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American Political Science Association Meeting

**September 11-14, 2025
Vancouver, BC**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the hard work you have put into making this program possible, especially by circulating your paper in advance to your fellow panelists and me. We are taking off with a slightly lighter flight than might have been anticipated when it was all put together. It was evident that travel to Vancouver was going to present unique challenges and so a number of cancellations were to be anticipated. This was among the reasons why APSA itself announced a certain number of virtual options, even if they were severely curtailed. Having had that adventure during COVID it was evident that it could easily undermine the rationale for any in person event. I am gratified by the number of our members we have who have stuck with the preference for a real conference. It is testament to the bonds of community and friendship that sustain our annual gatherings. I look forward to seeing you all in beautiful Vancouver and hope you have a rich and enjoyable experience. While we could have emailed papers to one another, there is no substitute for the spontaneous unscheduled conversations we can have when we inhabit the same time and place. Thank you for your support of our convivium. I would be remiss, however, if I did not also put in a pitch for our online presence in Voegelinview.com under our estimable editor, Paul Krause. He has continued to grow our digital offerings and we owe him our support. Please remember that the [donate button](#) has moved with Rick Avramenko from the University of Wisconsin to Arizona State University. You may also contact our Louisiana Treasurer, David Whitney (david.whitney@nicholls.edu). No gift is too small or too large!

Wishing you safe and smooth travels,

David

Thursday, September 11

8:00-9:30

Vancouver Convention Center (VCC) West Level 2, W219

Panel 1. Accounting for Canadian Education: *A Reappraisal of Bankrupt Education: The Decline of Liberal Education in Canada*

Chair: John von Heyking, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca, Arizona State University

John Stuart Mill and the Canadian Founding Debates

Jarrett A. Carty, jarrett.carty@gmail.com, Concordia University

From “Politically Correct” to “Woke”: *Bankrupt Education* and the Decline of Academic Freedom

Paul Corey, paul.corey@humber.ca, Humber College

Marshall McLuhan, George Grant, and the Ancient-Modern-Protestant Quarrel in Canada
Grant Havers, havers@twu.ca, Trinity Western University

Discussants: Jacqueline Pfeffer Merrill, jpfeffermerrill@gmail.com

John von Heyking, jvonheyk@asu.edu, Arizona State University

10:00-11:30

VCC, West 222

Panel 2. Using Voegelin to Understand the Present Moment

Chair: Thomas Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, University of British Columbia

Perpetual Peace and Imperialism: Voegelin’s Reflections on American Hegemony

Boru Chen, bchen16@lsu.edu, Louisiana State University

Voegelin, Schelling, and Political Theology

Chris Morrissey, Chris.Morrissey@twu.ca, Trinity Western University,

Discussant: Thomas Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, University of British Columbia

12:00-1:30

VCC, West 219

Panel 3. Action and Relation

Chair: Carol Cooper, cbcooper@central.uh.edu, University of Houston

Pierre Manent on Christianity, Politics, and Virtue

Ralph C. Hancock, ralph_hancock@byu.edu, Brigham Young University

Community and Criminal Justice in Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals*

Carol Cooper, cbcooper@central.uh.edu, University of Houston

Discussants: Carol Cooper, cbcooper@central.uh.edu, University of Houston

Thomas Holman, holmant@cua.edu, Princeton University

2:00-3:30

VCC, West 221

Panel 4. Art, Music and Politics

Chair: John McNerney, john.mcnerney@ucd.ie, The Catholic University of America

A *Who* and not a *Watt*: Beckettian perspectives on the person

John McNerney, john.mcnerney@ucd.ie, Catholic University of America

Music & Politics: An Interdisciplinary Investigation

Eugen Nagy, elnagy@gmail.com, Texas A and M --- San Antonio

Art as Politics and Politics as Art

Pedro Cerqueira, cerqueirap@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

Discussant: Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca, University of Calgary

4:00-5:30

VCC, W219

Panel 5. Arendt and the Acting Person

Chair: Thomas Holman, holman@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

Hannah Arendt on Totalitarianism, Action, and the Person

Thomas Holman, holman@cua.edu, Princeton University

The Notion of Personal Reality

Aistė Noreikaitė, noraiste@gmail.com, Vilnius University

Discussants: Martin Palous, martin.palous@gmail.com; Florida International University

Carol Cooper, cbcooper@central.uh.edu, University of Houston

Friday, September 12

8:00-9:30

VCC, West 223

Panel 6. Religion and Statecraft in the Twentieth Century

Chair: John von Heyking, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca, Arizona State University

A Non-Liberal Liberalism: Abraham Kuyper Neo-Calvinism and Liberalism's Malaise
Bryan McGraw, bryan.mcgraw@wheaton.edu, Wheaton College

Islam as Liberal Cosmopolitanism: How Persuasive are Iqbal's Reform Proposals?
Alexander Orwin, aorwin1@lsu.edu, Louisiana State University

"The Macabees Warred on Sabbath": David Ben-Gurion on Biblical Politics
Neil Rogachevsky, neil.rogachevsky@ufl.edu, University of Florida

Democracy, Human Rights, and Legislation in the Thought of John Paul II
James Stoner, poston@lsu.edu, Louisiana State University

Discussant: John von Heyking; john.vonheyking@uleth.ca, Arizona State University

10:00-11:30

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Panel 7. Putting Voegelin's Categories to Work

Chair: Scott Segrest, ssegrest@citadel.edu, The Citadel

Thomas Reid's Connection of Moral Principles and Moral Experience
Scott Segrest, ssegrest@citadel.edu, The Citadel

The Role of Metaxy in the Political Philosophy of Eric Voegelin
Jarosław Marek Duraj, jareslaw.duraj@usj.edu.mo, Macau Ricci Institute and University of St. Joseph

Approaching Authority . . . the Other Way Around
William Miller, wmiller@marymount.edu, Marymount University

Discussant: Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca, University of Calgary

2:00-3:30

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Panel 8. Roundtable In Memoriam for Chip Hughes: The Man and the Work

Chair: Thomas McPartland; t_mcpartland@msn.com; Kentucky state University

Chip Hughes on Inherent Human Dignity

James Greenaway, jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu; St. Mary's University

Voegelin, Hughes, and the Politics of Poetry

Paul Kidder, pekidder@icloud.com; Seattle University

The Tension of Existence: Chip Hughes's Mediation and Meditation

Thomas McPartland,, t_mcpartland@msn.com ; Kentucky State University

What does It Mean that Dignity is 'Inherent'? Chip Hughes's Meditations on Dignity and Human Rights.

Henrik Syse, syse@prio.org; Peace Research Institute Oslo

Martin Palous, martin.palous@gmail.com; Florida International University

4:00-5:30

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Panel 9. Roundtable on David Walsh's *The Growth of the Liberal Soul* (1997 and 2025)

Chair: Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca; University of Calgary

Joe Fornieri, jrfgsm@rit.edu; Rochester Institute of Technology

Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca; University of Calgary

John von Heyking, jvonheyk@asu.edu, Arizona State University

David Walsh, walshd@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:00-9:30

VCC, West 222

Panel 10. The Nation and the Cosmos: George Grant's *Lament for a Nation* at 60

Chair: Jeremy Geddert, j.geddert@assumption.edu, Assumption University

The Influence of Simone Weil on George Grant
George Dunn, fritferret@aol.com,

Ontology, Democracy, and Totalitarianism in George Grant
Tyler Chamberlain, tywchamberlain@gmail.com, Trinity Western University

A Love of One's Own: How the Good Touches Ground in National Belonging
Toivo Koivukoski, toivok@nipissingu.ca, Nipissing University

Is Conservatism Pessimistic? George Grant and W.L. Morton
Jeremy Geddert, j.geddert@assumption.edu, Assumption University

Discussants: Jeremy Geddert, j.geddert@assumption.edu, Assumption University
Grant Havers, havers@twu.ca; Trinity Western University

10:00-11:30

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Panel 11. Thinking About the Political

Chair: Michael Promisel, promisel@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

Education and Leisure in Aristotle's *Politics*
Michael Promisel, promisel@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

AI, Immortality and the Politics of Reality: A Voegelinian Perspective
Zhen Han, zhenhan@ufl.edu, University of Florida

The Wound of Modernity: A Voegelinian
Interpretation of the 1789 French Revolution
Felipe Mosquera Blanco, mosquerablancocua@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

Toward the Definition of a Social Group
Luke Sheahan, luke.sheahan@gmail.com, Duquesne University

Discussant: Harald Bergbauer, dr.hb@web.de, University of Applied Sciences, Munich

12:00-1:30

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Panel 12. Martin Luther King Jr. and Non-Violence

Chair: Thomas Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, University of British Columbia

Martin Luther King's Theory of Justice

Micah Harris, micah.harris@duke.edu, Duke University

Understanding Martin Luther King's Strategy of Nonviolence

Isak Tranvik, tranvik@metrostate.edu, Metropolitan State University

Douglass's Moral Reading of the Constitution

Joe Fornieri, jrfgsm@rit.edu, Rochester Institute of Technology

Discussant: Thomas Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, University of British Columbia

2:00-3:30

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Panel 13. Origins and Symbols

Chair: James Greenaway, jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu, St. Mary's University

Recent Work on Neolithic Political Symbols

Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca, University of Calgary

Mythos and *Metaxy*: Belonging Between the Height and the Depth

James Greenaway, jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu, St. Mary's University

Discussant: John McNerney, john.mcnerney@ucd.ie, The Catholic University of America

4:00-5:30

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Panel 14. Early Voegelin

Chair: Thomas Holman, holman@cua.edu, Princeton University

Science of Order, Young Voegelin's Engagement with the Geistkreis

Muen Liu, muenormoon@gmail.com, Tsinghua University

Universalism in the Philosophy of Othmar Spann

Harald Bergbauer, dr.hb@web.de, University of Applied Sciences, Munich

Voegelin's State Theory Against the Background of Kelsen's Pure Legal Theory

Jan Okoński, jasiu.okonski@poczta.onet.pl, University of Lodz

Discussant: Thomas Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, University of British Columbia

Saturday 6:30

Business Meeting

VCC, West Level 1, 120

7:30-8:00

Casual Gathering,
(Hosted by Eric Voegelin Institute, LSU)

Coal Harbour Bar, Pan Pacific Hotel

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00-9:30

VCC, West 218

Panel 15. Author Meets Critics: Eamonn O'Higgins, *Person Centered Politics*

Chair: David Walsh, walshd@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

John McNerney, john.mcnerney@ucd.ie; Catholic University of America

Aistè Noreikaitė, noraiste@gmail.com, Vilnius University

Thomas Holman, holmant@cua.edu, Princeton University

Eamonn O' Higgins, ehiggins@legionaries.org, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum

10:00-11:30

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Panel 16. Defending Democracy: Ancient Lessons for Global Politics

Chair: John von Heyking; john.vonheyking@uleth.ca, Arizona State University

Mosaic Democracy? Harrington and Spinoza on the Biblical Origin of the Democratic Regime
Ronald Beiner, ronald.beiner@utoronto.ca, University of Toronto-Missauga

Our City is an Education to Greece

David Tabachnick, davidt@nipissingu.ca, Nipissing University

Aristotle's Corrective to Democracy and Our Technological Fate

John von Heyking, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca, University of Lethbridge

Discussants: Jacqueline Pfeffer-Merrill, jpfeffermerrill@gmail.com

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