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Boston Chapter's JULY MEETING!
Thursday, JULY 17, 2008

Speaker: Dr. Angela Franks
Topic: "Pope JP2's Theology of the Body"



Angela Franks has a doctorate in systematic theology at Boston College and an M.A. in philosophy from the Catholic University of America. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Dallas. Her academic awards include the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for graduate study.

Her humanitarian and feminist vision was decisively shaped by her volunteer work in a Harlem soup kitchen and homeless shelter when she was eighteen years old. Her intimate experience of the world of the poor, especially poor black women, gave rise to an urgent realization that advancing the cause of human dignity requires a synthetic vision, for the oppression of one group opens the doors to the oppression of all. In this light, Angela set out to rethink the history of feminism. Her book, *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility* (McFarland, 2005), is the fruit of that reflection.

In Sanger, the oppressive ideology of eugenics-which explicitly targets persons with the disabilities and the poor-leads to the actual oppression of women, despite Sanger's emancipatory rhetoric. *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy* makes clear how fundamental for Sanger was her mistaken belief that female fertility is a chaotic force that must be controlled and shows the misogynistic results of this ideology. Angela draws on over twenty original manuscript sources, as well as the best historiography on eugenics and women's history, in order to make the case that Margaret Sanger's ideology of control has and continues to have deleterious effects here and around the world.

Angela is married and is the proud mother of three children. She is an experienced and invigorating speaker who has given dozens of workshops and speeches. Her expertise in eugenics and sexual ethics has been called upon in giving legislative testimony in the context of bioethics, and she has published reviews and articles relevant to this nexus of issues.



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Weston Golf Club
275 Meadowbrook Road
Weston, MA

6:30 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Drinks and Appetizers

7:30 pm - Dinner and Program

Please RSVP by
July 11th to:

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Members' guests welcome for a \$75 dinner fee.