



Notre Dame HPS Annual Conference 2026
Science, Expertise, and Society

Thursday, March 26, 2026 (McKenna Hall)

5:30 PM | Conference Check-In and Dinner (Auditorium and Gallery)

5:45 – 5:55 PM | Introduction and Welcome (Auditorium and Gallery)

6:00 - 7:00 PM | **Keynote: Andrew Jewett** (Auditorium and Gallery)

“Finding Science in Public”

7:00 – 7:45 PM | Reception (Auditorium and Gallery)

Friday, March 27, 2026 (Snite Research Center)

8:30 – 9:30 AM | Breakfast & Coffee Cart (Lobby, 1st Floor)

Please note, only water is allowed in the Annenberg Auditorium.

9:30 – 11:00 AM | Short Paper Session 1 (Annenberg Auditorium, Basement)

Brenton Kalinowski, “Contingent Collaboration and Evangelical Trust in Scientific Authority”

Enoch H. Kuo, “Auguste Comte and the Political-Theology of Eugenics”

Josh Reeves, “The Nature of Expertise: A Theological Conversation with Thomas Kuhn”

11:00 - 11:30 AM | Break (Lobby)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | **Keynote: Mark Harris** (Annenberg Auditorium)

“Christ and the Quantum: Fundamentals of Theology of Science”

12:45 – 1:45 PM | Lunch (Hesburgh Library Scholars’ Lounge)

2:00 – 3:30 PM | Short Paper Session 2 (Annenberg Auditorium)

Katherine Horan, “Spilsbury’s Antiscorbutic Drops, Medical Legitimacy, and Defending the British Empire”

Fahmi Rizki Fahroji, “Who Knows the Underground? Scientific Expertise, Tacit Knowledge, and Vernacular Projections in Indonesia’s Oil Frontiers”

Esther Simon, “Democratic, Explosive, Insurrectionary Thomas Beddoes’s Radical Chemical Philosophy 1787-1808”

3:30 – 4:00 PM | Coffee Cart Break (Lobby)

4:00 – 5:00 PM | **Keynote: Mitra Sharafi** (Annenberg Auditorium)

“Fear of the False: Forensic Science and the Law of Crime in Colonial South Asia”

5:00 – 6:00 PM | Poster Session (Lobby)

Dinner is not provided. Please see the conference website for restaurant options.

Saturday, March 28, 2026 (Hesburgh Library)

8:30 – 9:30 AM | Breakfast & Coffee Cart (Scholars’ Lounge, 1st Floor, East Wing)

9:30 – 10:30 AM | Short Paper Session 3 (Carey Auditorium, 1st Floor, East Wing)

Mason Majszak, “When No One’s an Expert: What’s Left of Scientific Expertise in the Face of Wicked Problems?”

Bennett Holman, “On the Politicization of Scientific Expertise”

10:30 – 11:00 AM | Break (Scholars’ Lounge)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | **Keynote: Katharina Nieswandt** (Carey Auditorium)

“What is a Common Good?”

12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch (Scholars’ Lounge)

1:00 – 2:00 PM | Keynote Panel Discussion (Carey Auditorium)

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