

2013 National Conference



FAITH *and* ACADEMIC FREEDOM *in* CIVIC VIRTUE

October 18-20, 2013 at the University of Scranton

The 23rd Annual LFP National Conference, Faith and Academic Freedom in Civic Virtue, convened October 18 through 20 at The University of Scranton, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Participants were invited to think about how we as individuals and faith-based institutions bring the values of faith and academic freedom to the service of civic virtue. As universities with faith missions, our collective commitment to civic engagement arises directly from our devotion to open conversation, ecumenism, and the search for truth, amongst our institutions and in the world beyond our campus borders.



Rev. Mark Ravizza, SJ



Patricia McGuire, Esq.



Rob Kapilow

Three speakers helped spark this dialogue, by presenting three distinct, but ultimately interrelated narratives.



Rev. Mark Ravizza, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy and Senior Fellow, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education at Santa Clara University, gave the first plenary address on Friday afternoon titled, "Inspiring Faith and Engaging Reality: Education for Civic Virtue in a Secular Age."





Patricia McGuire, Esq., President of Trinity Washington University, inspired conversation Saturday morning with her plenary address, "Civic Virtue Starts at Home: Faith and Freedom for Institutional Transformation."



Rob Kapilow, internationally renowned composer, commentator, author, and conductor, presided at the third and final plenary on Saturday afternoon.



In addition, conference goers had an opportunity to share in an Evening of Jazz, including a pre-concert presentation by Grammy Award-winning writer, acclaimed musician, and jazz historian **Loren Schoenberg** and a special performance featuring The University of Scranton's Jazz Ensemble and guest soloist and legendary jazz trombonist **Wycliffe Gordon**.



The **Second Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows**, which completed its three-year fellowship last year, also attended this year's National Conference, beginning with their own Graduate Fellows Reunion Conference the two days prior to the National Conference.