

Teachers' Week at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland

The Graduate Institute at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland is hosting two academic conferences for invited teachers, to be held the week of July 24 to 28, 2017. Both will address the theme of the impact of science and technology on society.

One conference, sponsored by the Hodson Trust and the "We the People" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is entitled "Science and Society, Promises and Perils." This conference will consist of a series of seminars on *The Great Instauration*, *The New Atlantis*, and *The New Organon*, three foundational texts by Francis Bacon, the first visionary of our modern scientific and technological world, followed by Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*, the first satirical critique of this world, and finally by a dystopian short story by Philip K. Dick.

The concurrent conference, "Life of the Mind in a Digital World" is sponsored by the Mellon Foundation and will address the impact of contemporary digital technology on thinking and learning. Readings for the seminars that comprise this conference will include works by Lewis Mumford, Hans Jonas, Sherry Turkle, Alan Turing, Naomi Baron, and others. The question of the role of digital technology in our lives will also be the subject of a public lecture which teachers from both conferences are invited to attend.

In addition to providing a thoughtful examination of important texts and ideas, both conferences provide excellent opportunities for teachers to experience the discussion-based learning engaged in at St. John's, and to exchange ideas with one another in an informal though serious context.

Registration for both programs will be held on Monday, July 24, and daytime seminars will meet Tuesday through Friday. On-campus dormitory housing, the seminar texts, morning coffee, lunch, a travel allowance of up to \$300, and a \$200 stipend will be provided to attendees. Interested teachers will receive a formal invitation from the Graduate Institute providing additional details and outlining the responsibilities of the participants. Please e-mail all nominations or requests for invitations to: annapolis.gradadmissions@sjc.edu.

Enrollment is currently open and spaces remain available.

Approved applicants will be notified as they are accepted, and enrollment is limited; nominations and applications will continue to be accepted as long as openings remain.