THE EDMUND BURKE SOCIETY

"Edmund Burke, Russell Kirk, and Revolution in the Modern Mind."

Saturday, November 17, 2018. Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC.

Keynote speakers: Dr. Vigen Guroian, "Burke and Kirk on Radical Ideology."
Dr. Wilfred McClay, "A 'Generous Loyalty': The Vindication of a Forgotten Virtue."

Edmund Burke (1730-97), Irish-born statesman and British parliamentarian, was both a sympathizer with the grievances of colonialist Patriots during the American Revolution and the most eloquent contemporary critic of the French Revolution. His position on each of these transformative events was both influenced by changing understanding of what "revolution" meant and itself helped to shape our modern-day approach to revolutionary thought.
Russell Kirk (1918-94) was one of the twentieth century's most profound disciples of Burke's thought, upon which he built a forceful critique of the spread of ideology and secularization in modern society.

This conference explores Russell Kirk's conclusions and his debt to Edmund Burke in relation to the political and social environment today. Are we progressing toward an ever richer sense of justice and liberty, or must we be more vigilant than ever against becoming victims of the "terrible simplifiers" and ideologues in our midst?

For the full conference program: < Link to program >

There is no registration fee for attendance, but please do register your intention to attend, at iancrowe@bac.edu or call (704) 461-7123.

Lunch arrangements are left to individual attendees; but there is a restaurant on campus, a short walk from the conference venue.

Overnight accommodation is available at a special conference rate of $112 per night at the Hampton Inn by Hilton, Charlotte-Belmont @ Montcross, which is a short, five-minute ride from campus. There will also be a free shuttle service between the hotel and the campus. To book, please ring (704) 825-6100 and mention "Edmund Burke Conference" or "Belmont Abbey College" to secure the conference reservation rate.

The Edmund Burke Society wishes to thank the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal, the History Department at Belmont Abbey College, and Belmont Abbey College for their generous support in organizing this program. The event is part of a series of centennial commemorations of the life and legacy of Russell Kirk, who did so much to revitalize the study of Edmund Burke in America.

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9:15 am: Opening remarks. (All sessions will take place in the Grace Auditorium, St. Leo Hall.)

9:30-10:30: Lecture, Dr. Wilfred McClay, G.T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty at the University of Oklahoma:
"A 'Generous Loyalty': The Vindication of a Forgotten Virtue."

10:30-10:45: Coffee break

10:45-12:15: Lecture, Dr. Vigen Guroian, Professor of Religious Studies (Eastern Christianity), University of Virginia (retired) and Senior Fellow of the Russell Kirk Center:
"Burke and Kirk on Radical Ideology."

12:30-2:00: Lunch break.

2:00-3:30 Panel, and open session on selected texts (circulated to attendees beforehand)
Chair: Dr. Steven Millies, Director of The Bernardin Center, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Panel: Dr. Troy Feay, Belmont Abbey College; Mr. Andre Gushurst-Moore, Worth School, England; *et al.*

3:30-3:45: Plenary session and closing remarks.

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