



# 2016 SENIOR ESSAYS

- Amanda Cialino **Markets Over Relationship? Human Dignity and the Economic Way of Thinking**  
What role does economic thinking play in human relationships, and more specifically, those formed in the context of service?
- Cecilia Franko **How Technology Has Replaced Our Lost Community**  
With the rise of capitalism, how have society and community been negatively impacted? Does this effect modern architecture?
- Olivia Hamilton **Communitas: How Spaces Shape Community at Villanova**  
How do architecture and feelings of community intersect? How does community manifest itself through the buildings and spaces at Villanova?
- Bernard Jacobson **Poor Gods: The Artist as Divine Imitator**  
How does man's desire to create art reflect his relationship with God?
- Ali Laird **Sticky Little Leaves: Non-Locality, Non-Euclidian Geometry, and Positive Knowing in *The Brothers Karamazov***  
If chaos theory suggests that stability arises in a world ruled by entropy, can we affirm a kind of order in tragedy, without negating the reality of suffering?
- John Liberatore **"Taking me seriously": The Unheard Mind of the Emerging Adult**  
What is the significance of the journey that is the Emerging Adulthood? How is mentorship of significant positive impact on the journeying emerging adult?
- Katrina Marks **The Meaning of Memory: A Philosophy of Autobiography**  
How does the human person make meaning through the narratives of memories? How do memories challenge what the human person understands as reality?
- Caitlin Mitchell **Difficult Conversations: Doctor Patient Conversations about Death and the Dying Process**  
How do the difficult conversations we have with loved ones shape the conversations we have with doctors, and how should doctors have these difficult conversations?
- Ann Pollack **Human Free Will and the Nature of God**  
Does the omniscient and omnipotent nature of God limit the human captivity for free will? How is human free will compatible with the Christian conception of God?
- Mary Frances Roth **What Does It Mean To Do Fulfilling Work?**  
What is meaningful work?
- Adam Vincent **The Baptism of *Homo Economicus***  
If humanity is doomed to its worst expectations for itself, how can theological visions of human nature support alternative economic systems?
- Kate Walsh **Instead of Tears, Give Deeds: Anger as a Positive Political Emotion**  
Do modern people simply not believe in justice? Why are so many not moved to do what they can?
- Emily Walthouse **Sometimes the Answers are Simple**  
What role can the concept of simplicity play in combating the diagnosis of modernity as "everybody's disease" in Wendell Berry's *Hannah Coulter*?
- Jennifer White **Beauty in the Face of Tragedy**  
Is it possible to possess a vocation to pursue beauty in a tragic world or is to do so a dereliction of sacred duty to mankind?
- Hindley Williams **Awe in the Stars: "There Will Be Time"**  
What is the role of awe in the human life? What is the effect of living without awe?