



THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES @ VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

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?