

**INFORMATION ON THE SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC
SOCIAL SCIENTISTS 26th ANNUAL
NATIONAL MEETING-CONFERENCE
Friday-Saturday, October 26-27, 2018
Belmont Abbey College,
Belmont, North Carolina**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
CAREFULLY:**

Conference schedule at a glance:

Friday, October 26 -

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. - Registration in Grace Auditorium, 3rd Floor of St. Leo's Hall (see campus map) - Attendees (including conference presenters) should be pre-registered - stop at the registration table at the back of Grace Auditorium to pick up your conference packet.

11:00 a.m.-Noon - *Catholic Social Science Review* Editorial Board Meeting - Stowe Hall Room 209

12:30-12:50 p.m. - Opening Prayer and Welcome - Grace Auditorium

1:00-6:30pm - Registration Continues - 2nd Floor, Stowe Hall

1:00-2:30 p.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

3:00-4:30 p.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

5:00-6:30 p.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

6:35-7:15 p.m. - Disciplinary Section Meetings (see full schedule)

7:30-9:30 p.m. - Dinner/Banquet - Haid Ballroom

Saturday, October 27 -

7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Registration continues - 2nd Floor Stowe Hall

7:45-7:55 a.m. - Group Prayer - Stowe Hall (Room 215)

8:00-9:30 a.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

10:00-11:30 a.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Luncheon - Haid Ballroom

2:00-3:30 p.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

3:45-5:15 p.m. - Sessions and Panels (see full schedule)

5:30-6:30pm - Anticipatory Mass - location to be announced at conference

7:30-9:30 p.m. - SCSS Board of Directors Meeting - Stowe Hall Room 209

Registration fee: \$30 SCSS members; \$50 non-members (**but non-members should note the special deal below**); \$15 full-time students (undergraduate or graduate); an accompanying spouse is half-price - registration fee must be paid by all attendees, including presenters, moderators, panelists, etc. (except for awardees and specially invited guests), preferably in advance. The costs for the two optional conference common meals are below.

Registration procedures (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY): Mail registration and payment by check or money order may be made by sending in the registration form. Checks should be drawn on an American bank. If your check is drawn on a bank in another country, you must include an additional \$6 processing fee so we can cash the check. If this additional amount is not included, your check will be returned to you. **The registration form for use with this mail-in registration is enclosed and also appears on the SCSS website.** Send your registration form with check or money order (payable to "Society of Catholic Social Scientists") to: **Mrs. Carrie Libetti, Academic Affairs Office, Egan Hall, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.** (Note that the SCSS office is at Franciscan University of Steubenville, which is why the registration is being handled there even though the conference is not there this year.) If you prefer to register and make payment online via credit or debit card, that option is available, although you are required to pay an additional fee. Online registration is done through Eventbrite. To register online, go to the SCSS website (www.catholicsocialscientists.org) and follow the directions given. **If there are any registration questions, call Mrs. Carrie Libetti (740-284-5343) or email her (clibetti@franciscan.edu).**

Non-members or former members who let their SCSS membership lapse are eligible for special reduced \$60 joint fee for non-member registration and new SCSS membership if they meet the criteria for SCSS membership (covers dues through 2019; normally dues are \$25 per year) - Check SCSS website for membership criteria and forms (catholicsocialscientists.org) and fill out the conference registration form and return it with a completed, signed SCSS application form, profession of faith form (both are also at SCSS website), and C.V. or bio - **all this should be sent**

or emailed to Mrs. Libetti (U.S. Mail and email address above - in this case, do NOT send the completed application materials to Fr. Sullins, which the application form directs (he will review them afterwards)). This special deal is available if registering either by U.S. Mail or online. (The charge for spouses attending with someone taking advantage of this special deal is \$25.)

Friday Dinner (optional): \$28, and Saturday Luncheon (optional): \$20 - must be paid in advance so we can give the dining service on campus an accurate count - you will not be included in the meals if you do not pay in advance (we must receive your payment for the meals by Friday, October 12, 2018 if you wish to be included in them). **THIS DEADLINE MUST BE EMPHASIZED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS - REGISTRATION FOR THE MEALS AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BECAUSE THE DINING SERVICE AT THE CAMPUS REQUIRES A COUNT IN ADVANCE.** The meal payment should be made at the same time as the registration payment. Of course, if you are registering online you may also be able to pay for the meals then. These are the only group meals at the conference. You will receive an email acknowledgement when your payment is received. Both meals are buffets and there will be a meatless choice for the Friday dinner. If you have specific dietary requirements please contact **Dr. Laurence Reardon**, this year's conference organizer (LaurenceReardon@bac.edu) **Cell: (301)651-1792** far enough in advance of the conference and we will endeavor to accommodate you.

This informational packet is the most detailed material you will receive, SO BE SURE TO BRING IT ALONG WITH YOU TO THE CONFERENCE. It and the conference schedule and registration form are also available on the SCSS website (www.catholicsocialscientists.org) and when you check in at the registration table at the conference (see first page) you will receive the final conference schedule that will show any. Feel free to reproduce all the material relating to the conference for others or refer them to the website. At the conference, an updated conference schedule will be provided at the registration/check-in table showing any changes that will have been made due to unexpected cancellations and room changes. There will be no changes in the dates/times of the sessions as seen on the enclosed conference schedule.

Refund Policy: If registrants are subsequently unable to attend, they must notify Dr. Stephen M. Krason, the SCSS President (Political Science Program, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio 43952 or phone 740-284-5377 or fax 740-283-6401 or email him (catholicsocialscientists@gmail.com) that they want a refund. Requests for refunds will be accepted until November 16, 2018. If payment was made online through Eventbrite, the Eventbrite fee charged cannot be refunded. Any meal cancellations after October 12, 2018 cannot be refunded. This is because the count would already have been

given to the campus food service and the meals ordered. **Requests for refunds from scheduled conference presenters who cancel** will be granted only on a case-to-case basis if there was a compelling reason for the cancellation. The final decision about this will be made by Dr. Krason. Also: scheduled presenters or panelists who cancel without a compelling reason, as determined by Dr. Krason, will not be permitted to present a paper or take part on a panel until the 2020 national meeting-conference. This is in accordance with a policy adopted by the SCSS Board of Directors. **The reason for both of these policies is that some presenters in the past have cancelled suddenly, with little or no notice or explanation, and this has necessitated the last minute cancellation or alteration of conference sessions and compromised the overall quality of the conferences.**

Lodging: A block of rooms is being held at both the Hampton Inn (within sight of the College, on the other side of I-85) and Holiday Inn Express and Suites (2.7 miles from the College). Both facilities are offering the conference attendees a special conference rate: at the Hampton Inn it is \$112, plus tax and at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites it is \$99 plus tax. Both also offer a complimentary hot breakfast for their guests. (Most rooms are being held for Friday and Saturday night, and a smaller number for Thursday night to be available for those who will be coming in then.) **It is necessary to book your room at the Hampton Inn by Wednesday, September 26, 2018 or at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites by Monday, September 24, 2018**; the holds on the rooms will be lifted after that date. The Hampton Inn address is: 820 Cecilia Alexander Drive, Belmont, NC 28012. The Holiday Inn Express and Suites address is: 250 Beatty Drive, Belmont, NC 28012.

To reserve rooms at the Hampton Inn at the special conference rates, you have the following options:

1. Call the local number of the Hampton Inn: (704)825-6100
2. Call 1-800-HILTONS and provide the name of the group block (Society of Catholic Social Scientists) or group code (SOC)
3. Type the following link into your browser:
https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?execution=els1

Enter your reservation dates and enter SOC in the "Group Code" box.

To reserve rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites:

1. Call the local number of the hotel:(704) 812-2000
2. The following link will take you to a specific booking page

on the hotel website:

https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=event-facilities&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=Mthly&_PMID=99801505&GPC=SCC&viewfullsite=true

Enter the dates you wish to reserve, then click "Check Availability."

(If the link above is too long to type, email LaurenceReardon@bac.edu for a clickable link).

IT CANNOT BE STRONGLY ENOUGH EMPHASIZED THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING THIS MAILING. ALL CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS (whether presenters, moderators, panelists, or just regular attendees—other than awardees and special invited guests) MUST MAKE THEIR OWN LODGING RESERVATIONS and, of course, pay their own lodging and other expenses. The SCSS pays for the lodging only for awardees and special invited guests.

Shuttle service is available between the Hampton Inn and the College for Friday morning and evening and Saturday morning and early afternoon. Because of another event at the hotel on Saturday evening, shuttle service is less certain at this time but still possible. The Holiday Inn Express and Suites does not provide its own shuttle service to/from the College. We are currently looking at the possibility of using shuttles from the College for some service to the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. We would encourage attendees to share rides where possible. If you do need hotel transportation, please contact Dr. Laurence Reardon (contact information above).

Transportation:

Belmont Abbey College is served by Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) which is about 8 miles (12 minutes) away. Once you arrive, you may wish to rent a car at the Airport, which is served by most of the major car rental companies. You should check the Yellow Pages of your local phone book for phone numbers for nationwide car rental companies.

Driving directions: From Charlotte Douglas International Airport and all points North to the College:

Follow signs to Interstate 85 South. Take I-85 South to Exit 26, the Belmont Abbey College exit. When you exit, you will see the campus in front of you. Turn left at the stop light, then turn right into the first entrance (main entrance) of the College.

From the South to the College:

Follow Interstate 85 North to Exit 26, the Belmont Abbey College exit. Turn left at the stop sign onto McAdenville Drive.

(Immediately on your left you will see the Hampton Inn). Turn left again at the stop light onto Belmont-Mt Holly Road/Main Street. You will see Belmont Abbey College to your right as you pass over I-85. Turn right into the first entrance (main entrance) of the College.

From the College to the Hampton Inn:

On leaving the campus (main entrance), turn left onto Belmont-Mt. Holly Road and cross over I-85. Take an immediate right at the stop light onto McAdenville Road. The Hampton Inn is the first entrance on the right.

From the College to the Holiday Inn Express and Suites:

On leaving the campus (main entrance), turn left onto Belmont-Mt. Holly Road and cross over I-85. Take an immediate right at the stop light onto McAdenville Road. After the Hampton Inn take the first right onto the I-85 ramp. Take I-85 North for less than a mile to Exit 27. Take a left onto Beatty Drive. Cross over I-85. In less than a mile (just after YMCA Drive) you will see the Holiday Inn Express and Suites on the right.

From the Holiday Inn Express and Suites to the College:

On leaving the hotel, take a left onto Beatty Drive. Take the ramp (first right) onto I-85 S. and go less than a mile to Exit 26, the Belmont Abbey College exit. When you exit, you will see the campus in front of you. Turn left at the stop light, then turn right into the first entrance (main entrance) of the College.

Rail and Bus: The College is served by Amtrak stations in Charlotte (15 miles east of Belmont) and Gastonia (8 miles west of Belmont). The Charlotte Amtrak station is located at 1914 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. The Gastonia Amtrak Station is at 350 Hancock Street, Gastonia.

The College is also served by Greyhound Bus stations in Charlotte (15 miles east of Belmont) and Gastonia (9 miles west of Belmont).

The Greyhound Bus station in Charlotte is located at 601 W. Trade Street, Charlotte. The Greyhound Bus station in Gastonia is located at 121 N. Oakland Avenue, Gastonia. You will need to arrange ground transportation from any of these stations. If you need assistance, please contact Dr. Laurence Reardon (contact information listed above).

Campus Parking:

Parking will be available in the Haid Parking Lot (between St. Leo's Hall and the Haid Theatre/Ballroom) and in the three lower parking lots in front of the monastery. Since Friday is a regular class day, the Haid Parking lot may be full, but more spaces will be available on Saturday.

The enclosed map of the campus should be helpful. Please note that **Stowe Hall** (where all the conference sessions will be held, except for the Banquet, Luncheon and Opening Prayer/Welcome) is shown on the map under its full name, **Robert Lee Stowe Hall**. (#3 on the map)

Meals: As stated above the only group meals at the conference will be the Friday night dinner (banquet) and the Saturday luncheon. Other meals can be purchased at the campus Dining Hall (#15 on the map) or the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop and Café (#6 on the map). Please note that the Dining Hall does not take cash, only credit or debit cards. There are numerous other restaurants and fast food places within a five-minute drive from campus: On leaving the campus (main entrance), turn left onto Belmont-Mt. Holly Road, cross over I-85, (road becomes Main Street) in less than 0.2 miles you will see (all on the right) Hardees burger restaurant, Estia's Kouzina Greek restaurant, Bojangles southern chicken restaurant and McDonalds. If you take a right on Wilkinson Blvd. just before Bojangles, followed by an immediate left, a shopping plaza includes Simonetti's (award-winning) Italian restaurant and Taxco Mexican restaurant. If you wish to continue into Belmont, stay on Main Street at Bojangles, cross over Wilkinson Blvd. As the road splits, keep left on Main Street, past the Sacred Heart Campus of Belmont Abbey College. Over the next mile you will pass (all on the left) The String Bean, Nellie's Southern Kitchen, Old Stone Steakhouse and Sammy's Neighborhood Pub.

Mass Times: The Mass schedule for Mary Help of Christians Basilica during the days of the conference is as follows: Friday 5pm, Saturday 11am. There are also confessions before and during weekday Mass. Sunday Mass is at 11am. An anticipatory Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening at 5:30pm at a location to be announced at the conference. Adoration is held at the beautiful St. Joseph Adoration Chapel in the woods (#19 on the map).

Off campus, Masses are celebrated at Queen of the Apostles Church in Belmont and St. Michael's Church in Gastonia. Mass times, confession times and directions can be obtained at <https://www.queenoftheapostles.org/>
<http://stmichaelsgastonia.org/>
St. Michael's also has adoration on Fridays from 9am-7pm

Other University Facilities: The Abbot Vincent Taylor Library (#8 on the map) is at the end of the Haid Parking Lot. The Campus Bookstore (open Fri. 9:30am-4:30pm; Sat. 10am-1pm) and The Catholic Shoppe (open Mon.-Sat. 10pm-4pm) are both located on the lower level of St. Leo's Hall.

Structure of the Meeting-Conference: Like many U. S. academic organizations' annual conferences/conventions, the SCSS annual conference has multiple sessions going on at the same time and

a limited number of plenary sessions. Our plenary sessions most years—including in 2018—are limited just to talks at the conference meals. We do it this way because we want to maximize the opportunities for participation. The paper proposals that were received from our "Call for Papers" were grouped into sessions that have broadly similar topics. It was not feasible, in light of the limitation in the number of rooms and the desire not to have too, too many sessions going on at once, to have a separate session for each single presentation.

Guidelines for Presentations (this section is for presenters):

All presenters, except for those who are on panels that a particular person has organized for a coordinated presentation or workshops, should have formal papers. **All such presenters must bring at least 15 copies of their papers to make available for distribution.** In a normal session of two paper presentations, **INDIVIDUAL PRESENTERS SHOULD LIMIT THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO 30 minutes;** 35 minutes is the absolute longest they may go *although this is not preferred*. Basically, presentations of formal academic papers in many cases should be essentially summaries of the paper. For panels in which there will be more than two people presenting formal papers, the panel chairman will instruct presenters about how long their presentations should go on, although the amount of time for audience questions and discussion indicated below must be made available. The presenters at the sessions and the panels must **speak in the order they appear in the program.** **Moderators:** The moderators, whose task essentially involves introductions, time management, and directing the question and discussion time, must strictly enforce the time limits (say, by letting each speaker know when he has 5 minutes left, and then signaling to him that his time is up by standing, going to the podium to introduce the next speaker, etc.). This will help insure that **at least 20 and preferably 30, minutes are available for audience questions and discussion** (if there are formal discussants or respondents for a session, it is likely that only 20 minutes will be available for audience participation). **IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT MODERATORS MUST INSURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST 20 AND PREFERABLY 30 MINUTES FOR AUDIENCE QUESTIONS.** The moderators are also responsible for making sure their session starts and stops at the designated times. **This is very important to insure the smooth flow of the conference.** The moderators have been assigned to the sessions, as much as possible, on the basis of their background in the general area that the session involves, so they may also begin the discussion period by posing some initial questions to the speakers. **PAPER PRESENTERS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Paper presenters are all expected to send copies of their completed papers NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 12, 2018 to the other presenter(s) at their session, the moderator of their session, and any discussants/respondents (this is in addition to the 15 copies that must be brought to the session for distribution to the audience). By that date, they are also expected to send a short**

bio, resume, or CV to their moderator for introduction purposes at the session. In order to have this contact information, information on how to access the SCSS online Membership Directory and the email or U.S. Mail addresses of all non-member conference participants is being sent separately to all paper presenters, panelists, moderators, and panel chairmen to make it possible for them to do this.

Those on **panels where there are not formal papers** should also apportion their speaking time to insure that at least 30 minutes for audience questions and discussion is available. Panel chairmen should strictly enforce time limits; panels, like the other sessions, run to 90 minutes. Panel chairmen should plan to bring or request their panelists to bring hand-outs of pertinent articles or other materials by the panelists for distribution to attendees. Arrangements for workshops will differ and will be determined by the person(s) conducting the workshop.

All the rooms that presentations are scheduled in will have podiums, marker boards and computers equipped with Powerpoint and other audio-visual applications (Youtube etc.) connected to projectors and screens. **If you need additional items for your presentation** (although it is preferable that you bring your own lap-top computer in this case), contact Dr. Laurence Reardon (phone number and email address above) **no later than two weeks before the start of the conference (October 12, 2018).** Requests for such equipment made after that date **will not be honored.**

Submission of Papers for Publication Consideration in *The Catholic Social Science Review (CSSR)*. In order for a conference paper to be considered for publication in the *CSSR*, please check the submission guidelines at the *CSSR's* website (www.cssronline.org). **It must be emphasized that the Editorial Board of the *CSSR* is seeking high quality contributions that are well written and which make important points, raise significant issues, make valuable reflections, and embody solid research on their topics.** All submissions are refereed, generally by members of the *CSSR's* Editorial Advisory Board. As with any refereed journal, the referees act in an advisory capacity. The final decision about publication is made by the Editor-in-Chief in light of the referees' comments and, if needed, those of the other members of the Editorial Board. **There should be no expectation that just because a paper has been submitted or has been delivered at the conference that there will for sure be a decision to go ahead and publish it.** It should be noted that there will be **no** formal published conference proceedings; those who wish to have their papers considered for publication must submit them for consideration according to the normal procedures for *CSSR* submissions. Any submissions for the *CSSR* will be considered for next year's issue and beyond, depending on the backlog of articles.

Any questions about the above rules for contributions or about how they apply to your planned submission should be

directed to: Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Batule of St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie, Yonkers, NY), who is Editor-in-Chief of the CSSR (msgr.batule@yahoo.com).

Attendance at Presentations: Please take an active role in attending other sessions and panels at the conference besides the one(s) in which you are presenting. We will have a lot of presentations, and students, faculty, and staff from Belmont Abbey College and their spouses also will be invited and encouraged to attend), but we want to make sure there is at least a small audience for each session and panel. (Belmont Abbey College students faculty, and staff and their spouses may attend—as at every college or university that hosts the annual SCSS conference—without registering or paying the registration fee, though they have to pay for the meals. This is our way of showing our gratitude to the institution that hosts us.)

Miscellaneous: Some tables will be set up on the second floor of Stowe Hall for any literature or hand-outs or information about other events that may be of interest to the attendees that attendees and participants wish to bring along to share with their colleagues, or for people who wish to sell books. **If anyone wishes to sell books, he must inform Dr. Reardon of that before the conference and must man the book table himself;** none of the people helping at the conference are available to do this. We urge attendees to bring along copies of articles and fliers for books they have written and, in order to let colleagues know about their expertise for future lecturing and conference speaking possibilities, etc., professional resumes/vitae/bios. The latter may be of interest to your SCSS colleagues to let them know of your activities, publications, etc. for the possibility of lecturing, etc. If you bring copies of the latter, please be sure to give one copy to Dr. Krason for updating of your SCSS paper file. Permission for audio or video taping of any parts of the conference program must be secured in advance from Dr. Krason. The SCSS generally requires that it receive a copy and retains all rights. If there are any additional *general conference questions*, please contact Dr. Reardon above. **Please do NOT call Dr. Krason or Dr. Reardon with registration questions; Mrs. Libetti is dealing with registration. She is the one to contact for such questions, although most questions should be answered in this informational material.** As noted, questions concerning submission of conference papers to the CSSR should be directed to Msgr. Batule. To repeat, please be sure to bring this informational material with you to the conference. As stated, a final conference schedule will be provided at the check-in table. Again: There will be NO changes in the time that particular sessions/panels will be held from what appears on the enclosed conference schedule. Do not make such requests; they WILL NOT be honored.