

2017 Conference Information Webpage

University Faculty for Life

An interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary fellowship of scholars interested in research, dialogue, and publication respectful of human life from conception to natural death.

27th Annual Conference

Location:

University of St. Thomas Law School 1000 Lasalle Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Please note that the University of St. Thomas has campuses both in Minneapolis where the conference will be held and in St. Paul where UST's dorms are located. Driving between campuses takes about 20 minutes—except during rush hour when it takes about 35 minutes. Both campuses are about 30 minutes from the airport in Bloomington (a suburb of Minneapolis) and approximately a \$35-40 cab ride.

Local Points of Interest: Next to the MSP airport in Bloomington is the Mall of America which contains an amusement park; the Mall is also about a half a mile from a wildlife preserve and about 20 minutes from the Minnesota Zoo (there is also the Como Zoo in St. Paul which is about 15 minutes from UST's St. Paul campus). In Minneapolis, there are wonderful art museums, a vibrant night life, and the Basilica of St. Mary. In St. Paul, there is the Children's Museum, the Science Museum, the railroad tycoon J. Hill's House, and the Cathedral of St. Paul. For those who like to walk, there are sidewalks around the lakes Hiawatha and Nokomis in Minneapolis and Lake Como in St. Paul. The Twin Cities also has many bike trails. On the border of St. Paul and Minneapolis, there is the historic Fort Snelling where Dred Scott once worked and where actors play various historical figures. There are also informative paddlewheel rides about local history on the Mississippi River. About 35-45 minutes outside of town in Stillwater, there is Loome's Bookstore, famous for its selection in philosophy, theology, and literary classics. Also in Stillwater, there are antique stores and reasonably priced paddlewheel rides on the beautiful St. Croix river. Please consult Google Maps and the UST's Visitor Guide on our webpages at <http://www.uffl.org/>

2017 Conference themes: *Key Issues in Bioethics* with contributed papers, plenary talks, and specialty panels on the Ethics of Laboratory Science, Biblical Bioethics, Sustainable Pro-life Models, the Law and Pro-life Issues, Palliative Care, Theology and Bioethics, and Book Presentations.

2017 Smith Award Recipient and Banquet Speaker: **Robert Spitzer S.J.**, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Star of EWTN's *Father Spitzer's Universe*, President of both the Magis Center of Reason and Faith and the Spitzer Center of Ethical Leadership, the author of eight books, and the retired president of Gonzaga University. He will be speaking on *The Inescapability of the Pro-life Stance*.

Plenary Speakers: **David A Prentice** Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Vice-President and Research Director of Charlotte Lozier Institute, founding member of Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics, and adult stem cell specialist. He will be speaking on *Bioethics, Biotechnology and Policy: Current Challenges*. **Patrick Lee** Ph.D. in Philosophy, McAleer Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Center for Bioethics at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He will be speaking on *Human Dignity at the Margins of Life*. **Kevin Fitzgerald, S.J.** and Ph.D. in Bioethics and Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics, the Lauler Chair of Catholic Health Care Ethics at Georgetown's Center for Clinical Bioethics and Research Associate Professor of Oncology focusing on gene regulation. He will be speaking on *The Promise & Peril of Genomic Medicine*. For more information see UFFL's website at <http://www.uffl.org/>

Contributed Papers focus on fundamentals of bioethics as well as abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. **Book presentations** are 10-15 presentations by UFFL members about their published pro-life books. For details about submitting, see the CALL for PROPOSALS at <http://www.uffl.org/>. **N.B. The deadline for priority consideration of proposals is April 7th, 2017.**

Those registering for the complete conference receive conference materials, refreshments, a buffet dinner on Friday night and all meals on Saturday including the banquet with Fr. Robert Spitzer, when he will be speaking on "The Inescapability of the Pro-life Stance." Registration is on-line with Eventbrite adding a small processing fee.

The conference is being **hosted by the University of St. Thomas and will be held at UST's Law School in Minneapolis (1000 LaSalle Ave)**. UST's Law School is about 30 minutes from the MSP (Minneapolis/St Paul) airport and around a \$45 cab ride.

Housing options

- **Many Twin City hotels** that offer a discount for University of St. Thomas Visitors (see UST's Visitor Page at <http://www.stthomas.edu/visitors>)
- **DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Downtown Minneapolis** (this is the hotel next door to the law school where the conference will be held). It is also a few steps from Target and a walking mall.
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conference rate \$149/night **until May 9th**, 2017
Hilton Registration Line: 1.800.245.8011; discount code "UFL"
Web link for reservations: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPLSDT-UFL-20170608/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
- Efficiency or quad apartment style **dorms at the University of St. Thomas's St. Paul campus** with a rate of \$64/night and a reservation deadline of **May 9th**. (N.B. *the efficiency style apartment dorm rooms have limited availability so book early (the other rooms are apartment style quad bedrooms that require sharing a bathroom and a living space)*). During rush hour, it takes about 30 minutes to drive between UST's Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses; otherwise about 15-20 minutes. Taxis charge around \$35 to commute between the campuses. On Friday, UST's free shuttle bus will be running between the campuses about every hour; but on Saturday, the shuttle bus *will not be available*. If sufficient numbers reserve rooms in UST's dorms on the St. Paul campus--- *and reserve a seat on the shuttle bus for \$30 dollars round trip*--UFFL can hire a special bus to run on Saturday morning from 8-10 am and again Saturday evening from 7:30-9:30.
 - N.B. *If interested in UFFL hiring a bus, be sure to reserve a seat when you make the dorm reservation--- otherwise a bus on Saturday cannot become an option.*
 - To reserve a UST apartment dorm room and bus service, see the links on UFFL's homepage at <http://www.uffl.org/> (these will be TBA until mid-January).