

Call for Papers

“Civic Virtue and the Common Good” *A Conference on the Roots of Democracy*

Viterbo University
La Crosse, Wisconsin
October 21-23, 2021

“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 2021 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
- Civic Education
- The Origins of Democratic Government
- Balancing Individual Interests and Common Welfare
- National Identity in a Pluralistic Society

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 30, 2021.**

Proposals and inquiries may be sent to ethics@viterbo.edu. Please write “Ethics Conference Proposal” in the subject line.

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

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