

John and Shirley Lachs Conference
on American Philosophy
Vanderbilt University, Alumni Hall

We are pleased to invite you to join us on October 14-15, 2022, to celebrate the retirement of our beloved colleague John Lachs.

John joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 1967 after earning his doctorate from Yale. During more than 50 years on campus, John taught over 10,000 students in his legendary Introduction to Ethics course and was first reader on 72 doctoral dissertations.

A preeminent scholar, John is the author, co-author, or editor of 21 books and author or coauthor of more than 151 articles and shorter pieces.

John's many honors include the Harbison Award for Distinguished Teaching (1967), the Chancellor's Cup (1969), the Herbert Schneider Award for Lifetime Contribution to American Philosophy (1997), and the Graduate Teaching Award (2000).

More than this, John's contagious love of life and learning together with his playful spirit, boundless generosity, and unimpeachable character have inspired and nurtured generations of students and colleagues.

We ask that conference participants have a negative COVID test the morning of the event.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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| 2:40- 3:00 PM | Welcoming Remarks, John Geer , Dean, College of Arts & Science Welcoming Remarks, Paul C. Taylor , Chair, Philosophy Department |
| 3:00- 3:45 PM | Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. , <i>President of Stockton University (2003-15)</i> , "The Unique Impact of John Lachs's Scholarship" |
| 3:45- 4:15 PM | Break |
| 4:15- 5:00 PM | John J. Stuhr , <i>Emory University</i> , "John Lachs's Individualism: Thoughts on Mediation and its Discontents, Comfort and its Inequalities, and Institutions and Their Agents" |
| 5:00- 7:00 PM | Heavy Reception Opening Remarks, Nicholas S. Zeppos , Chancellor Emeritus Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. , "Loving Life: Reflections on Five Decades of Friendship with a Beloved Mentor" |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:00- 9:10 AM Welcoming Remarks, **Thomas P. Crocker**, University of South Carolina Law School
- 9:10- 9:55 AM **Chris Skowronski**, *Opole University (Poland)*, “Stoic Pragmatism and its Target Audiences”
- 9:55- 10:25 AM Break
- 10:25- 11:10 AM **Eric Weber**, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, *University of Kentucky*, “Freedom in Education for Diversity of Flourishing”
- 11:10- 11:40 AM Break
- 11:40 AM- 12:25 PM **Michael Brodrick**, *Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University*, “The Conservative Disposition in Santayana’s Philosophy”
- 12:25 PM- 2:25 PM Socializing and Lunch on Your Own