

Call for Papers

“Civic Virtue and the Common Good”

A Conference on the Roots of Democracy

Viterbo University
La Crosse, Wisconsin
October 1-3, 2020

“For as a human being is the best of the animals when perfected, so when separated from law and justice he is worst of all.” Aristotle, *Politics*

The 2020 Conference on the Virtues seeks to gather scholars for a national conversation on the importance of civic virtue in shaping a society dedicated to the furtherance of the common good. We invite papers examining the origins of democracy, the conditions of a civil society, ethical norms for political participation, the characteristics of flourishing communities, and education for citizenship.

Presentations may include the following topics:

- The Role of Institutions in Civil Society
- Civic Engagement and Social Capital
- Meritocracy and Egalitarianism
- Public Virtues
- Political Emotions
- Building Community
- Collaboration and Polarization
- Resolving Conflict
- Hospitality and Diversity
- The Origins of Democratic Government

Keynote Speaker

Michael Sandel

*Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government
Harvard University*

Presentation proposals should be no more than two pages in length and include name, affiliation, address, and e-mail address. Presentations will be limited to twenty minutes with ample time provided for discussion. Proposals for panel discussions and “works in progress” are encouraged. **Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2020.**

Proposals should be sent to rlkyte@viterbo.edu. Please write “Ethics Conference Proposal” in the subject line. Proposals may also be sent to Richard Kyte, D. B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership, Viterbo University, 900 Viterbo Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Additional information regarding the conference series is available at
www.viterbo.edu/ethics

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