFL). The conference was largely made possible through the efforts of Sam Calhoun (who is a member of the W & L faculty and a member of the UFL Board).

The conference included speakers from varying perspectives. The speakers included Clarke Forsythe, **Sam Calhoun**, **Richard Myers**, Tom Molony, **Teresa Collett**, Randy Beck, and Lynn Marie Kohm.

- **Lynn Wardle** (law) posted on the UFL Blog [an analysis of statistics on the impact of genderless marriage on marriage rates and the rates of abortion](#). "In short, the early European data as a whole appear to contradict the 'Conservative Case' hypothesis and support the conclusion by

Allen, Hawkins and Carroll that the adoption of a genderless marriage regime tends to alienate substantial numbers of heterosexuals from marriage—much to the detriment of their children." The "detriment" includes the chose to abort out-of-wedlock children, as can be seen in Wardle's further analysis [here](#).

- **Christopher Carr** (theology) has written a review of Dan Maguire's *Sacred Choices* for the *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, 19:2 (2014), 407-424. "Maguire believes that a burgeoning world population is leading to environmental depletion and thus human suffering and death on a massive scale. The only way to prevent these calamities is to permit abortion. In his examination of world religions, he finds doctrines that support abortion as a morally acceptable means of family planning. However, the argument in *Sacred Choices* is fundamentally flawed. An analysis of method reveals inconsistencies in Maguire's reasoning, while the doctrinal content supporting his understanding of abortion rights that he claims to have found in each religion does not in fact exist."
- **Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ** (philosophy) wrote "Moral Dilemmas in Medieval Thought, from Gratian to Aquinas," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 54:2 (June, 2014), 240-242.
- Two UFL members reviewed Clarke Forsythe's *Abuse of Discretion: The Inside Story of Roe v. Wade*. **Christopher Kaczor** (philosophy), *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 14:2 (Summer 2014), 382-384; **Monica Migliorino Miller** (theology), *First Things: A Monthly Journal of Religion & Public Life* 244 (June/July, 2014), 63-64.
- **Fr. John Conley, SJ** (philosophy) continues writing columns for *America* magazine. In "Unexpected Ecumenism," *America* 210:19 (6/9/2014) 36-36, he discusses the ecumenical nature of University Faculty for Life. In "Just Friends," *America* 210:15 (4/28/2014), 32-32, he discusses the loss of a classical, healthy understanding of friendship in our sexualized culture.

- **Alvaré, Helen**, (law) in “Familiarity Breeds Content,” *America* 210:19 (6/9/2014), 12-12, compares tensions within the Catholic Church over political issues with the real enemies -- individualism, materialism, and careerism.
- **Doerflinger, Richard M.**, “A Careful Reading,” *America* 210:12 (4/7/2014), 21-26, looks at the ethical implications of the Affordable Care Act.
- **Glenn Olsen** (history) reviews Peter Schafer’s *The Jewish Jesus: How Judaism and Christianity Shaped Each Other*, in *European Legacy* 19:2 (March, 2014), 273-274.
- **Anne Barbeau Gardiner** (English) has written several book reviews for *New Oxford Review*. In “Intimate Friends of Jesus Christ,” *New Oxford Review* 81:5 (June, 2014), 43-45, she reviews John Cavadini’s *The Charism of Priestly Celibacy: Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Reflections*. In “Sister Schneiders’s Vow of Disobedience,” 81:4 (May, 2014), 41-44, she reviews several books by Sandra M. Schneiders. She also reviews Ronald Sider’s *The Early Church on Killing: A Comprehensive Sourcebook on War, Abortion, and Capital Punishment*, 81:4 (May, 2014), 46-47 and *Ten Years in Prison*, by Carmel Duca and Mary Rose Mifsud, 81:3 (April, 2014), 43-45.
- **James Hanink** (philosophy) wrote “The Political Humanism of Hannah Arendt,” *Review of Metaphysics* 67:3 (March, 2014), 647-648.
- In “The Very Rev. Allen,” *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* 27:4 (July/August, 2014), 15-17, **James Hitchcock** (history) discusses the life and death of the controversial dean of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis.
- **Thomas Hughson, SJ** (theology) wrote *Connecting Jesus to Social Justice: Classical Christology and Public Theology* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2013), in which he shows how orthodox, Chalcedonian Christology can ground a Christian’s work for social justice.
- In “Toward a Postmodern Christian Historical Hermeneutic,” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought & Culture* 17:2 (Spring 2014), 77-99, **Glenn Olson** (history) discusses and evaluates various approaches to history.
- **Jeff Koloze** (literature) posted the following brief reviews of abortion and euthanasia works (one film and several novels) in GoodReads.com: *4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days*, a film by Cristian Mungiu; *The Kindest Thing* by Cath Stancliffe; *The Secret Hangman* by Peter Lovesey; and *When She Woke* by Hillary Jordan.
- **John Grondelski** (theology) "Slouching towards Gehenna: The Kermit Gosnell Trial and Infanticide," in *Sztuka i realizm: Art and Reality - Ars et Res: Księga pamiątkowa z okazji Jubileuszu urodzin i pracy naukowej na KUL Profesora Henryka Kieresia (Art & Realism: Commemorative Book for the Jubilee Birthday and Academic Anniversary of Prof. Henryk Kieres of the Catholic University of Lublin)*, eds. T. Duma, A. Maryniarczyk, P. Sulenta, (Lublin: Polskie Towarzystwo Tomasza z Akwinu i Wydział Filozofii KUL, 2014), pp. 677-89.

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.

Scholarly Opportunities

IN which we highlight opportunities for members to engage in further research on and networking regarding the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia in their respective fields.

- **Dr. Jeff Koloze** is asking for help with a pro-life research library. Responses from our members who have Library Science credentials are especially welcome.

The research library's collection has a variety of materials: over 10,000 monographs (estimate), several shelves of paper copies of serials, audio and VHS tapes, and correspondence from pro-life activists. Unfortunately, the material is not catalogued. My specific questions are:

1. Is there a bibliographic services software package that enables easy cataloging of a collection like this?
2. Would adding holdings in WorldCat be just as good, presuming that the research institution registers its library with WorldCat?
3. Does anybody have experience with cataloging correspondence and other material?
4. The ubiquitous other: are there other questions which should be addressed for such a collection to become available to scholars?

Please email Jeff directly at DrJeffKoloze@ATT.NET if you have any input. He will collate responses and suggest a course of action for the research library. Thanks!

- Rachel MacNair, president of the Peace Psychology division of the American Psychological Association is heading an APA presidential task force which is writing

papers in three areas: weapons and drones, capital punishment, and abortion.

The subtopics of the abortion paper are: domestic violence, coercion, and genocide/sex selection. MacNair hopes the paper will give a new perspective to some members of APA who are pro-abortion, but have not heard of the extreme psychological effects of abortion from a peace psychology approach.

MacNair is looking for reviewers of the three papers (Drones, Capital Punishment, Abortion). They can be from any discipline. If you would like to be a reader, e-mail her at rachel_macnair@yahoo.com.

- ***Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference.*** The fall conference to of the ND Center for Ethics and Culture will focus on Poverty. "Inspired by the Pontificate of Pope Francis, the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture is pleased to announce that its fifteenth Annual Fall Conference, entitled 'Your Light Will Rise in the Darkness: Responding to the Cry of the Poor,' will be held on October 30-November 1, 2014. In our customary interdisciplinary fashion, this conference will take up a host of questions related to the human meaning of poverty and how to care rightly for the poor."
- ***The Anscombe Forum.*** In March 2015, Neumann University in Aston, PA. just outside of Philadelphia), will host its second annual Anscombe Forum. The Anscombe Forum serves as a venue within which to consider the signal philosophical contributions of G.E.M. Anscombe to the perennial questions as well as to those particularly confronting our era. In March 2015, the Forum will be focused on issues concerning Human Dignity. More information will become available at www.neumann.edu/anscombeforum.
- Look for an email announcement for the 2015 University Faculty for Life Scholarly

Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research. Contest coordinators welcome ideas to improve the contest. Send your suggestions either to [Dr. Jeff Koloze](#) or [Dr. Jane Gilroy](#). More judges are also welcome for next year's contest.

On campus

- According to the [National Catholic Register](#), Loyola Marymount, a Jesuit university in Los Angeles, recently appointed Robbin Crabtree as dean of the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts. Crabtree has been a consultant to Planned Parenthood in Indiana. An alumni group, Renew LMU has cited the choice as evidence that LMU may be in danger of losing its Catholic identity, stating that Crabtree's past ties with Planned Parenthood are contrary to the universities commitment to justice.

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

- **[Belgian Child Euthanasia Law](#)**. "Does the Belgian law legalising euthanasia for minors really address the needs of life-limited children?" Friedel, Marie. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing* 20:6 (June, 2014), 265-267.

"Pediatric Euthanasia in Belgium," Siegel, Andrew M., Dominic A. Sisti, Arthur L Caplan, *JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association* 311:19 (5/21/2014), 1963-1964.

- **[Conscientious objection](#)**. Pro-abortion scholars are aggressively seeking ways to limit the ability of medical providers to claim conscientious objection to providing abortion and contraception. For instance, there was a recent back and forth on the RH Reality Check web page between Joyce Arthur and Christian Fiala on the one hand and Wendy Chavkin of Global Doctors for Choice about how absolute the limitation on conscientious objection should be. Arthur and Fiala argued in "[Why We Need to Ban 'Conscientious Objection' in Reproductive Health Care](#)," that CO should not be allowed at all. Chavkin responded with "[Competing Rights: Exploring the Boundaries of 'Conscientious Objection'](#)." Arthur and Fiala also argue in "[Dishonourable disobedience' – Why refusal to treat in reproductive healthcare is not conscientious objection](#)," that "CO in reproductive healthcare should be dealt with like any other failure to perform one's professional duty, through enforcement and disciplinary measures. Counteracting institutional CO may require governmental or even international intervention."
- **[Adoption](#)**. As [LifeSiteNews](#) reported last Fall, there is an increasing attempt on pro-abortion activists to paint the adoption decision negatively, to "demonize" it. The popular internet is full of stories such as this one on *The Unfundamentalist Christians* blog by Mindy Carney, "[To Pro-Lifers Who Believe Adoption is Always the Answer](#)." Here is an example by Malinda L. Seymore of a more scholarly version of the argumentation, that seeks to limit parental involvement in favor of legal counsel. "[Sixteen and Pregnant: Minors' Consent in Abortion and Adoption](#)."
- **[Philosophy](#)**. "Causal Constraints on Intention," by Steven J. Jensen, *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 14:2 (Summer2014), 273-293. A critique of the new natural law analysis of the Phoenix abortion case.

- **Law.** *Abortion Law in Transnational Perspective: Cases and Controversies*, ed. Rebecca J. Cook, Joanna N. Erdman and Bernard M. Dickens. University of Pennsylvania Press, August 2014.

“The Supreme Court and the Social Conception of Abortion.” Vecera, Vincent. *Law & Society Review* 48:2 (June, 2014), 345-375. Looks at the “critical role in transforming how Americans think and talk about abortion.”

O. Carter Snead of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture recently gave [a talk at the National Right to Life Convention](#) in which he discussed the way fetal pain laws can help citizens develop a moral imagination that sees the unborn as persons.

- **Medicine.** [LifeSiteNews](#) reports that the [Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) has just published a paper by Mark Bradford, of the [Jérôme Lejeune Foundation USA](#) called “[Improving Joyful Lives: Society’s Response to Difference and Disability](#).” According to [LifeSiteNews](#), the paper “examines societal responses to individuals diagnosed with Down syndrome (Trisomy 21) and makes policy recommendations to further improve their lives.”

According to [LifeSiteNews.com](#), researchers have conducted a review of 72 studies. The study, “[Breast Cancer and Induced Abortion: A Comprehensive Review of Breast Development and Pathophysiology, the Epidemiologic Literature, and Proposal for Creation of Databanks to Elucidate All Breast Cancer Risk Factors](#),” by Dr. Angela Lanfranchi and Patrick Fagan, Ph.D., was published in *Issues in Law and Medicine*. Their conclusion was that there is enough evidence of a link between abortion and breast cancer that a systematic, robust study of the link is warranted. The mechanism involved appears to be the same mechanism that causes an increase in breast cancer for those who are childlessness, have premature

birth before 32 weeks, and have second trimester miscarriages.

- **Sociology.** *Abortion Politics, Mass Media, and Social Movements in America* by Deana A. Rohlinger (Cambridge University Press, 2014). Rohlinger discusses how four groups, National Right to Life Committee, Planned Parenthood, the National Organization for Women, and Concerned Women for America, use the media to work for or against abortion in the U.S. An early version of some of the material in the book can be found in the article, “[Framing the Abortion Debate: Organizational Resources, Media Strategies, and Movement-Countermovement Dynamics](#),” *The Sociological Quarterly*, 43:4 (2002), 479-507

“Telling stories about abortion: abortion-related plots in American film and television, 1916–2013,” Sisson, Gretchen, Katrina Kimport, *Contraception* 89:5 (May, 2014), 413-418. This article especially looks at the frequent negative portrayal of abortion in film and television.

- **Religious Studies.** *Voluntary Death to Alleviate Suffering: Euthanasia and suicide according to the Pali-canon, several Prātimokṣa rules and some Chinese Āgama-sūtras*, by R.C. van Oosterwijk (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2014). Kindle edition. A discussion of how suicide is treated in a variety of Buddhist texts.

“St. Ambrose, Euthanasia, and Antisenescence Arguments Death as a Good?” Napier, Stephen, *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought & Culture* 17:2 (Spring, 2014), 39-57.

- **Medical Ethics.** *Death Talk: The Case Against Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide*, by Margaret A. Somerville (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2014).

“Taking Precautionary Concerns Seriously: A Defense of a Misused Antiabortion Argument.” Friberg-Fernros, Henrik. *Journal*

of *Medicine & Philosophy* 39:3 (June, 2014), 1. This article might be interesting to anyone who has occasion to respond to Boonin's *A Defense of Abortion* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), especially his argument against the idea that we should protect the fetus since its personal status is uncertain. I can't tell from the abstract and any other information I can find on Fribert-Fernros whether he is pro-life or not.

"Ethical Issues in Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment", McMann, Conor L., Brian S. Carter, John D. Lantos, *American Journal of Perinatology* 31:7 (2014), 637-644. The two issues treated are the possible health risk to the mother and abortion.

- **History.** *Abortion in the American Imagination: Before Life and Choice, 1880-1940*, Karen Weingarten (Rutgers University Press, 2014). Analyses the approach to abortion in literature, film, newspapers, and activists.

"Carl Sagan, Cosmos, and Abortion Rights," Doerr, Edd, *Free Inquiry* 34:4 (June/July, 2014), 56-56. A sympathetic look at Sagan's aggressive participation in the pro-abortion movement.

Statistics and data

- **Euthanasia in Belgium.** [LifeSiteNews.com](#) reports that euthanasia has increased in Belgium 26.8% in 2013. This is after a 25% increase in 2012. The article also includes statistics about unreported euthanasia and involuntary euthanasia.
- **Negative effects of abortion.** The Institute for Marriage and Family Canada has issued a report called "[Interconnected How abortion impacts mothers, families and our society](#)," on neglected research that shows how abortion can negatively affect the lives of those who are involved, [according to LifeSiteNews.com](#). Among the areas covered are mental health and relationships and sexuality.

- **U.S. Teen Pregnancies, Births and Abortions Decline.** A recent report by the Guttmacher Institute, "[U.S. teen pregnancy rates reach historic lows](#)," shows that pregnancy, birth and abortion rates of U.S. teenage women (ages 15-19) have declined significantly in the past two decades.

The greatest, sharpest, and most profound drops have been in teen pregnancies and abortions. Teen pregnancy rates fell in half, from nearly 117 per 1,000 U.S. women ages 15-19 in 1990 to under 58 per 1000 in 2010. Still, nearly six percent (6%) of all U.S. teen women ages 15-19 became pregnant in 2010 (numbering roughly 625,000 teen women that year).

Likewise, the abortion rate has fallen dramatically — by nearly two-thirds — from 43.5 per 1,000 teen women in 1988 to less than 15 per 1000 teen women in 2010. There are wide variations among racial and ethnic groups. The states with the lowest teen abortion rates were South Dakota, Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky, and North Dakota (all 4-6%). On the other hand, more than half of teenage pregnancies in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut ended in abortion.

The full report: Kathrun Kost & Stanley Henshaw, *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions, 2010: National and State Trends by Age, Race and Ethnicity* (Guttmacher Institute. May 2014).

According to **Lynn Wardle**, "While Guttmacher is quick to claim the increased availability of birth control pills and devices is behind the trends, it is not unlikely that the spread and acceptance of pro-life values also has influenced these trends. Perhaps the rising generation is manifesting more responsible behaviors than earlier generations due in part to growing understanding of the facts of pre-natal human life and death (abortion). The pro-life community deserves

great credit for promoting high ethical values and responsible pro-life behaviors.”

- ***Abortion Laws and fertility.*** “The Effect of Anti-Abortion Legislation on Nineteenth Century Fertility.” Lahey, Joanna, *Demography* 51:3 (June, 2014), 939-948. Her conclusion is that stricter abortion laws increased fertility in the various states.

Editor's Corner

In doing research for each issue of *ProVita* I spend a lot of time doing database searches. What I find is that a preponderance of scholarly activity in prominent scholarly journals is supportive of abortion and euthanasia, if not infanticide. This is not surprising if it is true that academia is dominated by so-called “progressives.”

What is more intriguing to me is the attitude of authors of these articles. They often presume that the pro-life arguments and the pro-life side in general are not only false, but wacky. They do not engage pro-life arguments on the level of argumentation. Rather, they seek to find some kind of psychological or sociological reason for existence of pro-life activism, even in the academy. The purpose of the article appears to be, “what strategy can we use to counteract this irrational force that seems to have gained some ground.”

The Life and Learning Conference in June helped me to see, though, that the pro-life voice is not totally absent from the secular academy. There are scholars who are able to find a voice even in the thick of a field dominated by those who want abortion, euthanasia, and even infanticide to be legal and acceptable. Just to name two, Rachel McNair works diligently in the APA to get abortion considered as a threat to peace; Richard Fehring's careful and exacting medical scholarship helps everyone see the real cost of a culture of death. There are many others in the fields of philosophy, law, history,

sociology, and literature, to name a few disciplines, who are having an impact.

I am sure there are many scholars who are making the voice of sanity heard in a hostile academy. Please consider e-mailing me at provitanews@yahoo.com with notices of any research, conference presentations, debates, multimedia presentations, books, articles, awards and accolades that UFL members or other pro-life scholars have engaged in or received. Thank you in advance.

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.
- 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.

Masthead

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Resources for research and education

Member web pages and blogs		
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/	
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.

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

<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>Journals and online publications</p>		
<p>Human Life Review</p>	<p>http://www.humanlifereview.com/</p>	

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/	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.

		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 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/	
News		
National Right to Life	http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/	

News	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