



Psychology

Session 1

Male and Female He Created Them: An Integral Approach to Gender
Jess Keating

Questions about gender underlie many of the most pressing and seemingly irresolvable issues of our day. Contemporary notions of gender range from the infinitely flexible to stereotypical, extremes which often end up being two sides of the same coin. In this presentation, Jess Keating explores various perspectives on gender and the relationship between male and female, moving from history to biology, and concluding with the Church's vision of gender embodied in a vision of integral sex complementarity.

Session 2

Not far from the tree: contrasting the "roots and branches" of Catholic vs secular psychology
Dr. Robin Treptow

This workshop will overview the "roots and branches" of psychology from Catholic and secular perspectives. A Catholic-Christian view of who people are will first be introduced, then contrasted with a variety of psychological theories. Specifically, key principles of Catholic anthropology will be laid out as to how they inform the lenses of Freudian, behavioral, and relational thinking within Erikson's psychosocial (developmental) perspective. The ways that Catholic versus secular theories play out in practice will be highlighted: with exemplars for pushing past usual paradigms. Teachers will be able to apply Catholic-Christian thinking about psychology to classroom content as well as to support student engagement.