

The 2023 Touchstone Conference



The **CRISIS of AUTHORITY**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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October 12–14, 2023

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THE ARNOLD T. OLSON CHAPEL *All talks will be held in the Olson Chapel.*

Thursday Afternoon—October 12 

4:00 P.M. *Registration Begins*

eighth day
BOOKS



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Thursday Evening—October 12

7:00 P.M. *Welcome—J. Douglas Johnson*

7:20 P.M.

R. R. RENO

Authority, Love & Devotion



8:00 P.M.

Brad LITTLEJOHN

Rediscovering Political Authority
in an Age of Expertise



8:40 P.M. **Q & A**

9:00 P.M. *Reception*

BIOS


R. R. RENO, the editor of *First Things*, a journal of religion and public life, serves on the board of advisers of the Edmund Burke Foundation, the sponsor of the 2019 National Conservatism Conference. After earning his doctorate in religious studies from Yale, he taught theology at Creighton University for twenty years. His books include *Genesis: A Theological Commentary*;

Fighting the Noonday Devil; and *Resurrecting the Idea of a Christian Society*. He lives with his wife in New York City.

BRADFORD LITTLEJOHN (Ph.D., University of Edinburgh) is Founder and President of the Davenant Institute, and serves as a Fellow in the Evangelicals in Civic Life Program at the Ethics and Public Policy

Center. He is the author of five books, including *Called to Freedom: Retrieving the Liberty of a Christian in an Age of License*. His academic research has focused on the thought of Anglican theologian Richard Hooker, as well as topics in Christian ethics and political theology. He also writes for numerous popular outlets in Christian thought and current affairs, such as *First Things*, *National Affairs*, and *WORLD*.

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Friday Morning—October 13 



9:00 A.M.

Douglas FARROW

When Kings Take Counsel Together



9:45 A.M. Q & A

10:00 A.M. *Break/Refreshments*

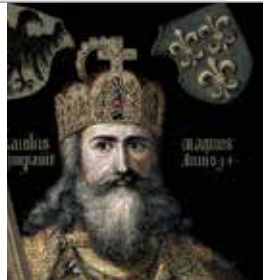


10:30 A.M.

R. V. YOUNG

The Rout of the Muses

The Crisis of Authority in the Fine Arts



11:15 A.M. Q & A



11:25 A.M.

Michael HANBY

The Nature of Authority
& the Authority of Nature



12:00 P.M. *Break for Lunch*

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DOUGLAS FARROW is Professor of Theology and Ethics at McGill University

in Montreal and sometime holder of the Kennedy Smith Chair in Catholic Studies. Before coming to

McGill, he taught in the U.K. at King's College London. His recent books include *Ascension Theology; Desiring*

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 *Friday Afternoon—October 13*

2:00 P.M.

Thomas BUCHANAN

The Misplaced Authority of Science

2:45 P.M.

Ken MYERS

Interview

with Michael Hanby

3:30 P.M.

Q & A

3:40 P.M.

Break/Book Store

5:00 P.M.

Break for Dinner

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a Better Country; Theological Negotiations; and *1 & 2 Thessalonians* in the Brazos series. Professor Farrow received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for his contributions to public discourse on social issues. He writes actively on public affairs from a theological perspective at douglasfarrow.substack.com.


R. V. YOUNG is Professor of English Emeritus at

North Carolina State University, and a former editor of *Modern Age: A Quarterly Review*. He is the author of *Shakespeare and the Idea of Western Civilization* (Catholic University of America Press). He and his wife are parishioners at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church in Tarpon Springs, Florida. They have five grown children, fifteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is a senior editor of *Touchstone*.

MICHAEL HANBY is an Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy of Science at the John Paul II Institute at the Catholic University of America. He has also taught at Baylor University and Villanova University. He is the author of two books, most recently, *No God, No Science? Theology, Cosmology, Biology* (2013). A collection of essays provisionally titled *On Being . . . Human, Catholic, American*

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Friday Evening—October 13 





7:30 P.M.

Patrick Henry REARDON

Constantine

A Case Study



7:50 P.M.

Adam MACLEOD

Law's Essence & the Authority
of the *Imago Dei*



8:40 P.M. Q & A

9:00 P.M. *Reception*

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should appear sometime in 2023. Dr. Hanby's work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *First Things*, and *The Federalist*, as well as other magazines and numerous academic journals. He has been deeply involved in the movement to renew Catholic education and co-authored the curricula for two schools.

THOMAS S. BUCHANAN is the George W. Laird Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering at the Universi-

ty of Delaware. He has studied at UCSD, Northwestern University, and MIT, and has held visiting professorships at the University of Western Australia and the University of Aix-Marseille in France. He holds the rank of Fellow in four professional societies and has held leadership positions such as president of the American Society of Biomechanics and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Applied Biomechanics*. He also has an MTh in Applied Orthodox Theology from Saint John of Damascus School of Theology of the University of

Balamand. Dr. Buchanan is a senior editor of *Touchstone* and *Salvo*.

KEN MYERS is the host and producer of the *Mars Hill Audio Journal*. Formerly an arts editor with National Public Radio, he also serves as music director at All Saints Anglican Church in Ivy, Virginia. He is a contributing editor of *Touchstone*.

PATRICK HENRY REARDON is pastor emeritus of All Saints Antiochian

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 Saturday Morning—October 14

9:00 A.M.

Rod DREHER

Total Freedom, Total Servility
Digital Culture's Transformation of Authority

9:45 A.M. **Q & A**

10:00 A.M. **Break/Refreshments**

10:30 A.M. **Panel Discussion with Ken Myers**

11:30 A.M. **Closing Remarks—J. Douglas Johnson**

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Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois, and the author of numerous books, including, most recently, *Out of Step with God: Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Book of Numbers* (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2019). He is a senior editor of *Touchstone*.

ADAM MACLEOD is Professor of Law at St. Mary's University and Research Fellow of the Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy. A co-editor of Christie and Martin's *Jurisprudence*, he has authored three other books, dozens of scholarly articles, more than one

hundred essays and book reviews, opinion pieces in the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *National Review Online*, and local newspapers, and *amicus curiae* briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court and state supreme courts. He has been a research fellow at Princeton University and George Mason University, a special Deputy Attorney General of Alabama, and a law clerk to state and federal judges. He currently serves as a trustee of the American Anglican Council and as a legal staff officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

ROD DREHER is the author of *Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents*, one of the fastest-selling Christian titles of 2020. He also wrote one of the best-selling books of 2018, *The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation*. He is an editor-at-large at *The American Conservative*, and has written and edited for *Touchstone*, the *New York Post*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *National Review*, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, the *Washington Times*, and the *Baton Rouge Advocate*, among other publications. He is a contributing editor of *Touchstone*.



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