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In this edition we look ahead to the 2017 Life and Learning Conference in Minneapolis, June 9-10. We also focus on recent member accomplishments and the latest in prolife news and scholarship.

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➤ **2016 Life and Learning Conference.** The 2016 Life and Learning Conference of University Faculty for Life was held at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 10-11, 2016. The focus was on the issues of physician-assisted suicide and care at the end of life.

Plenary speakers included **Thomas Cavanaugh**, Ph.D. Professor of Philosophy at the University of San Francisco, who spoke on the Hippocratic Oath and why, in a virtue ethics framework, a physician ought not kill; Professor **Christopher Wolfe**, Ph.D. of the University of Dallas, who presented on political and legal ‘Constitutional Law’ aspects of end of life; and Dr. Timothy Jessick, DO, Director of the Palliative Care and Hospice Center at Aurora Health in Milwaukee who spoke on palliative and hospice care.

There was also a lively panel on brain death. The speakers and discussant included Maureen Condic, **Paul Byrne**, **Michael Gorman**, Christopher Tollefsen, **Melissa Moschella**. Discussants were Jason Eberl, Robert Buchanan, Pat Lee, **Christian Brugger**.

Others presented on the medical, psychological, political, sociological, historical, legal, theological, philosophical, and the literary/cultural/artistic aspects of these life issues. The 2016 Annual UFL Conference was co-hosted by Cardinal Stritch University and Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

UFL Updates

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

Note: all names in **bold** are members of UFL.

➤ **2017 Life and Learning Conference.** Next year the Life and Learning Conference will be held June 9th and 10th in Minneapolis and hosted by the University of St. Thomas. The Smith Award recipient and banquet speaker will be Fr. **Robert Spitzer**, founder of UFL, star of EWTN’s Fr. Spitzer’s Universe, founding president of the Magis Center, and retired president of Gonzaga University in Spokane.



2016 UFL Life and Learning Conference held at Marquette University in Milwaukee June 10-11.



- *Letter from the President and a First call for 2017 prolife conference papers.* Last year conference was a smashing success due to the brilliance of our plenary speakers (Tom Cavanaugh Ph.D., Christopher Wolfe, Ph.D., and Timothy Jessick, DO), the prestige of our Smith Award recipient (Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J.); the generosity of the local UFL chapter in Milwaukee as well as Our Sunday Visitor; the hard work and expertise of the organizing committee (Richard Fehring, Ph.D. and Barbara Freres, Ph.D.); and the special panels on brain death organized by Melissa Moschella, Ph.D. Also contributing to the conference's success was focusing its main theme on the issues surrounding the "End of Life."

As you may recall, 2016 was the first time that we dedicated a conference to a central theme while also welcoming papers on the Big Three, abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. For 2017, your hard working Board approved the topic of bioethics. So, the overarching topic for next year's conference is "Bioethics: Truth, Science, and the Law." Issues to be explored include identifying the criterion for bioethical truth, adjudicating between different versions of bioethics, and exploring the ethics of biotechnology and scientific research dealing with the beginning of human life. Other issues include those that arise from the legal, scientific, and social ramifications of contemporary views of bioethics. Besides papers from philosophers, scientists, and legal scholars, also welcomed are papers from theologians examining the truth of bioethics from the standpoint of revelation; from historians, social scientists, and scholars of literature examining the changing societal conceptions of truth and their bioethical implications; and from humanitarians about how bioethics is challenging the parameters of what it means to be human. Papers dealing with euthanasia, abortion, infanticide, or other specific issues in prolife bioethics are also welcomed.

Deadline for priority consideration is April 1st. Proposals should be one page (maximum) and should include the working title of the proposed paper, full contact information and a brief abstract. Email proposals to Professor Barbara Freres at bjfreres@stitch.edu by 04/01/2017 for priority consideration. Proposals received after that date may be subjected to the additional parameter of available space.

The conference will be June 9th and 10th in Minneapolis with the University of St. Thomas hosting. Do think about coming to deliver a paper and then staying an extra day or two to explore historic Fort Snelling, two zoos, the amusement park inside Mall of America, the Science Museum, and the Cathedral of St. Paul. More information can be found in future issues of ProVita and on our website as it becomes available.

Also, please invite your students to submit their work to our Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism or Research. It is an excellent way to begin involving the next generation of scholars. Deadline is May 27, 2017. For more information, see below. Please note that the first prize in each category is \$200 thanks to the generosity of Jane Gilroy, Ph.D., emeritus professor of English at Molloy College and head of UFL's Long Island Chapter. Those wishing to make additional donations to this prize money should contact me at rmlemmons@stthomas.edu.

Finally, it is with regret that I note Robert Gotcher, Ph.D.'s retirement as our ProVita editor. He has helped make ProVita be one of the best perks of UFL membership as it not only keeps members aware of each other's accomplishments but also alert to developments in scholarship and in legal realities. Thank you, Robert for your excellence as an editor and for your dedication to the prolife cause.

Those interested in applying to edit ProVita should contact me at rmlemmons@stthomas.edu.

Thanks everyone, for all that you do for life: without you, the world would be a much gloomier place.

Cheers,

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R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, Ph.D. President of UFL; Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN 55105

- **2016 Smith Award.** The Rupert and Timothy Smith Award for Distinguished Contributions to Pro-Life Scholarship was presented to philosopher and long-time UFL member **Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Ph.D.** Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University and Editor-in-Chief, *International Philosophical Quarterly*. He gave an end-of-conference banquet talk entitled "Spiritual Care at the End of Life."
- **2016 Scholarly Achievement Award** The University Faculty for Life **Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research** has encouraged students since 2004 to submit their best academic work for the cause of life. The essays and literary contributions received in the Creative Writing and Research categories total 24,054 mellifluous words, 94 lugubrious footnotes, and 773 scholarly bibliographic entries—figures almost equaling last year's contributions.

The judges for the contest were Dr. Jeff Koloze of Koloze Consultants and Walsh University, Dr. Sandra Coyle, in the English Department at Jacksonville University, and Dr. Clara Sarrocco of the Institute of Religious Studies. Please know that the judges greatly appreciate that you, the faculty, took time from your schedules to promote the contest

and to encourage your students to submit their best work. Thank you!

In the Creative Writing category, honorable mentions go to:

- Allie Dawson, a Philosophy and Literature student at Ave Maria University, for her short story "Her Actions Are His Dreams"

and

- Anna Robinson, a student at Immaculata University, for her poem "The Joy of Love."

In the Research category, honorable mentions go to:

- Jess Adkins, a PhD student in the Philosophy program at St. Louis University, for her essay "Robbed of Life: A Thomistic Position on Terminal Sedation"

and

- Kathryn Harvey, who graduated with an MA in Religious Studies from Cardinal Stritch University, for her essay "Matters of Life and Death: A Roman Catholic Perspective on Physician Assisted Suicide"

Finally, the winner of this year's University Faculty for Life Scholarly Achievement Award in the Research category is

Isaac Longworth, a student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, for his essay "The Societal Impact of Victim Photography"

The University Faculty for Life Essay Contest is a significant way that pro-life students can be challenged to build their publication portfolios, to be recognized by pro-life academics for their work, and, most importantly, to exercise their talents to advance the cause of life. This year's entries continue to demonstrate that students are willing to use their talents for life-affirming

purposes with encouragement from you, their faculty.

The deadline for the 2017 Scholarly Achievement Award is May 27, 2017. See details [below here after the Editor's Corner](#).

- ***Lifetime membership***. UFL is now offering Lifetime Membership. Five hundred dollars will enable you to support more easily our mission throughout your golden years. More details will be posted on our website soon.
- ***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. Starting this fall, UFL will begin catching up on mailing paper copies and updating its website posting of proceedings
- ***Dues Reminder*** Be sure to pay your 2016 dues and update your mailing address. We will be using the updated list to mail out paper copies of our proceedings, *Life and Learning*. Dues can be sent to Fr. **Joseph Koterski, S.J.** University Faculty for Life, Dept. of Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458
- ***Social Media*** 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.uffl.org/blog/. There is also an active "University Faculty for Life" subgroup of the "Pro-life Professionals" group on LinkedIn.
- ***In Memorium*** **William F. Colliton, Jr.** M.D., one of the earliest UFL members, died on May 30. He was the father of nine children, an obstetrician/gynecologist and a Clinical Professor at the George Washington University Medical Center. When he retired from his practice in 1987, he estimated that he had delivered about 7,000 babies. He was

particularly interested in a contraception/abortion link. He was a founder of Maryland Right to Life and was very active in the National Right to Life Committee. He was awarded the Papal *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal* in 1970 for his work with Maryland Right to Life. At our first Marquette conference held in June 1995, he read a paper titled "Pope Paul VI---Modern Day Prophet." The paper was later published in *Life and Learning V*. At the 2000 conference held at Georgetown, he presented "The Birth control Pill: Abortifacient and Contraceptive" later published in *Life and Learning X*. May he rest in well-deserved peace of Christ.

Publications and member activities

- **Frank D. Tinari, Ph.D.**, (Economics) Prof. Emeritus, Seton Hall Univ. is looking to expand the electronic distribution of his newsletter, *Church ProLife News*, to more pastors. A sample can be found [here](#). They make good bulletin inserts. For more information contact Dr. Tinari at tinarifr@shu.edu.
- The Notre Dame chapter of University Faculty for Life voted unanimously to issue a statement of protest to the administration of Notre Dame after it was announced that the Laetare Medal for 2016 would be given to Vice President Joe Biden and former Speaker of the House John Boehner. The letter "respectfully requests" that the award to Biden be rescinded. [Here is the LifeNews article](#), which includes the entire text of the letter of protest.

This followed [a letter by 89 Notre Dame students](#) (among them this writer's daughter) in protest of the award and a [statement by the Catholic bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend](#), Kevin Rhoades, strongly criticizing the decision.
- **Jeff Koloze** (English) published "[Challenging Feminist Literary Criticism's Misreading of](#)

Specific American Novels From the First Half of the Twentieth Century,” *Humanities and Social Science Review* 5:2. This paper responds to specific questions raised in the author’s previous research on five American novels from the first half of the twentieth century which concern sexuality, abortion, and male-female relationships: Pearl Doles Bell’s *Gloria Gray*, *Love Pirate* (1914); Floyd Dell’s *Janet March* (1923); Viña Delmar’s *Bad Girl* (1928); Christopher Morley’s *Kitty Foyle* (1939); and Nancy Hale’s *The Prodigal Women* (1942). The paper concludes that interpretations of the characters’ religious, moral, and sexual lives from a standard feminist perspective are insufficient to account for the works’ larger didactic purposes. Moreover, the paper asserts that an application of the more comprehensive Judeo-Christian approach to sexuality and related topics would assist twenty-first century readers to appreciate the works.

- [Here is a link to a review](#) by **Michael New** (political science) of *Defenders of the Unborn: The Pro-Life Movement Before Roe v. Wade* by Daniel Williams.
- **Erika Bachiochi** (law), visiting fellow at the [Ethics and Public Policy Center](#), recently wrote an article, “[Abortion and the Supreme Court’s Misguided Notions of ‘Autonomy’](#),” for *National Review* about the relationship of “dignity” to “autonomy” in U.S. Supreme Court abortion jurisprudence. In it she contrasts the American version of “dignity” influenced by Kant and Mill with the European version, which relies more heavily on the Judeo-Christian intellectual tradition, leading to more restrictive abortion laws.
- **Teresa Collett** (law) [testified against Assisted Suicide bill in MN](#). Start at 50:00.

Collett was also interviewed [here](#) by the *Catholic Spirit* diocesan newspaper of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-Saint Paul. She discussed four interrelated legal threats to the dignity of human life.

- **Richard Weikart** (history), of California State University, Stanislaus, recently wrote *The Death of Humanity: And the Case for Life* with Regnery Faith. This work explains our society’s descent into the “culture of death” and critiques the many secular ideologies that have contributed to the decline of the Judeo-Christian sanctity-of-life ethic since the Enlightenment. For more information and endorsements, go [here](#).

Weikart also recently wrote, “Does Science Sanction Euthanasia or Physician-Assisted Suicide?: An Historical Approach,” *Human Life Review* (Spring 2016); and a couple of op-eds: “[Assisted Suicide Is ‘Putting People Down,’](#)” (May 9, 2016), at [townhall.com](#); and “[Are Humans Qualitatively Distinct from Animals?](#)” *CNS News* (April 8, 2016), at [cnsnews.com](#).

Weikart also recently debated Peter Singer and Sue Blackmore on the London radio show, “Unbelievable,” on the question: Is human life intrinsically valuable? This debate can be heard [here](#)

- **Richard Doerflinger** recently retired from his position as Associate Director of Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. More can be found at [this National Catholic Register article](#).

Doerflinger is not retiring from his writing. He recently wrote *A Pledge Betrayed: The Obama Administration Nullifies Conscience Rights* at *The Public Discourse*.

- **Lynn Wardle** (law) wrote [Suffer the Little Children: Elective Abortion as a Sign of Diminished Societal Compassion](#) for the Ruth Institute.
- **Thomas Cavanaugh** (philosophy) wrote “[Anscombe, Thomson, and Double Effect](#)” for the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (Feb. 25, 2016). DOI: 10.5840/acpq201622479

- **Fr. Joseph Koterski** (philosophy) is writing a series of essays for the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education called “Biographies and Autobiographies: Lives of and by the Saints.” There have been three so far: [One](#) on St. Therese, [Two](#) on St. Augustine, and [Three](#) on St. Athanasius’s Life of St. Anthony.
- **C. Ward Kischer** (anatomy) wrote an essay called “[Brief Reflections: How Human Embryology has been Co-opted by Developmental Biology](#),” for Lifeissues.net. In it he explains how new terms were coined to obscure the truth that conception occurs at fertilization.
- **O. Carter Snead** (law) wrote “[Tim Kaine chose power over ethics](#)” for the CNN web page. In it he criticizes Kaine’s use of Mario Cuomo’s “personally opposed” strategy to justify his support of unrestricted abortion. “Kaine’s position is essentially that the law should permit and publicly fund what he is personally convinced is the unjust killing of a million innocent human beings each year.”
- **R. Mary Hayden Lemmons** (philosophy) recently argued that women need to develop prolife feminism more along personalistic lines that honor what John Paul II called the “feminine genius.” See “The Feminine Genius, Personalist Feminism, and the Call of John Paul II for Women to Prophesy.” In *Woman as Prophet in the Home and The World: Interdisciplinary Studies*, edited by R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, pp. 31-43. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2016. Lexington’s 30% Discount code LEX30AUTH16.
- **Peter J. Colosi** (philosophy) published, “Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Public Reason and Religion.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 19.3 (Summer, 2016), 148–169.

He also presented “Christian Anthropology and Bioethics” and “Foundational Bioethical Principles and How to Apply Them” at the Fourth Annual Catholic Medical Student Boot Camp of the Catholic Medical Association. Camp information at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5JXgCG61Aw>

Upcoming scholarly opportunities

- The ProLife World Congress, which was to have been held in November, 2015 in Brazil has been rescheduled for November 11th through the 13th in Guatemala City, Guatemala. More information can be found on the [ProLife World Congress](#) web page.
- The [85th Annual Educational Conference of the Catholic Medical Association](#) will meet in Washington D.C. on October 13-15, 2016. The theme will be, “Virtuous Medicine: The Joy and Privilege of the Catholic Physician.
- The [Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture](#) annual Fall Conference will be held November 10-12. The Theme is “You are Beauty.” Keynote speakers include Etsuro Sotoo, Alasdair MacIntyre, Mary Ann Glendon, Sir Roger Scruton, Elizabeth Lev, and Monsignor Timothy Verdon. More details can be found [here](#).
- The annual national meeting-conference of the [Society of Catholic Social Scientists](#) will be held at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan October 28-29. More information can be found [here](#). Among the topics will be “Abortion and the Holocaust in Western Thought and Culture.”

On Campus

- Students at Harvard University Law School have organized into Law Students for Life. Their first event was a [talk by Robert George on the humanity and personhood of the embryo](#). The discussion was respectful, displaying a diversity of opinions. This, the willingness to engage a difficult and controversial subject or at least to engage an uncomfortable idea in the spirit of supporting intellectual diversity, is exactly what the group hopes to achieve. It is integral for prestigious schools such as Harvard Law to cultivate an environment conducive to productive, respectful, and engaging discussion.

Legal realities

- On June 30, 2016, the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld the state's ban on assisted suicide.
- U.S. Supreme Court: *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, was decided in a 5-3 vote against a Texas law requiring abortion clinics to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers with their physicians having admitting privileges at the local hospital.
- California's physician assisted suicide law took effect in June making California the fifth state to embrace this type of law.
- In July, Texas Court dismisses charges against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt resulting from their roles in filming Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted baby parts.
- Democratic Party Platform calls for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment that forbids the federal funding of abortion. Republican Party Platform supports the Hyde Amendment.
- Colorado announced in August that voters will decide whether to legalize physician assisted suicide come November as the state Initiative 145 called "Medical Aid in Dying Proposal" will be on the ballot.

Book Reviews

Members wishing to submit brief Book Reviews should contact the ProVita editor.

- Helen Watt. *The Ethics of Pregnancy, Abortion, and Childbirth: Exploring Moral Choices in Childbearing*. Taylor and Francis, 2016. The insights of this book are profoundly important for understanding the controversies surrounding pregnancy and their prolife

ramifications. Especially innovative is the explication of four ways to view pregnancy, namely, the uni-personal, the neighborly, the maternal, and the spousal. The book's crisp style and penetrating analyses yield fresh insights even for those familiar with prolife issues ranging from surrogacy and twinning to abortion. Highly recommended. Submitted by **R. Mary Hayden Lemmons**, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Philosophy

The Latest Scholarship

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

Recent prolife resources and scholarship

- Smith, Marie, "[Girls Just Want to Be Born](#)," *Public Discourse* of the Witherspoon Institute (March 8, 2016). In the article, Smith writes that "The global pro-life movement will continue to speak out and defend the girl child. We must work to oppose all acts of gender based violence, protect women's and girls' lives, and seek consistent non-discriminatory life-affirming laws and policies."
- Heidi Giebel (philosophy) recently argued that women have a special God-given responsibility towards life in "Worthy of Belief: Reflections on Prophecy, Responsibility, and Virtue." In *Woman as Prophet in the Home and the World*, edited by R. Mary Hayden Lemmons. Pages 111-126. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2016.
- Dr. Peter Saunders on the *Christian Medical Comment* blog reporting that the [British Medical Association has voted to resist efforts to go "neutral" on physician assisted suicide](#). They are currently opposed.

This news from England comes at the same time as the [American Medical Association's unfortunate decision to approve a resolution to study the question of assisted suicide](#).

- Gilles, Steve, "[Justice Kennedy's Disastrous Defection—and Its Likely Limits](#)." casetext.comn (June 29, 2016). This article looks at the Whole Woman's Health case.
- Hager, Samuel E., "[Against Salpingostomy as a Treatment for Ectopic Pregnancy](#)," *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 16:1 (Spring 2016), 39-48. DOI: 10.5840/ncbq20161615. This appeared on the Philosophy Document Center web page.

Opposing viewpoints

- Furedi, Ann. *The Moral Case for Abortion*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.
- "[Health Care Denied: Patients and Physicians Speak Out about Catholic Hospitals and the Threat to Women's Health and Lives](#)," American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU and Merger Watch, 2016) 40-page report.

Statistics and data

- Harkness, Kelsey, "[In the Market for Fetal Body Parts, a Baby's Brain Sells for \\$3,340](#)," *The Daily Signal* (April 20, 2016).
- Prentice, David, "[Good News for Patients from Adult Stem Cells](#)," looks at the Stanford study on recovery from strokes, MS, and other conditions.
- Leppälähti S, O Heikinheimo, I Kalliala, P. Santalahti, M. Gissler, "[Is underage abortion associated with adverse outcomes in early adulthood? A longitudinal birth cohort study up to 25 years of age](#)," *Hum Reprod* 31:9 (2016), 2142-9. "Compared with those who gave birth, girls who underwent abortion were less likely to achieve only a low educational

level (0.41 [95% confidence interval 0.31-0.54]) or to be welfare-dependent (0.31 [0.22-0.45]), but more likely to suffer from injuries (1.51 [1.09-2.10])." Fr. Mark Hodges reports at Lifesite.news. on Michael New's critique of the study, "[Critic pans study claiming girls fare better from aborting than choosing life](#)."

- Sullivan, Nora, "[America: A Global Outlier for Its Ultra-Permissive Abortion Policy](#)," Charlotte Lozier Institute web page (July 27, 2016).
- Studnicki, James, Sharon J. MacKinnon, John W. Fisher. "[Induced abortion, Mortality, and the Conduct of Science](#)," *Open Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 6 (2016), 170-177. Noting the impact on public policy and funding on Abortion, the authors look at the statistics of aborted babies by race. If abortions are included in the statistics, abortion is the leading cause of death for non-white blacks and Hispanics.
- Jeanette Richards reports on CNSNews.com, "[Congressional Report: 'Fetal Tissue Has Not Been Directly Linked to a Single Medical Cure'](#)" (July 19, 2016).
- Saccone, Gabrielle, MD, Lisa Perriera, MD, Vincenzo Berghella, MD. "[Prior uterine evacuation of pregnancy as independent risk factor for preterm birth: a systematic review and metaanalysis](#)." *AGOG* 214:5 (May 2016, 572-591). DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ajog.2015.12.044>.

Editor's Corner

Although contraception is not a topic that UFL addresses except inasmuch as some so-called contraceptives are abortifacient, I think we should be heartened by the boldness of a large group of Catholic scholars, including several UFL



members. These scholars signed a statement, “[Affirmation of the Church’s Teaching on the Gift of Sexuality](#),” in support of the Church’s teaching on sexuality and contraction in response to another group of Catholic scholars who came out in support of a change in Catholic teaching, “[Catholic Scholars’ Statement on the Ethics of Using Contraceptives](#).” from the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research. The number of signers of the Wijngaards document was 144. The number who signed the other document far outstrips the Wijngaard number—it is well over 500. Signatures supporting the Catholic statement are still being accepted at [CatholicContraceptionStatement.com](#).

Individual scholarship is crucial for changing the culture, but there are times when group action can make a difference. I am sure that are many more scholars, Catholic and non-Catholic, who could support a similar non-sectarian document in support of life from fertilization to natural death. One advantage is that it would be evident that pro-life scholars are not just isolated outliers, but a large, active group occupying important positions in the heart of the academy. I don’t know if such a document would be useful now, but if a similar occasion arises, UFL can certainly be a prominent player in a witness to life.

On a more personal note, I have decided to step down as editor of *ProVita Online* because of a significant increase in duties at work. A search for a replacement has begun. If you are interested in being editor, please contact the president, R. Mary Lemmons, at rmlemmons@stthomas.edu.

Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out this winter. 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.
- Reviews of promising prolife publications.

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.

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University Faculty for Life Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research

\$600 total prizes

Possible presentation of work at annual conference

Opportunity for publication

University Faculty for Life is accepting submissions from college or university students for its Scholarly Achievement Award. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students (including postsecondary students) enrolled in any higher education institution (community college, medical school, seminary, university, etc.).

The contest has three categories: Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, and Research. Multiple submissions are permitted. Work submitted in any category must demonstrate the application of a life-affirming perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or related issues.

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 to be held 9-10 June 2017 at the University of St Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota). They may have their work published on UFL's website and in conference proceedings. Finally, first-place winners in each category will receive \$200.

University Faculty for Life is an organization of scholars dedicated to the intellectual and scholarly inquiry of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues. Since an increasing majority of college and university students are pro-life, UFL members would like to help these students by encouraging them to strive for scholarly excellence as they examine the life issues and by assisting them in building a publications portfolio.

Entries must be emailed or postmarked before 11:59 PM EST Saturday, 27 May 2017

Rules

1. Students must be enrolled in a higher education institution at the time of submission; a photo or emailed copy of an identification card with current institutional sticker will suffice.
2. The student shall affirm in a cover letter that the work submitted is the student's original work. Please enclose address and contact information in this letter.
3. Literary criticism or research submissions must be a minimum of ten but no more than thirty pages; creative writing submissions must be no more than twenty pages. All submissions must be double-spaced.
4. Students retain the right of publication.
5. A panel of judges will evaluate submissions based on the quality of research and the

demonstration of strong communication and critical thinking skills. Correct grammar and punctuation are required. Research must follow either the *APA Manual*, the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, or the latest editions of citation manuals in the students' fields. The judges reserve the right to give a second place, third place, honorable mention, or no award if the quality of the submissions merits such action. The decision of the judges is final.

6. Students should submit their work electronically in Word format to DrJeffKoloze@att.net. The cover letter and a hard copy of the paper may be mailed to UFL Scholarly Achievement Award, 10019 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-3101.

Resources for research and education

<i>Life and Learning</i> The Journal of the University Faculty for Life	http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html	
UFL Blog	http://www.uffl.org/blog/	
Member web pages and blogs		
Please forward any other member's web pages to provitanews@yahoo.com .		
Beckwith, Francis	http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/	
Colosi, Peter	http://peterjcolosi.com/	
Lemmons, R. Mary Hayden	http://courseweb.stthomas.edu/rmlemmons/	
Smith, Janet E.	http://www.janetesmith.org/	
Bachiochi, Erika	http://bachiochi.com/erika/	
Conferences		
Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life	http://www.oconnorconference.com/home/	Co-sponsored by UFL. Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January.
Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference	http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-conference-videos	Held in November
Prolife World Congress	http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/	The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish

Online resources		
Academia.edu	https://www.academia.edu/	A place to share research.
Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling (2d edition, 2012)	http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe	“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.”
Culture of Life Foundation	http://www.cultureoflife.org/	Complex moral issues made simple
Global Health and Human Rights Database	http://www.globalhealthrights.org/	“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.”
Human Life International 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 the family, and the right to live in

		accord with our Catholic faith.”
Mirror of Justice	http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/	A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory.
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
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.
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
Journals and online publications		
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.
Human Life Review	http://www.humanlifereview.com/	
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”
Organizations		
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 embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing.</p>
Catholic Medical Association	http://cathmed.org/	
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/	
Healing the Culture	http://healingtheculture.com/	Promotes the Life Principles of UFL co-founder Robert J. Spitzer, SJ.
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.”
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 to defend the sanctity of human life by training law students and lawyers, by assisting government officials in drafting, passing and defending prolife laws, and developing the necessary legal scholarship necessary to create a culture of life.
Society of Catholic Social Scientists	http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/	

News		
Bioedge	http://www.bioedge.org/	Bioethics News around the world
National Right to Life News	http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/#.Sp5dWSo	
LifeNews.com	http://www.lifenews.com/	
LifeSiteNews	http://www.lifesitenews.com/	
Anti-life resources		
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
RH Reality Check	http://rhrealitycheck.org/	Reproductive and Sexual Health and Justice News, Analysis and Commentary