

**Annual Ethics Conference**  
Viterbo University  
La Crosse, Wisconsin  
April 13-14, 2023

**2023 Theme: "Blessed are the Peacemakers"**  
*A Conference on the Virtue of Peace*

Thursday, April 13

- 7:00-8:30 Keynote Lecture:  
"Searching for Empathy: Human Connection in Divided Times"  
James Bowey, Photojournalist  
Weber Center for the Performing Arts
- 8:30-9:30 Reception

Friday, April 14

- 7:30-7:50am Registration/Continental Breakfast  
Fine Arts Center Lobby
- 7:50-8:00am Welcome
- 8:00-9:00am Session I  
  
Marie Dennis, Pax Christi International  
"In Pursuit of Peace: The Prophecy of Nonviolence"
- 9:15-10:30am Session II  
  
Jiahe Wang Xu, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
"Cultivating the Virtues of Forgiveness and Agape Love in Peacemaking"  
  
Heidi M. Giebel, University of St. Thomas  
"Blessed are the Rehumanizers: The Franciscan-Thomistic Virtues of Peacemaking"
- 10:45-12:00 Session III  
  
John P. Hopkins, Saint Martin's University  
"The Impossibility of Peace: The Pope's Apology, Indigenous Peoples, and the Hermeneutics of Peace Education"  
  
Christopher Haw, University of Scranton

“Radical Ambivalence Regarding Conflict and Peace in René Girard’s  
Mimetic Theory”

12:00-1:15pm Lunch and Session IV

Hilda Mateo, Missionaries Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit  
"Encuentro"

1:30-2:45pm Session V

Rob Manning “Timothy Snyder, Ken Burns, and Holocaust Studies as  
Critical Peacemaking”  
Quincy University

Derrick Van Mell, The Center for Management Terms & Practices  
“The Workplace as Crucible for the Daily Practice of Power Ethics:  
The Pledge of Managerial Power and Its Lessons for World Peace”

3:00-4:15 Session VI

David K. Chan, The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
“Superpowers Corrupt Absolutely: Why Peace is Impossible”

Keith Knutson “Blessed Is the European Union?”  
Viterbo University

4:30-5:15 Session VII

Peter Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary  
“Hospitality amidst Hatred: A Theology and Practice of Love of  
Enemies/Peacemaking in Conversation”