

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Christianity & Culture Conference

The Family: Past & Future

February 3–4, 2023
Houston Christian University



12:30-12:45

Welcome Address

It is our joy to welcome you to the inaugural Christianity & Culture Conference at Houston Christian University.

Conference Day 1

Friday, February 3

Session 1

Panel 1: The Family in American Literature (Hinton 126)

“F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Fraying of the American Family”

Dr. Doni Wilson, Houston Christian University

“Flannery O’Connor’s Accidental Families”

Dr. Julianna Leachman, Houston Christian University

Panel 2: Parents and Children (Hinton 125)

“Parental Authority in a Liberal Society”

Nick Hadsell, Baylor University

“Hispanic Immigrants and Their Children”

Alan Duarte, Houston Christian University

Session 2

Panel 1: Ideas about the Family (Hinton 126)

“Is the Nuclear Family an Idea Whose Time Has Gone?”

Dr. D.R. Wilson, Houston Christian University

“More Important than You Know: Parent's Influence on Children's Concepts of and Relationships with God”

Dr. Stephanie Ellis, Renewing Hope Counseling

Panel 2: Are All Families Created Equal? (Hinton 125)

Dr. Marybeth Baggett, Dr. Michael Cook, Dr. Robert Gagnon,
and Dr. Eric Johnson

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Coffee Break (3:45-4:15)

Keynote Address (Dillon 2)

“The Future of the Family in America”

Dr. Mark Regnerus

University of Texas at Austin

1:00-2:15

2:30-3:45

4:30-6:00

Conference Day 2

Saturday, February 4

Session 3

Panel 1: Bibles and the Family (Hinton 126)

“Early American Family Bibles”

Dr. Diana Severance, Houston Christian University

“The Godly Family and the Family of God”

Dr. David J. Davis, Houston Christian University

Panel 2: Christian Ideas about the Family (Hinton 125)

“‘That’s What the Cross Does’:

Billy Graham Preaches the Word in Poland”

Dr. Sara Frear, Houston Christian University

“Dobbs: The US Supreme Court and Abortion”

Dr. John Tyler, Houston Christian University

Coffee Break (10:15-10:45)

Keynote Address (Dillon 2)

“Retrieving the Christian Household”

Dr. Matthew Lee Anderson

Baylor University

Session 4

Panel 1: The Family in the Western Tradition (Hinton 126)

“Celebrating Marriage through Great Literature: A Miscellany”

Dr. Darci Hill, Sam Houston State University

“Husbands and Wives in Homer”

Dr. Lou Markos, Houston Christian University

Panel 2: The Family in Poetry (A Poetry Reading) (Hinton 125)

Lesley Clinton, Zarah Parker, and Dr. James Matthew Boyleston

9:00-10:15

10:45-12:00

12:15-1:30

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About the Conference

The Christianity and Culture conference at Houston Christian University (formerly Houston Baptist University) explores the importance of the family in the Western Tradition, analyzing meanings, representations, and roles attached to the family. This cross-disciplinary conference considers from a Christian perspective the significance of the family in literature, philosophy, history, science, art, and religion.

Who we are

The mission of Houston Christian University is to provide a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence as a result of our central confession, “Jesus Christ is Lord”.

The College of Arts & Humanities, in turn, seeks to provide for all university students robust, cross-disciplinary curricula that cultivate intellectual, moral, and aesthetic virtues within a Christian community.

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