



## 2019 SUMMER SEMINARS

Hosted by the Austin Institute at the University of Texas at Austin

### *Virtues, Vices, and the University Life*

July 7-13, 2019

Undergraduate students and incoming freshmen

#### **What does the moral life have to do with learning?**

How might anger, envy, or sloth distort our vision of the good life and separate us from others? What do the virtues of forgiveness, wonder, and humility have to do with becoming a good student and building a good life?

University life makes new and certain demands on college students. The habits developed during that season often remain long after graduation. This seminar examines the vices that undermine the happy life and the virtues that draw us more into liberal learning as well as community.

Seminar participants will look to philosophy, literature, the arts, and each other to understand the relationship of virtues and vices to success and happiness.

#### **Faculty:**

- Dr. Brandon Dahm, Philosophy  
Franciscan University
- Dr. Ryan Womack, English  
Austin Institute Director of Academic Programs

### *Human Meaning and the Moral Life*

July 14-20, 2019

Rising high school juniors and seniors

#### **What does it mean to be human?**

In our frenzied age of materialism, unbridled technological advancement, and moral upheaval, this perennial question is more important than ever.

This seminar will address different aspects of what it means to be human, such as being an embodied soul, seeking happiness, and developing a moral sense. Using classical philosophical texts and great literary works as our guides, we will lean on the lessons of the past to engage some of the most pressing issues of our day, like transgenderism and the myth of perpetual progress. Armed with the wisdom of the ages, students will leave better prepared to face the world—and more immediately, college.

#### **Faculty:**

- Dr. Donald Bungum, Philosophy  
University of Mary
- Dr. DeAnn Stuart, English  
Austin Institute Associate Director

*Seminars will be held at the University of Texas at Austin. Admission is selective, and participants will be responsible for a fee of \$300. Payment includes tuition, room, board, and materials. Scholarships are available for those with financial need.*

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2019**

**For more information and to apply, visit:**

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