



The Spirit & Craft of Teaching in the Classical Liberal Arts Tradition

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MONDAY, JUNE 19

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Registration, Check-in: Siena Hall
- 3:00 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- 3:45 p.m. **Wisdom from Aquinas: Two Ways of Seeing**
Resource: *Passage from Josef Pieper's Leisure, the Basis of Culture and "When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer" by Walt Whitman*
- 5:00 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **On the Deeply Human Things: Seven Foundations of Pedagogy**
Resource: *SCT Roadmap*
- 8:00 p.m. Wine and cheese reception

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. **An Overview of Church Teachings on Education (*religious*)**
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **Reflection: *The Acts of the Apostles (religious)***
- 10:15 a.m. **Language: The Trivium as the Pathway to Learning**
Resources: *Trivium worksheet, Adler's Three Columns, Sayers Chart*
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Trivium Exercises: Copia and Annotation**
Resources: *Copia & examples, Annotation Guide*
- 1:45 p.m. **Imagination: The Power of Narrative in History and Literature**
Resource: *Imagination Resource List*
Resource: *The Ballad of Reading Gaol by Oscar Wilde*
Resource: *Marcus Aurelius by Eva March Tappan*

Resource: *Farmer and His Sons* by Aesop

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. **Number: Finding Harmony at the Tip of a Compass**

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. **Breakouts: Forming the Human Person**

The Virtuous Classroom [ES/MS]

Understanding Adolescent Emotions [MS/HS]

Erick Allen

4:45 p.m. Break

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30- **Seminar/Social: Small groups**

8:30 p.m. “The Allegory of the Cave,” *The Republic* by Plato

“Reflections on the Right Use of School Studies with a View to the Love of God,” by Simone Weil (*religious*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. **Inquiry: The Art of the Question**

Resource: *The Art of the Question Guide*, *The Seven Laws of Teaching Summary*

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. **Imitation in the Classroom: Colloquy and Imitation Exercises**

- **Narration** - Retelling as a re-presentation of a story
- **Recitation** - Intoning that which is worth learning by heart
- **Copywork** - Reproducing an excellent passage in excellent penmanship
- **Movement/Physicality** - Re-presenting motions of sports or dance
- **Song/Chant** - Reproducing melody or sound

11:30 a.m. Break

12:15 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. **Imitation in the Classroom: Colloquy and Imitation Exercises (continued)**
- **Rendering** - Drawing a likeness
 - **Dictation** - Writing a passage that is read or spoken aloud
 - **Imitatio** - Imitating the structure and cadence of a passage
 - **Re-enacting/Drama** - Retelling a story with dramatic movement and voice
- 1:45 p.m. **Reflection and Discussion: Imitation as the First Step in Learning**
- In what ways do these practices of imitation develop the student?
 - In each case, what might be a next step to “join imitation with reason” to produce something new?
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. **Sample Mimetic Lessons**
- Physical Science
 - Latin
 - Mathematics
- 2:45 p.m. **The Five Steps of a Mimetic Lesson**
Resources: *Mimetic instruction handouts and lesson plan templates*
- 3:30 p.m. **Group Preparation of a Mimetic Lesson**

Mimetic Workshop: Preparation of Lessons
- 4:30 p.m. Break
- Evening Participants are free this evening to explore Nashville independently, or relax on campus and join the staff for pizza.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. **Mimetic Teaching Presentations and Reviews (3 groups of individual lessons)**
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Mimetic Teaching Presentations and Reviews**

- 3:25 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Reflection: Christian Anthropology and Incarnational Teaching (*religious*)
- 4:00 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Convivial dinner at the Loveless Cafe

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Reflection: St. John the Baptist (*religious*)
- 8:45 a.m. Virtuous Assessment: Assessing with the Transcendentals
- 9:15 am. Break
- 9:30 a.m. Seminar: Poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- 10:00 a.m. The Spiritual Life of the Teacher (*religious*)
- 10:30 a.m. Debrief and evaluations
- 11:00-
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- 1:00 p.m. Checkout deadline for Siena Hall

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Non-religious content: 85%

Religious content: 15%