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Boston, MA**

Friends,

Thank you for your submissions that have become the basis for our EVS meeting in Boston in September. I look forward to seeing you and to the lively conversation that is a hallmark of our annual festival. We were once again able to construct a diverse and interesting program that in many respects is unmatched on the APSA roster. The sixteen panels our host assigned to us have been filled out, with some room to spare on a few of them. I know that there will be some changing of plans in the interim and I will do my best to keep up with the inevitable adjustments along the way. Please also alert me to any corrections that you notice. Room assignments will be made by APSA later in the summer and we will disseminate the information when it becomes available. You can always check and verify changes on the APSA website. I remind you to complete your registration with our host and indicate EVS as the partner organization to which you wish to affiliate. There is no charge for the latter but we do rely on your generous support of our online presence under the intrepid leadership of our editor, Paul Krause. He has continued to expand 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!

With good wishes for the quarter millennium of the United States of America,

David

Thursday, September 3

8:00-9:30

Panel 1. Roundtable on *The Olavo de Carvalho Reader: A Brazilian Socrates*

Chair: Daniel Mahoney, dmahoney@assumption.edu, Assumption University

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Mariana Dean,

José Nunes, nunesj@cua.edu, The Catholic University of America

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Nestor Forster, nestorforster@gmail.com , Brazilian Diplomat

Ronald Robson, ronaldsrobson@gmail.com , State University of Campinas

12:00-1:30

Panel 2, Reassessing the Founding

Chair: Jordan Cash, cashjor1@msu.edu, Michigan State University

The Constitutional Logic of Our Bill of Rights

Tony Bartl, tonybartl@angelo.edu, Angelo State University

Why Study the Constitutional Convention? Seeing What Publius Missed

Kevin Burns, kevinjvburns@gmail.com, Benedictine College

The Preamble and the Bill of Rights

Jerome Foss, Jerome.foss@st.vincent.edu, Saint Vincent College

The Poet and Her Craft: The Life and Political Poetry of Phillis Wheatley Peters

Matthew Reising, matthew.reising@austin.utexas.edu, University of Texas at Austin;

Discussant: Brigid Staab, bc.flaherty@assumption.edu, Assumption University

Benjamin Kleinerman, Benjamin_kleinerman@Baylor.edu, Baylor University

2:00-3:30

Panel 3, Reforming the Academy: Academic Freedom, Academic Responsibility, and Civic Education

Chair: Steven McGuire, smcguire@goacta.org, Paul & Karen Levy Fellow in Campus Freedom, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

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Jacqueline Pfeffer Merrill, JPfefferMerrill@cic.edu, Senior Director, Civic Learning and Free Expression Projects, Council of Independent Colleges and Universities.

4:00-5:30

Panel 4, Symbolic poverty and trauma within politics

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

Beyond Material Deprivation: Symbolic Poverty in Brazilian Public Life
Braulia Rivers, bibr1@st-andrews.ac.uk, University of St. Andrews

Pneumopathology and Trauma

Pedro Cerquiera, cerqueirap@cua.edu, Catholic University of America

Radically Personal: God and Ourselves in the New Axial Age

Jerry Martin, jerry.martin@verizon.net, University of Colorado at Boulder

Why the Jews?

Abigail L. Rosenthal, alr.martin@verizon.net, Brooklyn College of The City University of New York

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

Friday, September 4

8:00-9:30

Panel 5, Theology's Conversation with Politics

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

The Sacramentality of Personhood: A Philosophical Thirst Meets Theology
W.R. Oxley, wroxley2@gmail.com, Catholic University of America

The Cosmological Symbolism of Marija Gimbutas
Barry Cooper, bcooper@ucalgary.ca, University of Calgary

Oikonomia in Religious and Political Symbolization
James Greenaway, jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu, St. Mary's University

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

10:00-11:30

Panel 6, History, Hierarchy, and Hope: The International Politics of East Asia

Chair: David Ragazzoni, david.ragazzoni@columbia.edu, Columbia University

Whose 'Sphere of Influence' is East Asia?
Anthony Spanakos, spanakos@gmail.com, Montclair State University

Asian History and International Relations Theorizing
Author: Ji-Young Lee; jiyoungl@american.edu, American University

Clash of Cultures: Religion and Foreign Influence in the Era of Globalization
Sarah Lee, Sarah_Lee7@baylor.edu, Baylor University

The Many Facets of Great-Power Competition: The US and the PRC
David Clinton, David_Clinton@baylor.edu, Baylor University

Discussant: Chin-Hao Huang; chinhao.huang@nus.edu.sg, National University of Singapore

12:00-1:30

Panel 7, Leadership: Ancient and Modern

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

Tracing the genealogy of charisma and its role in democratic declines
Trinity Johnson, johntsonm@cua.edu, Catholic University of America

Pedagogical Esotericism

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

Who or What is the “Katechon?” Peter Thiel, Carl Schmitt, and Back to the Sources
Eduardo Schmidt Passos, edusp82@hotmail.com, Arizona State University

Ethical Lessons in Aristotle’s *Rhetoric*

Daniel Hutter Fram, dfram@middlebury.edu, Middlebury College

Discussants: Michael Promisel, promisel@cua.edu, Catholic University of America;
Anthony Spanakos, spanakos@gmail.com, Montclair State University

2:00-3:30

Panel 8, Person and Play as the Path of Literature

Chair: Gustavo Santos, 59santos@cua.edu, Catholic University of America

Michael Oakeshott as a Philosopher Play

Simas Čelutka, simas.celutka@gmail.com, Vilnius University

On the Hidden Roots of Absurdity: Franz Kafka

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

The 'Wounded' Word in Jacques Ellul and Jean-Louis Chrétien

Ian Tuttle, jptuttle4513@gmail.com, Aspen Institute

The Problem of Ontological Perspectivism: Can Love Constitute the Common World?

Aistė Noreikaitė, noraiste@gmail.com, Vilnius University

Discussant: Gustavo Santos, 59santos@cua.edu, Catholic University of America

4:00-5:30

Panel 9, Roundtable on Ralph Hancock, *Love and Virtue in a Secular Age*

Chair: James Stoner, poston@lsu.edu, Louisiana State University

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Trevor Shelley, trevor.shelley@asu.edu, Arizona State University

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

**Friday 6:30
Business Meeting**

**Friday 7:30
Reception**

Saturday, September 5

8:00-9:30

Panel 10, Voegelin's Political Engagement

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

Did Willmoore Kendall Understand Eric Voegelin?

Matt Cantirino, mcantirino@udallas.edu, University of Dallas

War and Peace in the Perspective of Eric Voegelin

Giuliana Parotto, parottog@yahoo.de, University of Trieste

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

10:00-11:30

Panel 11, Prepolitical Foundations

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

Democracy Under Threat: How to Understand, Protect, and Rebuild'
The Pre-Political Foundations of Democracy

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

Jovellanos and the Hispanic Enlightenment

Felipe Blanco, mosquerablanc@cu.edu, Catholic University of America

Canadian Confrontations with Martin Heidegger: George Grant and Charles Taylor

Timothy Berk, tberk@colgate.edu, Colgate University

How the American University Can Regain its Soul

Michael S. Kochin, kochin@tauex.tau.ac.il, Hillsdale College

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

12:00-1:30

Panel 12, Roundtable on Gregory Collins's *Early Black Political Thought on American Civil Society*

Chair: Joey Barretta, jbarretta@wlu.edu, University of Texas at Austin

James R. Stoner, poston@lsu.edu, Louisiana State University

Richard Newman, rsngsm@rit.edu, Rochester Institute of Technology

Nicholas R. Buccola, Nicholas.Buccola@claremontmckenna.edu, Claremont McKenna College

Bradley Rebeiro, rebeirob@law.byu.edu, Brigham Young University

Gregory M. Collins, gregory.collins@yale.edu; Yale University

2:00-3:30

Panel 13, Built Better Than They Knew: America at 250

Chair: Joseph R. Fornieri, jrfgsm@rit.edu, Rochester Institute of Technology

The Preservation of the Spiritual and Temporal: The Legacy of John C. Murray
Riley Bauer, rb3889@columbia.edu, Columbia University

Built Better than they Knew: Peter Lawler on the American Founding at 250
David Ramsey, dramsey1@uwf.edu, University of West Florida

The Consequential Education of Phillis Wheatley
Kirstin Anderson Birkhaug, birkhaug@hope.edu, Hope College

Discussant: Joseph R. Fornieri, jrfgsm@rit.edu, Rochester Institute of Technology

4:00-5:30

Panel 14, Author Meets Critics, Paul Carrese, *Teaching America*

Chair: Danielle Allen, danielleallen@fas.harvard.edu, Harvard University

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Rita Koganzon, koganzon@unc.edu, University of North Carolina

Peter Levine, peter.levine@tufts.edu, Tufts University

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Scott E. Yenor, syenor@boisestate.edu, Boise State University

Paul O. Carrese, pcarrese@asu.edu, Arizona State University

Sunday, September 6

8:00-9:30

Panel 15, Afflictions of Liberal Politics

Chair: Richard Avramenko avramenko@asu.edu, Director, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University

Trump and the Americans: Making Sense of US Politics with Voegelin's Tools
Bruno Godefroy, bruno.godefroy@gmx.de, University of Tours

Viktor Orbán's Postliberal Regime

Eugen Nagy, eugen.nagy@tamusa.edu, Texas A&M University, San Antonio

The Origins of Modern Political Evil in Arendt and Kolakowski

Paul Gray, pggray@deakin.edu.au, Deakin University

The Place of Vaclav Havel's Socratic Legacy in the Current Discourse

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

Discussant: Richard Avramenko, avramenko@asu.edu, Director, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University

10:00-11:30

Panel 16, Roundtable on David Walsh, *The Invisible Source of Authority: God in a Secular Age*

Chair: Thomas Holman, th2839@princeton.edu, Princeton University

Presenters: Ian Tuttle, iptuttle4513@gmail.com, Aspen Institute

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