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Margarita Unplugged, Volume 2, Spring 2019: Sharing the vision of whole-person education

Dear Friends,

I love the chance to "unplug" and share with you just some of the recent video lectures, audio recordings, and online articles that feature my public voice.

Please click and share to replay these hits from the 2019 Spring edition of Margarita Unplugged!

This summer, I'll be lecturing on education, communities and markets at [Acton University](#), leading [our third Scala summer seminar](#) on integral humanism and the modern university, and co-teaching a Princeton University travel course to Italy on [engineering and beauty](#) with Princeton professor of Civil Engineering, [Maria Garlock](#). Please stay tuned for next season's edition of Margarita Unplugged!

Best Regards,



Margarita Mooney, Ph.D.

Executive Director



RECENT NEWS



Click play on the above video to watch my talk at the Faith, Science, and Nature Conference, as well as other videos on my media page.

This interview with the Acton Institute's blog covers many topics, including my upbringing, human freedom as an intrinsic good, and my understanding of the 'irreducible person'. You can [read the interview here](#).

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VIDEOS

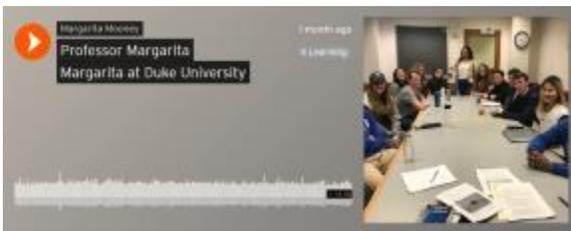


On January 28, 2019, I spoke at Pepperdine's School of Public Policy. My talk, "Can A Liberal Arts Education Survive in the Burnout Culture?", is now available to [watch on YouTube](#).

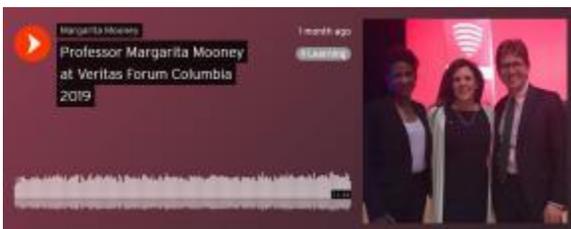


On March 9, 2019, I was a panelist discussing the newly released biography of Luigi Giussani by Alberto Savorana. Watch the video excerpt of my remarks by clicking on the video to the left, or [read the article](#) I published in Public Discourse on Giussani's view of tradition and authority in education. You can also read a summary of this event on the [Communion and Liberation blog](#).

AUDIO



On February 27, 2019, I visited a class of undergraduate students at Duke University for a class on ethics. Click the audio player to hear that afternoon's public lecture sponsored by the Arete Initiative at Duke on personalism as a resource for reimagining education in a burnout culture.



On April 3, 2019, I spoke at the Veritas Forum at Columbia University on the question of forgiveness for violent crimes. My co-panelist was Columbia philosophy professor Michele Moody-Adams. Click the audio player on the left to listen to my reflections on people I've interviewed who forgave others for violent crimes.



On Friday, May 3, 2019, I received the devastating news that one of my most beloved students died at the age of 26 after a valiant battle against cancer. John was instrumental in the creation and development of Scala, including the Scala summer seminar. On May 7, 2019, I delivered the eulogy for John at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. You can read and listen to the eulogy [on my blog](#).

PHOTOS

In December 2018, I led a seminar with Professor Elizabeth Corey at Baylor University that addressed the questions "What is liberal arts education?" and "What educational practices support the ends of education?" The seminar was organized by one of our Scalumni, Jason Burtt, who wanted his faculty and peers to experience a discussion around readings that encourage a fuller understanding of liberal arts education and a philosophical anthropology that acknowledges the complexities of human personhood, faith, freedom, and knowledge.



In February 2019 I had the chance to speak at the North Carolina Study Center in Chapel Hill about human freedom and a liberal arts education. It was great to catch up with my friends, faculty colleagues, and former students from my six years on the faculty there who came to hear my talk.



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