

Annual Ethics Conference
Viterbo University
La Crosse, Wisconsin
October 21-22, 2021

2021 Theme: Civic Virtue and the Common Good
A Conference on the Roots of Democracy

Thursday, October 21

- 7:00-8:30 Keynote Lecture: “The Declaration of Independence Today”
Danielle Allen, Harvard University
Main Theatre, Fine Arts Center
- 8:30-9:30 Reception
Main Theatre Lobby, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 22

- 8:00-8:15am Registration/Continental Breakfast
Hospitality Suite, Fine Arts Center
- 8:15-9:15 Session I
- “Robert E Lee and Confederate Civic Virtue”
Keith Knutson, Viterbo University
- “Prosperity for All: Prosperity theology and Transformation of American
Religion after World War II”
Eric Weinberg, Viterbo University
- 9:30-10:30 Session II
- “Hermeneutics and the Ongoing Project of Democracy”
Mark Clark, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise
- “Learning to Live with Our Convictions: Educating for Democracy”
Jason J. Howard, Viterbo University
- 10:45-11:45 Session III
- “The Ethics of Public School Funding”
Lawrence Baines, Berry College
- “Leading and Learning with Character: Lessons Learned”
Denise Schares, University of Northern Iowa

11:45-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-1:30 Session IV

“Hospitality as a Civic Virtue: Lessons from the Streets”
Peter R. Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary and Manna House

1:45-2:45 Session V

“Epistemic Virtue as the Foundation of Civic Virtue”
Baylor Johnson, St. Lawrence University

“Humble Roots: The Epistemic Underpinnings of Democracy”
Kristin Schaupp, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

3:00-4:00 Session VI

“District Attorney Categorical Nonenforcement: An Ethical Analysis”
James N. Szymalak, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

“Private Interest and the Common Good: A Problem of Scale?”
Andrew J. Hamilton, Viterbo University