

## ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY CENTER SHAPING POLICY :: RENEWING CULTURE



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



ooking back on my first year at the helm of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, I can only say how thankful I am for our terrific scholars and staff and for the supremely generous support provided by our donors across the country.

EPPC was founded in 1976 with a mission to apply the riches of the Judeo-Christian tradition to contemporary questions of law, culture, and politics. For 45 years, we have been at the center of the national debate over religious conviction in the public square and the moral norms that should inform our laws. Our vision is to build and sustain a society where families and faith communities flourish and where the traditional American way of life thrives.

The conservative movement and its institutions are in a period of uncertainty—and opportunity. There is a desperate need for intellectually rigorous and practically effective conservative leadership in the urgent policy fights we face—from gender identity and Critical Race Theory to family policy and Big Tech's woke thought police. The past year saw many challenges, and EPPC rose to meet them on every occasion.

EPPC's President Emeritus—Distinguished Senior Fellow Ed Whelan—played an essential role in 2021 as the most prominent pro-life commentator and legal analyst in the high-visibility battles over the Texas Heartbeat Act cases and *Dobbs*, which has the potential to overturn *Roe* and *Casey*. In our Catholic Studies Program, George Weigel continues to be a leading voice in shaping the engagement of the Catholic Church with the pressing domestic and international challenges of our day. Mary Hasson is doing crucial work with the Person and Identity Project, helping dioceses, parishes, and parents respond to the aggressive influence of gender identity on young men and women. Stanley Kurtz is at the forefront of the national battle against Critical Race Theory and the politicization of civics and history teaching in K–12 education, especially through his model legislation.

EPPC is filling a crucial need in these vital national debates, crafting the arguments and policies needed to uphold religious freedom and human dignity in our nation, and making the substantive case for the truth. To do this more effectively, we brought on 14 new scholars in 2021, swelling our ranks substantially and helping us achieve unprecedented growth in the scope and reach of our programs. EPPC met 2021's new challenges to families and faith with a host of new projects:

- The Evangelicals in Civic Life initiative, staffed by Carl Trueman and Andrew T. Walker
- Our growing HHS Accountability Project, directed by Roger Severino, who was head of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS for the four years of the Trump administration
- EPPC's Theology of Home project, led by Carrie Gress and Noelle Mering
- The revitalization of our Bioethics program with the addition of Dr. Aaron Kheriaty and Dr. Aaron Rothstein
- EPPC's Big Tech Project, led by Clare Morell, who previously served as an advisor to Attorney General Bill Barr

These initiatives are all essential new parts of our work to shape policy and culture in line with traditional American values. In addition, we launched a new Postdoctoral Fellowship program to ensure that a rising generation of conservative scholars are provided with a firm platform from which to launch their careers.

Rather than strictly playing defense on religious liberty and conscience protections, crucial as those are, EPPC is going on the offensive in making the substantive case for the *truth* of the beliefs under attack and the corresponding policy positions that advance those truths. Cancel culture is making it ever more difficult for people of good will to agree to disagree—so it's increasingly urgent that we speak the truth in politics and culture on the anthropological debates that underlie our battles on life, marriage, gender identity, and religious liberty.

In the coming years, we will continue pushing back against the extreme progressive agenda, building a 2024 consensus for conservatives, and helping faith communities build their political witness while living the faith out in their homes and in the public square.

None of this would be possible without our generous donors across the country, and we honor their involvement and support by working tirelessly to advance the values we stand for and the policies that will ensure the American way of life flourishes for generations to come.

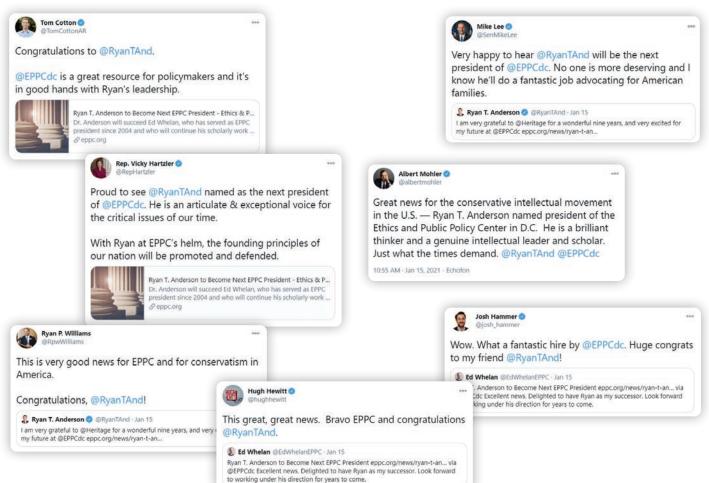
Ryan T. Anderson EPPC President

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### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

#### Feb. 1, 2021: EPPC Welcomes Ryan T. Anderson as New President





Ryan Anderson's combination of brilliance, courage, and poise makes him one of the leading public intellectuals of his generation. These qualities, combined with his deep commitment to our nation's founding principles and our civilization's core moral precepts, make him a worthy successor to the estimable Ed Whelan.

ROBERT P. GEORGE, MCCORMICK PROFESSOR OF JURISPRUDENCE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Ryan Anderson is among our nation's leading thinkers on morality and public policy. His writings on religious liberty, marriage, and the common good are filled with insights and profoundly illuminate critically important questions. I look forward to continuing to work with the Ethics and Public Policy Center under his leadership.
MARCO RUBIO, UNITED STATES SENATOR

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

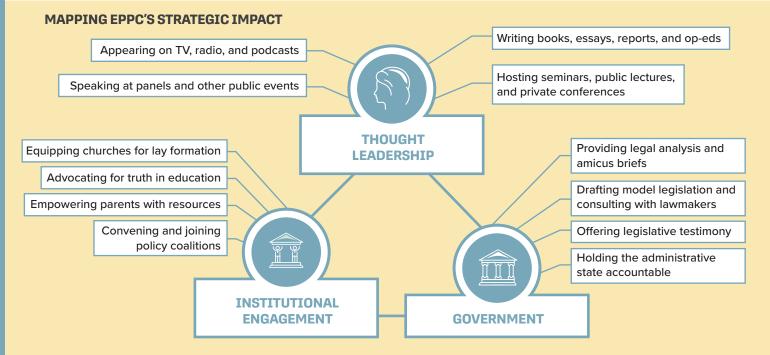


## **EPPC SNAPSHOT**



EPPC's scholars are reaching the next generation of thinkers by speaking at leading universities around the country, including:

- Hillsdale College
- Harvard Law School
- University of Notre Dame
- Georgetown University
- Columbia University School of Journalism
- Stanford University
- Cornell Law School
- Vanderbilt University



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EPPC SCHOLARS APPEARED IN MEDIA OUTLETS SUCH AS...

USA Today National Review The Washington Post The Wall Street Journal The New York Post Fox News Politico The Atlantic The Federalist The New York Times CNN EWTN Forbes Newsweek The Gospel Coalition The Daily Wire First Things

## HOW EPPC IS SHAPING POLICY

EPPC pursues a strategic, high-impact approach on key policy issuesincluding abortion, marriage and family, assisted suicide, gender identity, religious freedom, and medical ethics—thanks to our depth and breadth of expertise. Our work includes thought leadership, media appearances, institutional engagement, and legal efforts to counter the administrative state, as well as educating legislators, filing amicus briefs, offering expert testimony on legislation, and more. Through this multipronged approach, which weds practical and academic expertise, EPPC is working hard to expose the radical woke agenda, bear witness to the truth, and promote the common good in all of its aspects.



Photo credit: Mark Story

EPPC Fellow Erika Bachiochi speaks at the "Empower Women, Promote Life" rally on the steps of the Supreme Court just prior to Dobbs oral arguments.

EPPC Senior Fellow Roger Severino, right, appears on Fox News to discuss the legality of vaccine mandates for public employees.



## DEFENDING HUMAN DIGNITY

**DOBBS AND THE PRO-LIFE FUTURE** 

OPINION | COMMENTARY

### John Roberts and the Abortion Precedents

The chief justice has a chance to protect the Supreme Court, strike a blow for democracy, and overturn bad decisions.

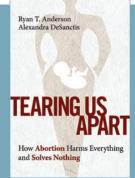
By Edward Whelan Nov. 30, 2021 12:26 pm ET

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Through the run-up to oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, EPPC has provided key strategic leadership, both in the court of public opinion and behind the scenes, as the pro-life movement builds its strategy for a post-*Roe* world.

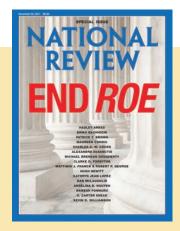
EPPC Distinguished Senior Fellow Ed Whelan played a crucial role in 2021 as the most prominent pro-life commentator and legal analyst in the high-visibility battles over the Texas Heartbeat Act cases and Dobbs, particularly through his indispensable daily commentary in his widely read Bench Memos blog at *National Review Online*. On the day of the Dobbs oral arguments, Ed had an important essay in the *Wall Street Journal* that explained that the Chief Justice's record should lead him to forge a supermajority of justices to overturn *Roe*.

EPPC Cardinal Francis George Fellow Mary FioRito's expertise as both an attorney and a long-time pro-life advocate made her a particularly persuasive voice and experienced policy advisor in the media storm surrounding *Dobbs*. Additionally, the Court's decision to allow the Texas Heartbeat Act to go into effect provided additional opportunities for Mary to continue to serve as a voice for the protection of the unborn, and her *Newsweek* article on the Texas "Alternatives to Abortion" Act prompted a muchneeded discussion about what it means to provide women with meaningful and effective alternatives to abortion.



If the Supreme Court overturns Roe and Casey, a battle over abortion policy will commence in every state and at the federal level. The pro-life movement needs a roadmap for making the best case for life. To this end, EPPC President Ryan T. Anderson and Visiting Fellow Alexandra DeSanctis are

coauthoring a book: Tearing Us Apart: How Abortion Harms Everything and Solves Nothing, due to be published on June 28—around the expected time of the Dobbs decision—to chart the course forward for the prolife movement. This book explains how abortion harms everyone and everything it touches, and Ryan and Alexandra intend it to equip social conservatives for the cultural and legal battles we face leading up to and in the aftermath of this upcoming decision.



EPPC scholars Erika Bachiochi, Patrick T. Brown, Alexandra DeSanctis, and Carter Snead, as well as EPPC board vice-chairman Robert P. George, each had essays in National Review's special "End Roe" issue in November.

## DEFENDING HUMAN DIGNITY

HOLDING HHS ACCOUNTABLE

#### Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

August 11, 2021

The Honorable Merrick Garland United States Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary of Health and Human Services U.S. Department of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Attorney General Garland and Secretary Becerra,

In August, EPPC's HHS Accountability Project blew the whistle on the Biden HHS and DOJ who refused to hold accountable a hospital that forced a pro-life nurse to help perform an abortion. Thanks to the alarm raised by Roger Severino and his team, several dozen members of Congress responded by sending a bicameral letter demanding answers on the record from the Biden administration.

n response to the Biden Department of Health and Human Services' hostility to good medicine and the rights of conscience, EPPC launched our HHS Accountability Project in February 2021. Our first hire for this project was Senior Fellow Roger Severino, who was head of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS for the four years of the Trump administration.

In March, we hired two additional scholars to work with Roger on HHS issues: David Gortler, formerly an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Yale University and Senior Advisor to the FDA Commissioner, and Rachel Morrison, a civil liberties lawyer previously with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Roger, Rachel, and David worked tirelessly throughout the year to fight against the Biden administration's vaccine mandate, oppose the spread of transgender ideology, and serve the pro-life cause everywhere.



EPPC Fellow Rachel N. Morrison comments on an attempt by HHS to roll back conscience and religious liberty protections with a rule that would mandate coverage of abortion, gender transitions, and more.

Throughout the year, EPPC's HHS Accountability Project:

- · advocated for HHS regulatory reform
- · reviewed and commented on proposed HHS regulations
- · filed complaints with the HHS Office of Civil Rights
- · identified and analyzed violations of civil, conscience, religious and HIPAA rights in the health care context, drafted complaints, advised on the filing process, and connected victims with attorneys
- filed Supreme Court and Circuit Court amicus briefs
- conducted safety and pharmacology reviews of data and adverse events from the FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS/FAERS) Database, including for COVID vaccines, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers

EPPC provided expert advice and consultation to government officials, including federal and state legislators and their staffers, as well as allies and other stakeholders on legislation, HHS issues, abortion policy, conscience protections, and religious freedom. We drafted federal and state model legislation on issues related to health care and provided comments and feedback on various legislative efforts. EPPC scholars have also assisted specifically on legislation prohibiting medical schools from being forced to provide abortion training and on conscience protection bills at the federal level.

### DEFENDING HUMAN DIGNITY COMBATING THE RISE OF GENDER IDEOLOGY

Through the combined efforts of several of our programs and scholars, EPPC spent 2021 advancing a comprehensive strategy to counter narratives and public policies that fast-track vulnerable children towards lifechanging medical and surgical gender transitions. Our work in this area seeks to fight policies that promote gender ideology in all three branches of government by shaping influencers in politics and the courts. In addition, our Person and Identity Project—discussed later on page 20—is providing religious communities the resources they need to save children from gender ideology on the ground.

Ryan T. Anderson, Ed Whelan, Mary Hasson, Roger Severino, and others at EPPC were outspoken in opposition to the Equality Act-passed in the Democraticcontrolled House in February-which would elevate sexual orientation and gender identity to the same status as race in federal civil rights law. On March 17, Mary delivered moving testimony at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the Equality Act.

Throughout the year, we worked with legislators, parent coalitions, and religious leaders at the federal level and in the states to implement legislative language and strategies to limit the damaging impact of the gender-affirming approach on children. We collaborated closely with other institutions to take collective action that opposes harmful transgender-affirmation policies and the promotion of gender ideology to kids. Mary Hasson worked with congressional staff to request congressional oversight of NIH-funded research that was resulting in children receiving cross-sex hormones as young as eight years of age and double mastectomies of 13-year-old girls.

Across EPPC, our scholars worked extensively to combat gender ideology through vigorous debate in the public square and scholarship to expose its harmful narrative in the academy. We engaged this debate through frequent publications—including in prominent outlets such as the *Wall Street Journal, USA Today*, and the *New York Post*—and through frequent lectures and academic presentations around the country.

#### The American Conservative

The Equality Act Is Farewell To A Christian Metaphysic By Andrew T. Walker



#### NATIONAL REVIEW

The Equality Act Would Require Government-Funded Abortion

By ALEXANDRA DESANCTIS | February 25, 2021 12:36 PM



### NEW YORK POST

Biden's Equality Act is a danger to women's and conscience rights By Ryan T. Anderson Pebruary 21, 2021 | 7:32pm

When gender identity is privileged over biological sex, females lose. It's that simple.

> FROM MARY HASSON'S TESTIMONY AT THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING ON THE EQUALITY ACT, MARCH 17, 2021

## DEFENDING HUMAN DIGNITY

RELAUNCHING BIOETHICS AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROGRAM



A s part of our preparations for the legal and bioethical battles that would follow upon the overturning of *Roe* and *Casey*, and in response to the medical and political questions raised by the Covid pandemic and the publichealth response, in 2021



EPPC relaunched our program on Bioethics and American Democracy under the leadership of EPPC Fellow Dr. Aaron Kheriaty. Kheriaty is a former Professor of Psychiatry at UCI School of Medicine and Director of the Medical Ethics Program at UCI Health, where he chaired the ethics committee. He was dismissed by the university in December for refusing to submit to its vaccine mandate, despite his having acquired natural immunity by contracting Covid. EPPC Fellow Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, left, discusses the legal and ethical concerns with vaccine mandates in a December appearance on Fox News.

Dr. Kheriaty is joined by EPPC Fellow Dr. Aaron Rothstein and EPPC Fellow Carter Snead, an internationally recognized expert in the field of law and bioethics. Dr. Rothstein hosts the program's podcast, *Searching for Medicine's Soul*, which tackles important questions by examining medicine's telos, or ultimate purpose. Why do physicians do what they do? How does the practice of medicine relate to scientific progress? How can it properly support human flourishing? *Searching for Medicine's Soul* features guests who have thought carefully about the history and aims of medicine and its collision with a thrilling—and in some ways tragic—age of scientific discovery.

## DEVELOPING A PRO-LIFE, PRO-FAMILY AGENDA

s part of our investment in developing a A comprehensive plan for a post-Roe America, EPPC welcomed Patrick Brown in June to lead our work in engaging policymakers on an economic agenda that puts families first and charts a winning course for conservative candidates. Patrick most recently served as a Senior Policy Advisor to Congress's Joint Economic Committee, under the chairmanship of Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah). At EPPC, he and Senior Fellow Henry Olsen are working to articulate what a winning and truly conservative economic agenda should be, as part of developing and promoting pro-family economic policy. Henry Olsen continued his prolific writing through 2021 with hundreds of daily columns for The Washington Post, and his insights are keenly followed by leading contenders for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination. Members of Congress and legislative staffers regularly seek his advice on the political landscape.

In July 2021, Erika Bachiochi published *The Rights of Women: Reclaiming a Lost Vision*—a finalist for the ISI 2021 Conservative Book of the Year award—which explores the development of feminist thought in the United States to showcase the once predominant view that our rights properly rest upon concrete responsibilities to God, self, family, and community. In *The Rights of Women* and throughout her writing and speaking in 2021, Erika critiqued the feminist movement's current trajectory and charted a course for a robust pro-life, pro-woman, profamily political vision.

Erika Bachiochi is one of the most brilliant and refreshingly original feminist legal scholars writing today. Uncowed by today's momentary orthodoxies, Bachiochi blends a rich understanding of tradition with compelling insights into present-day issues. No one writing in the field exceeds her gifts of insight, clarity, and scholarly fearlessness.

MICHAEL STOKES PAULSEN, AUTHOR OF THE CONSTITUTION: AN INTRODUCTION

# Erika Bachiochi THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

## Reclaiming a Lost Vision

Erika Bachiochi's *The Rights of Women* was named a finalist for the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's prestigious Conservative Book of the Year award.

## REGISTER

#### 5 Ways to Make America More Family-Friendly

COMMENTARY: The family is the fundamental unit of society, and has a claim on our resources. Here are five important steps policymakers could take to put that philosophy into practice.

Patrick T. Brown I Commentaries I November 10, 2021

## **REINING IN BIG TECH**



As Big Tech increasingly controls public debate and monopolizes the marketplace of ideas, EPPC is leading the effort to end Big Tech's censorship of conservative and Christian voices and consider the ways that technology can hinder or support human flourishing.

In February 2021, Amazon removed all listings for Ryan Anderson's book *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment.* Ryan received no explanation from Amazon at the time, and only after repeated inquiries did Amazon claim that the book violated content guidelines. Of course, all this arose at the same time that EPPC was providing crucial leadership in the fight against the Equality Act. In order to ensure that GOP policymakers were equipped for the debates over gender ideology despite Amazon's digital book-burning, we mailed a copy of the canceled book—accompanied by other resources on the political and medical debate surrounding gender dysphoria—to members of the House and Senate, and continued our work actively consulting with many lawmakers on this consequential matter.

Launched in March of 2021, our Big Tech Project is coordinated by EPPC Policy Analyst Clare Morell, who previously served as an advisor to Attorney General Bill Barr. The project worked throughout the year to:

• advance reform of Section 230 to end Big Tech's improper use of the immunities it currently provides

On June 29, EPPC hosted a Big Tech Symposium featuring presentations by four U.S. Senators (Bill Hagerty, Josh Hawley, Mike Lee, and Marco Rubio) and Congressman Ken



Buck on their legislative solutions, followed by three panel discussions with experts on the topics of Section 230, Antitrust Law, and Common Carrier Law.

Our Big Tech Project also hosted the events "How Big Tech Censors Religious Voices, and How to Fight Back" (co-sponsored with the Napa Legal Institute) and "Beyond Censorship: How Social Media Harms Children and Families."

- highlight Big Tech's abuses of its market power and violations of antitrust law
- explain the harmful effects that Big Tech's products and services are having on children
- advance Section 230 reform to end Big Tech's improper use of the immunities Section 230 currently provides

Frequently published, cited, and featured in media throughout the year, EPPC's Big Tech Project was also consulted on a weekly basis by congressional offices, state legislative groups, and other public policy organizations on issues related to Big Tech and possible solutions to Big Tech's censorship and other harms. In July, Clare published a weekend essay in the *Wall Street Journal*, co-authored with Columbia law professor Philip Hamburger, on how states can regulate Big Tech as common carriers. In December, we released two reports with legislative approaches for restricting children's access to online pornography, at the state and federal levels respectively, coauthored with Adam Candeub of the Center for Renewing America.

#### OPINION | COMMENTARY The First Amendment Doesn't Protect Big Tech's Censorship

The companies enjoy the privileges of common carriers without the responsibilities. State antidiscrimination laws are one promising remedy.

By Philip Hamburger and Clare Morell Updated July 31, 2021 11:31 am ET

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

### CHAMPIONING AMERICAN IDEALS

The positioning for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination has already begun. What does the future of conservatism look like? Through the tireless work of scholars like Stanley Kurtz, Lance Morrow, Andrew Walker, and others, EPPC is crafting arguments and policies to uphold both our Judeo-Christian heritage and American principles—including religious freedom and human dignity—in the public square.



EPPC Senior Fellow Henry Olsen writes daily columns in the *Washington Post* about his vision for a conservative movement grounded in America's working class. Henry's insights are followed and respected by many leading contenders for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination, and as a result, Henry's ideas are helping to shape the debate within conservatism and the future of the Republican Party. Henry frequently appears on television and radio; gives speeches and headlines panels across the country; and is often sought out by journalists for his take on events. His YouGov poll of 2020 Trump supporters, released in February 2021, remains the benchmark examination of what unites and divides the modern conservative coalition.

Senior Fellow Stanley Kurtz is at the forefront of the national battle against Critical Race Theory and the politicization of civics and history teaching in K–12 education. Ill-advised federal legislation that would nationalize and tilt the teaching of civics leftward has been stalled in Congress in significant part because of his public writings on the topic. The work of the National Civics Alliance, convened by the National Association of Scholars at Stanley's prompting, has also played a key role in slowing down federal and state support for the pernicious practice of "action civics." Sen. Tom Cotton's office has also consulted him on federal strategies for blocking these ill-advised educational programs.

His model state-level legislation on both of these issues inspired a new law in Texas, and now Ohio is considering a bill inspired by his model. Georgia's State Board of Education passed a resolution inspired by Stanley's model legislation as well, and several other states are considering similar bills in the 2022 session. In addition to these states' legislative actions, he has been actively consulted by legislators in Indiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida vetoed an illAntonin Scalia, EPPC Visiting Fellow Alexandra DeSanctis, EPPC President Ryan T. Anderson, and Robert P. George at our September event co-hosted with Princeton University's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. Anderson and George spoke on their 2019 National Affairs essay, "The Baby and the Bathwater: Toward a Recovery of the American Idea," to a crowd of more than 250 at the Mayflower Hotel.

advised action civics bill, and Governor Noem of South Dakota rejected proposed state standards in history and civics that would have promoted action civics, largely due to Stanley's writings on that issue.

A frequent contributor to the *Wall Street Journal* and *City Journal*, EPPC's Henry Grunwald Senior Fellow Lance Morrow draws on his rich career to write probing pieces on journalism, politics, and American culture. A longtime essayist with *TIME* magazine, Lance is also writing a book about Henry Luce's role in shaping American culture in the mid-20th century. His ninth book, *God and Mammon: Chronicles of American Money*, was published in October 2020 by Encounter Books.

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

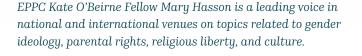
#### Religious Liberty Isn't Enough

Cultural conservatives also need to defend our views, which are scientifically sound and popular. By Ryan T. Anderson

President Biden's pledge to heal and unify seems to mean giving the far left everything it demands in the culture wars. Conservatives therefore must resist. Yet in doing so we must avoid the trap of framing every debate as if it were about religious liberty.

## HOW EPPC IS RENEWING CULTURE

EPPC's work strengthening orthodox Judeo-Christian public witness is more important than ever, as religious communities face increasing political and cultural pressures—from within and without—to abandon their creeds and conform to new orthodoxies on a host of issues.



EPPC Distinguished Senior Fellow George Weigel holds our William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies. Weigel is a leading commentator in national and international outlets and the author of a weekly column syndicated to 85 newspapers and magazines in seven countries.

## **BEARING FAITHFUL WITNESS**

#### **CATHOLIC STUDIES**

EPPC's Catholic Studies Program, led by George Weigel, explores the many connections between Catholicism and public life and seeks to clarify and deepen knowledge of modern Catholic social thought for government officials, members of Congress, and journalists seeking to understand the social doctrine of the Catholic Church and its application to both public policy questions and the formation of a free and virtuous culture.

Weigel and the rest of the Catholic Studies Program worked throughout 2021 to provide needed clarity and truth in a time of confusion and to shape the engagement of the Catholic Church with the pressing domestic and international challenges of our day. His book Not Forgotten: Elegies for, and Reminiscences of, a Diverse Cast of Characters, Most of Them Admirable was published in February 2021, and his edited collection of the writings of Paul Mankowski, S.J., was published in August, both by Ignatius Press. George's syndicated Catholic press column, "The Catholic Difference," is the most widely circulated Catholic press column in the country, reaching a readership of more than two million each week.

Senior Fellow Francis X. Maier, former senior adviser and special assistant to Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., continued his yeoman's work for the Church with prolific writing and editorial work for *First Things*, as well as speaking around the country for influential audiences including the Napa Institute's Conference, the Leonine Forum, the Tepeyac Institute in Phoenix, the Augustine Institute, gatherings of bishops, and the Charles Widger School of Law at Villanova University.



EPPC Senior Fellow Francis X. Maier moderated a December event discussing a new translation of Augusto Del Noce's *The Problem of Atheism* and Del Noce's enduring importance. The event featured Prof. Carlo Lancellotti, Del Noce's translator and an expert in Del Noce's thought, EPPC Fellow Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, author of a forthcoming book on Del Noce, and EPPC Fellow Carl R. Trueman.

Cardinal Francis George Fellow Mary FioRito, who formerly served as the Archdiocese of Chicago's first female vice-chancellor and as executive assistant to the late Cardinal Francis George, is a frequent commentator on issues involving women's leadership in the Catholic Church, work/life balance for mothers, and Catholic Church administration. Mary was also asked by Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism to do a twohour presentation on "How to Cover Religion" for the prestigious program's aspiring journalists.

## **Ehe New York Eimes**

In Rift With Biden, a Dramatic Show of Force by a Conservative Catholic Movement

EPPC President Ryan T. Anderson and EPPC Cardinal Francis George Fellow Mary FioRito were quoted by the New York Times in a June article on the U.S. bishops, the Eucharist, and President Biden's views on abortion.



2021 Tertio Millennio Seminar participants and faculty, including George Weigel, Fr. Raymond J. de Souza, and Fr. Kevin Flannery, S.J., visit the John Paul II Center in Kraków.

#### TERTIO MILLENNIO SEMINAR ON THE FREE SOCIETY

The Tertio Millennio Seminar on the Free Society was founded in 1992 by Michael Novak, Rocco Buttiglione, Father Richard John Neuhaus, Father Maciej Zięba, O.P., and George Weigel to deepen the dialogue on Catholic social doctrine between North American students and students from the new democracies of central and eastern Europe.

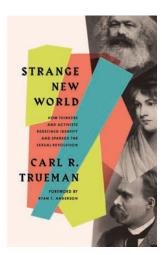
The seminar follows the template of Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical, *Centesimus annus*, exploring the three-fold foundations of the "free society": a democratic polity, a free economy, and a vibrant public moral culture. With John Paul II, the seminar places priority on the moral culture. Drawing on the full tradition of Catholic social doctrine, the seminar addresses the classic themes of the Church's social doctrine while also considering the challenges of our current circumstances: the moral crisis of global capitalism, secularization and the family, the rise of Islam in Europe, religious freedom, ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, bioethics and the "culture of life," and more. The 29th annual Tertio Millennio Seminar met in Kraków, Poland, from June 28 through July 15. Despite the challenges of international travel during the ongoing pandemic, 26 students from around the world participated. The seminar is directed by Weigel and coordinated by EPPC Fellow Stephen White who, on top of his work with TMS, writes widely on the intersection of Catholic culture and Catholic social teaching with domestic policy issues. Mr. White also writes a biweekly column focusing on the ongoing abuse crisis for *The Catholic Thing*, and he serves as the executive director for The Catholic Project at the Catholic University of America.

In addition to more than two weeks of intense intellectual work, each year the seminar includes visits to sites that highlight Poland's distinctive history and culture: Częstochowa, Auschwitz, the old Jewish quarter of Kraków, the shrine of St. Faustina, Wawel Castle and cathedral, and a walking tour of "Karol Wojtyła's Kraków." The program also offers an opportunity to partake in prayer and daily mass.

#### **EVANGELICALS IN CIVIC LIFE**

In February, we welcomed EPPC Fellow Andrew T. Walker and Postdoctoral Fellow Nathanael Blake to revitalize our Evangelicals in Civic Life initiative in the urgent effort to shape and lead public witness among evangelical believers. Walker, an associate professor of Christian ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a sought-after commentator on moral theology, natural law, human dignity, family stability, social conservatism, and church-state studies. Blake earned his doctorate in political theory from the Catholic University of America, where his dissertation was titled "Natural Law and History: The Use and Abuse of Practical Reason."

In August, acclaimed theologian and intellectual historian Carl Trueman joined EPPC as a Fellow to help church leaders and policymakers better understand the deep roots of our current cultural malaise. Trueman is the author of the best-selling, awardwinning 2020 book *The Rise* and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to the Sexual Revolution. A

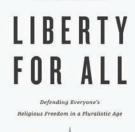


concise version of his argument, *Strange New World*, is being published in March 2022 with a foreword authored by our president, Ryan T. Anderson.

I've admired Carl Trueman's thought and writings for many years. He's a man of exceptional faith, intellect, and good will; strong in his convictions, but also skilled at reaching across divisions to build common cause on matters of broad Christian concern. He's an outstanding addition to the EPPC community of scholars.

> CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP., ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF PHILADELPHIA

Released in May, Fellow Andrew T. Walker's book Liberty for All: Defending Everyone's Religious Freedom in a Pluralistic Age was a 2021 Book Award Winner from the Gospel Coalition in the category of Public Theology and an honorable mention from the Southwestern Journal of Theology in the



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category of Baptist Studies. An expanded and updated edition of his 2017 book, *God and the Transgender Debate*, is being published in 2022.

Andrew Walker is one of the most promising evangelical public intellectuals of his generation. His addition to the EPPC team strengthens the think tank for the most difficult and challenging era yet for social and religious conservatism.

ROD DREHER, AUTHOR, LIVE NOT BY LIES

## **TELLING THE RIGHT STORY**



#### FAITH ANGLE FORUM

In 2021, our Faith Angle Forum program, directed by Josh Good, continued its work to strengthen journalism, reporting, and media commentary on how religious believers, religious convictions, and

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religiously grounded moral arguments affect politics and public life.

When the pandemic initially prevented in-person gatherings, Faith Angle went virtual, hosting five online forums featuring three religion scholars, three faith leaders, and groups of 8–10 leading mainstream journalists for indepth discussions of religious pluralism, democracy, and political polarization. The *Faith Angle* podcast, which pairs a mainstream journalist with a religion scholar in each episode, continues to reach a growing audience.

In October, Faith Angle launched its inaugural Faith Angle West gathering in Napa, C.A., tailored to 20 journalists primarily from west of the Mississippi. In November, Faith Angle further expanded its growing network of journalists and scholars, hosting its second Faith Angle Europe forum in France with 16 journalists from both the U.S. and Europe. In 2022, EPPC's Faith Angle program will for the first time host four gatherings: one for East Coast journalists, in Miami; one for West Coast journalists, in Napa Valley; one for younger journalists with exceptional promise, in D.C.; and one for European journalists, in France. Faith Angle's second European forum, held in November in Côte d'Azur, France, convened leading scholars alongside 16 journalists from outlets in the U.S. and Europe, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Atlantic, and the Financial Times. The forum cultivated a growing global network of journalists, rooted in deep appreciation for religion's role in society.



If there's any institution I've seen that has had a huge leverage point in American culture, it's the Faith Angle Forum.

DAVID BROOKS, COLUMNIST, THE NEW YORK TIMES

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND CHURCHES

EPPC'S PERSON AND IDENTITY PROJECT, LED BY EPPC FELLOW MARY RICE HASSON, PROVIDED TRAININGS AT IN-PERSON EVENTS FOR:

## 275 **PRIESTS** PARENTS AND 2,270 YOUNG ADULTS 2,270

EDUCATORS, CATECHISTS, AND MINISTRY LEADERS, PLUS MANY MORE WHO JOINED US ONLINE.

PPC's efforts to provide a comprehensive response to the challenges of secular progressivism and to strengthen the political witness of orthodox religious believers would be incomplete without serious engagement on a final front—the *home* front. While fighting in policy, the academy, and at the top tiers of Church leadership, EPPC is also helping *culture makers* particularly families, parishes, and educators—as they live out the faith in the increasingly hostile environment of 21st century America.

#### PERSON AND IDENTITY PROJECT

In addition to EPPC's work fighting gender ideology in public policy, we are engaging with parents and educators and communicating with America's religious communities to provide the resources they need to save children from gender ideology on the ground through Mary Hasson's vital work on EPPC's Person and Identity Project. PIP continues to be a one-of-its-kind resource, assisting parents and schools around the country in responding to the challenges of gender ideology. In 2021, we launched the first (and only) website to equip Catholics and Catholic institutions with new pastoral resources on gender ideology, including downloadable toolkits for parents, schools, and churches; 22 videos and webinars for parents, teachers, and ministry leaders; and Spanish-language resources on gender ideology. Our team of experts worked throughout the year providing expert policy guidance for dioceses, parishes, and schools and offering in-person and virtual presentations for Catholic clergy, teachers, ministry leaders, and families, here and abroad, in English and Spanish.

We are grateful for the work of the Person and Identity Project which assisted our leaders in Catholic education—including priests, Catholic school principals, and other members of parish leadership—to see the depth of gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Our leaders in Catholic education were more readily prepared to meet the pastoral need of students and families who are struggling with these difficult questions about our created identity as male and female.

EMILY G. DAHDAH, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

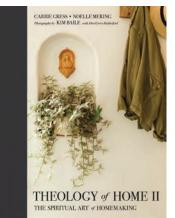


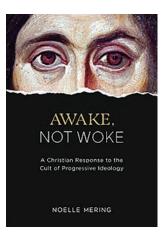
EPPC Fellow Noelle Mering appeared on Fox News Primetime to discuss how Christians should respond to the woke infiltration of many aspects of daily life

#### THEOLOGY OF HOME PROJECT

In 2021, EPPC created our Theology of Home Project, led by new Fellows Carrie Gress and Noelle Mering. Gress and Mering are the coauthors of *Theology of Home: Finding the Eternal in the Everyday* and *Theology of Home II: The Spiritual Art of Homemaking.* Their efforts are aimed at advising and equipping parents as they form future generations, knowing that effective and intentional formation in the home provides children a solid foundation from which they can engage the world with courage and moral clarity. Mering's book *Awake, Not Woke*, published in May 2021, unmasks the ideology of "wokeness" by examining its history, major players, premises, and tactics and showing that it is an ideology with fundamentalist and even cult-like characteristics on a collision course with Christianity.







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We choose to support EPPC because it fills a unique role in the fraught debates facing religious believers in America. Its mission to seek America's civic and cultural renewal through the application of Judeo-Christian principles to contemporary concerns is deeply aligned with our philanthropic priorities, and it integrates into a cohesive whole the key issues we have committed ourselves to advancing: the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, religious freedom, America's constitutional tradition, truth and sanity in education, and Christian public witness in an increasingly hostile culture. EPPC's approach is both sophisticated and practical, and I'm grateful for the leadership they're providing at a critical juncture for conservatives. CREED AND CULTURE FUND

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