

Christianity & Culture Conference

“The Family, Past & Future” Houston Christian University

Friday, February 3, 2023

Registration & Sign-In (12:00-1:00)

“Welcome Address” (12:30-12:45)

Session 1 (1:00-2:15)

*Panels will consist of two papers/presentations of 20-30 minutes, with 15 minutes of Q/A. Panels in the same session will be coterminous. Conference registrants should feel free to move between panels in the same session.

Panel 1: The Family in American Literature

“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

“Parental Authority in a Liberal Society” – Nick Hadsell, Baylor University

“Hispanic Immigrants and Their Children” – Alan Duarte, Houston Christian University

Session 2 (2:30-3:45)

Panel 3: Ideas about the Family

“Is the Nuclear Family an Idea Whose Time Has Gone?” – Dr. D.R. Wilson, Houston Christian University

“Thoughts on the Extended Family Model” – Dr. Stephanie Ellis, Renewing Hope Counseling

Panel 4: Are All Families Created Equal?

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 (4:30-6:00)

“The Future of the Family in America”

Dr. Mark Regnerus

University of Texas at Austin

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Session 3 (9:00-10:15)

Panel 5: Bibles and the Family

“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 6: Christian Ideas about the Family

“‘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 (10:45-12:00)

“Retrieving the Christian Household”

Dr. Matthew Lee Anderson

Baylor University

Session 4 (12:15-1:30)

Panel 7: The Family in the Western Tradition

“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 8: The Family in Poetry (A Poetry Reading)

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

Conference Adjourns

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