The speaker for this year’s Faith and Learning Luncheon will be Jeanne Heffernan Schindler. Dr. Schindler is an assistant professor in the Department of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions at Villanova University. Trained in political theory, American politics, and constitutional law, Professor Schindler’s main research areas are Christian political thought, virtue ethics, democratic theory, and the philosophy of law.

She has published various articles on these topics, in addition to lecturing and writing on the connection between Christian faith and learning. Dr. Schindler recently edited Christianity and Civil Society: Catholic and Neo-Calvinist Perspectives, a text that examines “the crisis of modern democracy evident in the decline of the institutions of civil society and their theoretical justification.” Before teaching at Villanova, she was an assistant professor in the Social Science Division of Pepperdine University. Professor Schindler graduated with a B.A. in history from Georgetown University, and earned both her M.A. and Ph.D. in government from the University of Notre Dame.

Previous speakers for the Faith & Learning Luncheon include John Wright of Point Loma Nazarene University, John Wilson of Book and Culture, Arthur Holmes of Wheaton College, and Mark Schwehn of Valparaiso University.

The luncheon is open to all IWU faculty, staff, and students and is complimentary. Because seating is limited, however, attendance at the luncheon requires a reservation. In order to reserve a seat at the luncheon, please contact the Honors College Office no later than noon on Friday, March 27, 2009, by e-mailing honors.forum@indwes.edu.