§ Center Colloquia 2018-2019:

Under the care of Dr. Thomas Osborne, the Colloquia featured a mixture of students, Center Faculty, UST Faculty, and illustrious invited guests. Here is the line-up of speakers for 2018-2019:

September 7: **Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, spoke on “Hunger and Thirst: Suffering for Christ in Sts. Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Kolkatta.”


October 12: **Dr. R. Edward Houser**, Emeritus Philosophy Professor, Center for Thomistic Studies spoke on Avicenna and Aquinas: Thomas’ Second and Third Ways.”

October 19: **Titus Techera**, Executive Director of the American Cinema Foundation, spoke on “Aristotle on Poetry as a source of Ethics.”

November 2: **Dr. Christopher Wolfe**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of St. Thomas, spoke on “Looking for the Common Good in our Republic: Considering some Objections from Alasdair MacIntyre.”

November 9: **Dr. Helen Hattab**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Houston, spoke on “Approaches to the Problem of Universals by 16th Century Scholastic Aristotelians.”

November 30: **Dr. Thomas Harmon**, Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, University of St. Thomas, spoke on “The Few, the Many and the Universal Way of Salvation: Augustine’s Point of Engagement with Platonic Political Thought.”

January 18: **Dr. John Nieto**, Tutor, Thomas Aquinas College, spoke on “Aristotle’s Identification of Substance and Action in God as Subsisting Goodness.”

January 25: **Dr. Turner Nevitt**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of San Diego, spoke on “A Puzzle about Knowing Essence without Existence.”

February 1: **Fr. Raphael Mary Salzillo, O.P.**, ABD in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, spoke on “Is Aquinas Vulnerable to the Interaction Problem?”

February 8: **Dr. John F.X. Knasas**, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies, spoke on “Philosophy and Theology: Fides et Ratio and the Wishes of John Paul II.”

February 15: **Dr. Donald Morrison**, Professor of Philosophy, Rice University, spoke on “Reflections on Socratic Egoism.”

February 22: **Dr. Gaston LeNotre**, Assistant Professor, Dominican University College, spoke on “Can Thomas’s Account of Individuation Survive Scotus’s Objections? A Concrete Response.”

March 1: **Mark Ryland**, UST Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecturer for 2019, spoke on “Hans Jonas on the Classical and the Modern: Can What was Lost be Restored?”

March 8: **Dr. Theodore Rebard**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UST, spoke on “Human Desire and the Symbolical Universe.”

March 22: **Dr. Cameron Buckner**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Houston, spoke on “Empiricism without Magic: Transformational Abstraction in Deep-Learning Neural Networks.”

March 29: **Dr. Victor Saenz**, Executive Director of the Houston Institute, spoke on “Shaping Aristotelian Epithumia: Temperance, Generosity and Beyond.”

April 5: **Dr. R. Edward Houser**, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies, spoke on “Aquinas: Theology as Aristotelian Science, in the Sentences and Summa.”

April 26: **Dr. Mirela Oliva**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies, spoke on “Hylomorphism and the Afterlife in Aquinas.”