

The 2020 Issues Day Committee

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Bolded names denote members of the Speaker Team.

*** Denotes Commended.**



Moderator
David Henderson
Of Counsel
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David Henderson is a seasoned trial lawyer who joined Ellwanger Law to fight for justice. David earned his BA in Plan II Honors and his law degree from the University of Texas. He then joined the litigation section of one of Texas's largest law firms. Though David enjoyed the intellectual challenges of complex litigation, he wanted to try cases; so, he joined the Special Crimes Division of the district attorney's office.

David has tried over 70 jury cases to a verdict, ranging from civil cases to human trafficking to capital murder. David was so successful in court that the Texas District and County Attorney's Association (TDCAA) invited him to train other attorneys across the state, and became one of TDCAA's most highly rated speakers. During his time at the DA's office, he was named local Criminal Justice Member of the Year and received the President's Award for outstanding service from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

To improve his courtroom skills, David joined Toastmasters International, winning World Champion of Public Speaking in 2010, competing against over 30,000 contestants from 113 countries. David delivered his best speech outside the courtroom when he convinced Dr. Josephine Thinwa to marry him. She liked it so much that she etched a copy above their mantelpiece. David also enjoys teaching Bible classes with Josephine, serving on the Friends of the Dallas Public Library's board of directors, and barbecuing as often as he can

Courtesy of: <https://ellwangerlaw.com/>

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

8:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION
8:55 AM	MODERATOR INTRO OF DELEGATES
9:00 AM	DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:40 AM	POINT & COUNTERPOINT
11:15 AM	STUDENT PARTICIPATION
12:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
12:30PM	DISMISSAL



Greetings from the Head of School
To the Saint Mary's Hall Community:

Issues Day 2020
Who Should Make the Choice?

Welcome to Issues Day!

This is an annual Saint Mary's Hall tradition to conduct an in-depth discussion of an intellectual and timely topic. Allowing open and direct study of difficult subjects provides a wonderful compliment to the students and faculty of our school. To encourage such dialogue on the toughest questions of our time shows respect for our students' intellect and maturity while highlighting our faculty's professionalism and abilities in working with our students to help them develop their own beliefs and opinions regarding difficult topics. As in the past, this year's topic is not one which yields an easy answer or simple consensus. However, our students' active participation will help them view opposing opinions as they solidify their own thoughts and beliefs. We are encouraging our community to examine the topic with openness and respect for self and others. I want to thank the Junior Class Issues Day Committee. The speaker line-up alone serves as excellent evidence of the Committee's success and dedication. I also want to express particular and deep gratitude to the faculty leadership on the Issues Day Committee: Barb Bertoldo, Jill Severe, Gerri Walls, Allyson Allen and Jeff Hebert. Enjoy the discourse!

Jonathan Eades
Head of School

THE CLASS OF 2021 THANKS YOU FOR
ATTENDING ISSUES DAY 2020

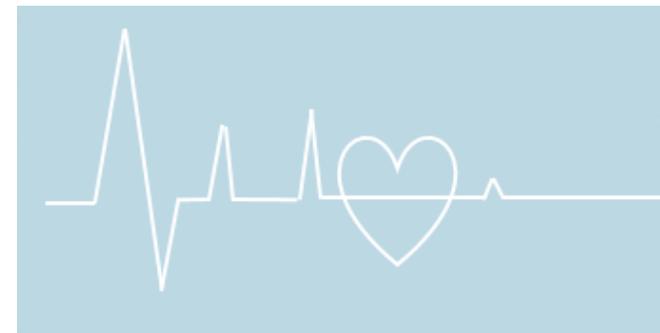
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Presents

The 28TH Annual

Issues Day



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
8:45AM



Introduction
Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
Texas Senate

Senator Campbell is a board certified emergency room physician and proud parent of four daughters. She lives in New Braunfels and represents Senate District 25, a six county district which includes parts of San Antonio and Austin. She received her BS at Central State University, her MN at Texas Women's University, and her MD at Texas Tech Health Science Center. She has been a Senate Member from 2013 to the present.

Courtesy of senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=25



Kara Sorenson
Chair of the Board
Feminists for Life of America

Ms. Sorenson served as an officer at Clarion University's student pro-life group and treasurer for the Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Initiative, and she hosted a Feminists for Life (FFL) Pregnancy Resource Forum (SM) in April, 2016. She interned for FFL in 2016, during which time she contributed to both The American Feminist® and our online resource, WomenDeserveBetter.com, and served as a panelist for that year's Capitol Hill Intern Briefing. Ms. Sorenson graduated from Clarion University in 2017 with a B.S. in Public Relations, Advertising, and Corporate Communication. She is currently pursuing her M.P.A., concentrating on nonprofit management. She is a special events coordinator for a Pittsburgh nonprofit that provides child care for underserved communities. In 2018, Ms. Sorenson was unanimously elected as Chair of the Board of Feminists for Life of America.

Courtesy of feministsforlife.org/kara-sorenson/



Dr. Omar Hamada, MD, MBA
Medical Director
RxGenomix

Dr. Hamada earned a BS in Biology/Chemistry from Union University, an MBA from Vanderbilt University, and a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He completed residencies at the University of Tennessee, in both Family Medicine and in Obstetrics & Gynecology. He has also had a successful military career. Having served as Officer in Charge of a U.S. Army battalion medical section consisting of 8 personnel, 30 Special Forces medics and several dozen Combat Lifesaver personnel, he was awarded the Bronze Star and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Courtesy of RxGenomix website



Michael Ariens
Professor of Law, Director of Faculty Scholarship, Co-Director of the Institute on World Legal Programs, Englehardt Research Fellow
St. Mary's School of Law

Mr. Ariens has taught at St. Mary's School of Law since 1987, concentrating in the areas of constitutional law, American legal history, evidence, and the American legal profession. He is the author of the award-winning *Lone Star Law: A Legal History of Texas* (2011), as well as several other books. He has written law review articles on a wide variety of topics, is currently working on a book on the history of American legal ethics, and is engaged in research on issues of religious liberty in the US. He regularly speaks to bar associations on ethics issues, and is often quoted on constitutional law, legal ethics and governmental ethics. He served for over ten years as a member of the Ethics Review Board of the City of San Antonio.

Courtesy of St. Mary's School of Law website



Le'Yandria Ratomski
Pro-Life Speaker

Ms. Ratomski is a Pro-life ambassador who desires to inspire others. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan to a teenage mother, at a young age, Le'yandria knew first-hand what poverty felt like. She also knew that hard work and determination could change her situation. The first person in her family to attend college, she attended Oakland University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication. Her passions for public speaking and advocating for the unborn collided in 2014, when she joined Students For Life, a pro-life organization on campus. Since then she has been sharing her compelling pro-life story. She has had the honor of speaking all over the country with hopes to one day share her story all over the world.

Courtesy of Ms. Le'Yandria Ratomski



Dr. Frederick B. Brown
Retired
Obstetrician Gynecologist

Since graduating from Georgetown University School of Medicine, Dr. Brown's career has been segmented into military medicine, mainstream private practice of obstetrics & gynecology, and medical education. He is a member of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations and is active in the leadership of the San Antonio Area Council for CMDA. He lectures on the spiritual aspects of medicine on the local, regional, and national levels. He is a recognized spokesperson on the subjects of Sexual Health, Breast Cancer, Hormone Therapy, Life Expectancy and The Sanctity of Life.

Courtesy of: Dr. Frederick B. Brown



Aimee Arrambide
Executive Director
NARAL Pro-Choice Texas

Ms. Arrambide was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She was inspired to go into reproductive health, rights, and justice by her father who was an abortion provider in central and south Texas. She studied Philosophy at the University of Texas and received her Juris Doctor from New York Law School. She co-wrote and edited the Public Leadership Institute's Playbook for Abortion Rights, serves on the advisory council of ReproAction and is a National Network of Abortion Funds We Testify Storyteller.

Courtesy of prochoicetexas.org



Jeffrey Hons
President and CEO
Planned Parenthood South Texas

Mr. Hons is a proud San Antonio native and has been a part of the Planned Parenthood South Texas (PPST) family for more than 25 years. In 1999, he became the President & CEO of PPST and has been at the frontlines of local, state, and national battles over reproductive rights and care ever since. Undeterred by laws and regulations designed to weaken family planning funds and access to abortion, he has led PPST to overcome challenges and remain an essential, sustainable operation. He sees his work in the world as part of social and economic justice, equality and opportunity for all. Mr. Hons attended UTSA where he received a BA in Sociology in 1988 and an MBA in 2004. When he is not at work championing family planning and sexual health care, his personal interests include reading, gardening, and his rescue cats. He is a proud uncle to six nieces and nephews.

Courtesy of Mr. Jeffrey Hons