

Darrell Falconburg

Curriculum Vitae

ABOUT

Academic program director at a residential research and study center in western Michigan. Ph.D. in the Humanities with a concentration in the history of education. Experience in interdisciplinary teaching, academic program development, journal editing, and the intellectual and personal formation of students.

EDUCATION

- 2025 Ph.D. Humanities (History Concentration), Faulkner University
 “Russell Kirk: Redeeming the Time Through Liberal Education”
 Director: Jason E. Jewell
 Committee: Benjamin G. Lockerd; Robert M. Woods; Bradley J. Birzer (external reader, Hillsdale College)
- 2020 M.A. Philosophy, Mount Angel Seminary
 “Dante Praises Philosophy: Explaining the Presence of Siger of Brabant in the *Paradiso*”
 Advisor: Andrew Cummings
- 2017 B.A. History, The College of Idaho
 Minor: Religious Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic Programming

- 2023-present The Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal, Academic Program Officer
- Designs undergraduate and graduate-level seminars and virtual classes
 - Directs residential research and study fellowship for students and visiting scholars
 - Leads in-house seminars and mentors visiting students
 - Assists with the Center’s publishing initiatives, including its book imprint, book review journal, and newsletter

Selected Seminars and Classes Designed

- The Perennial Edmund Burke: *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
- The Moral Imagination of Jane Austen: *Mansfield Park*
- Josef Pieper’s *Leisure: The Basis of Culture* (in-house)
- Christopher Dawson and the Outlook of Christian Culture (in-house)
- Flannery O’Connor and the Ethical Life

University Teaching

2025-present Faulkner University, Adjunct Instructor of Humanities

- Humanities 2315, *Western Tradition I* — instructor for three online sections
- Interdisciplinary Studies 5320/8320, *The Roots of American Order* — discussion leader for the residential component of a graduate seminar hosted at the Russell Kirk Center

Secondary Education

2022–2023 Belmont Classical Academy, Curriculum Coordinator and Upper School Teacher

2021–2022 John Paul II High School, Dean of Students and Integrated Humanities Teacher
Service: Faculty Mentor, St. Thomas More House

2020–2021 Bishop Machebeuf High School, Integrated Humanities Teacher

Selected Courses Taught

- Ancient Humanities: Homer to Aurelius
- Medieval Humanities: Augustine to Dante
- Western Heritage: Ancient Greece and Rome
- American Heritage: Civil War to Cold War

EDITING

2024-present *The University Bookman*, Humanities Editor

2022-present *VoegelinView*, Assistant Editor

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND CONFERENCES

2027 Panelist, “T.S. Eliot and Education: G.H. Bantock as Interpreter and Critic.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. March 11 – 13, 2027. **Forthcoming.**

2026 Panelist, “The Displaced Person: Flannery O’Connor and Christopher Dawson on Religion and Culture.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 4 – 6, 2026.

2026 Moderator, “Roundtable on Teaching the Virtues.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. March 12 – 14, 2026.

- 2025 Panelist, “Russell Kirk’s Vision of Liberal Education.” International Academic Conference on the Anglo-American Conservative Intellectual Tradition. *Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation*. Grand Rapids, MI. June 27 – 28, 2025.
- 2025 Panelist, “Flannery O’Connor and the Problem of Ideology.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 5-7, 2025.
- 2025 Panelist, “Christian Humanism and Liberal Education.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. March 13-15, 2025.
- 2024 Panelist, “In Defense of the Humanities: Irving Babbitt and Educational Renewal.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 6 – 8, 2024.
- 2024 Panel Chair, “The Aesthetics of the Ideal and the Real.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 6 – 8, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, “The Need for Roots.” Panel on “Russell Kirk’s *The Roots of American Order* at 50.” *Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics* at Calvin University. April 4 – 6, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, “A Philosophical Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman, Russell Kirk, and Liberal Education.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. February 28 – March 2, 2024.
- 2023 Panelist, “Education and the Permanent Things: Russell Kirk on the Renewal of American Schools.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 1 – 3, 2023.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2027 Speaker, “Russell Kirk and Education.” Invited lecture to the Graduate School of Classical Education at Hillsdale College. Spring Semester. **Forthcoming**.
- 2026 Speaker, “Russell Kirk and the Many Roots of American Order.” Invited online lecture to undergraduate students from participating universities. *Advancing American Freedom*. September 25, 2026.
- 2026 Speaker, “Transmitting an Inheritance: Education in an Age of Revolution.” Invited to lead a breakout session at the *Circe Institute* National Conference. July 16 – 18, 2026.
- 2025 Speaker, “The Role of Education in Society.” William F. Buckley Jr. at 100 Conference. *Acton Institute*. Grand Rapids, MI. October 23, 2025.

- 2025 Moderator, “An Evening with Christopher Dawson: Introducing a Historian of Culture.” Online Public Lecture by Joseph T. Stuart. *The Russell Kirk Center*. September 2, 2025.
- 2025 Speaker, “Cultivating the ‘Moral Imagination’ Through the Humanities.” Invited to lead a breakout session at the *Southeastern Consortium of Classical Educators*. August 1 – 2, 2025.
- 2025 Speaker, “John Senior’s *The Restoration of Christian Culture*.” Invited to lead a colloquy at the *Circe Institute* National Conference. July 16 – 19, 2025.
- 2024 Speaker, “The Educator as Guardian of the Word.” Invited to lead a colloquy at the *Circe Institute* National Conference. July 17 – 20, 2024.
- 2018 Speaker, “Dante and the Way of Beauty.” Catholic Men’s Retreat. Summer.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024 “In Defense of the Humanities: Irving Babbitt, Russell Kirk, and the Humane Tradition.” *Humanitas* 37, nos. 1 & 2 (2024): 57-78.
- 2023 “Russell Kirk on the Moral Imagination and Literary Studies.” *Pietas: A Journal of Tradition, Place, and Things Divine* 2, no. 1 (Spring 2023), 51-74.

Edited Volumes

- 2027 *Transmitting Our Patrimony: A Selection of Russell Kirk’s Educational Writings in National Review*, with an introduction by George H. Nash, edited with preface by Darrell Falconburg (Mecosta House, 2027). **Forthcoming**.

In Progress

- *Guardian of the Word: Russell Kirk and the Renewal of Liberal Education* (book manuscript under peer review)
- “The Humanizing Purpose of Liberal Education.” (book chapter under peer review)
- “When Society Loses its Religion: Christopher Dawson, Flannery O’Connor, and the Crisis of the Twentieth Century” (article in progress)

- An Experiment in the Integrated Humanities: A Review of Robert K. Carlson’s *Truth on Trial: The Rise and Fall of the Integrated Humanities Program at the University of Kansas* (Catholic Education Press, 2026). *The University Bookman* (assigned for review)
- Catholic Minds and Social Renewal: A Review of Adam Schwartz’s *Disturbers of the Twentieth Century* (Catholic University of America Press, 2026). *The University Bookman* (assigned for review)

Selected Public Essays and Articles

- 2024 “Irving Babbitt’s Defense of the Humanities.” *The University Bookman* (December 29).
- 2023 “Rediscovering Theodor Haecker: Virgil, Father of the West.” *VoegelinView* (February 3).
- 2021 “Dante’s Transformed Love: The Poet’s Love for Beatrice.” *The Imaginative Conservative* (September 6).
- 2021 “Flannery O’Connor on Sin and Politics.” *The Imaginative Conservative* (August 15).
- 2021 “Dante and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition on Faith and Reason.” *The Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (July 15).
- 2021 “Russell Kirk and Flannery O’Connor on the Spiritual Foundation of Political Reform.” *VoegelinView* (June 28).
- 2020 “Follow the Gaze: Beatrice’s Eyes and Beauty in the Divine Comedy.” *VoegelinView* (December 22).
- 2020 “Ideas Still Have Consequences: Richard Weaver on Nominalism and Relativism.” *The Imaginative Conservative* (December 6).
- 2020 “The Way of Beauty in Dante.” Dappled Things Online. *Deep Down Things* (September 15).
- 2020 “Overcoming Lust with Dante’s Divine Comedy.” *The Imaginative Conservative* (September 5)
- 2017 “Who Reads Robert Nisbet Anymore?” *The Imaginative Conservative* (August 15).

Selected Book Reviews

- 2025 “The Education of the Poet Dante: A Review of *Dante’s Education* (Oxford University Press, 2024).” *VoegelinView* (March 2).
- 2025 “How Should Christians Interact with the Arts and Humanities? A Review of Paul Krause’s *Muses of a Fire* (Stone Tower Press, 2024).” *VoegelinView* (February 9).
- 2025 “Transmitting Civilization Through Education: A Review of Tracy Lee Simmons’ *On Being Civilized* (Memoria College Press, 2023).” *The University Bookman* (February 2).
- 2023 “Why We Need the Liberal Arts: A Review of *The Liberating Arts* (Plough Publishing House, 2023).” *VoegelinView* (October 8).
- 2023 “In Defense of the Classics: A Review of Paul Krause’s *Finding Arcadia* (Academica Press, 2023).” *VoegelinView* (September 3).

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025-26 *Law & Liberty Fellowship*, Liberty Fund. Invited participant in a two-part seminar series on the American tradition.
- 2023-24 *Richard M. Weaver Fellowship*. Graduate fellowship and scholarship awarded by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute for students in the humanities or social sciences.
- 2023 *Wilbur Fellowship*. Residential fellowship at the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal in Mecosta, Michigan. June 4 – July 23.
- 2020 *St. Anselm Award*. Academic Excellence in the College of Liberal Arts at Mount Angel Seminary
- 2017 *Academic Scarab Award*. Academic Excellence as a student at the College of Idaho
- 2015-16 *Frank Specht Award*. Academic Excellence in History Department as an undergraduate at the College of Idaho (twice awarded)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, The Academy of Philosophy and Letters, 2023-present
 Member, The Ciceronian Society, 2024-present
 Member, Catholic Literary Society of Grand Rapids, 2025-present