



***Margarita Unplugged*, Volume 1, Fall 2018:
Entering the Social Media Airwaves Anew**

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the MTV show called *MTV Unplugged*? I loved it because it featured **the voice** of the artist over everything else.

I've taken the time to develop my public voice by publishing [short articles on my own blog](#) and online journals. I've also recorded my own lectures for [SoundCloud](#) and [YouTube](#). And yes, I believe I've even put out some great content on [Twitter](#).

This Fall 2018 edition of "Margarita Unplugged" is like a rundown of my recent "hits". **Please click and share to replay these hits!**

In the coming months, I'll be speaking at Boston University, Pepperdine University and Duke University, so stay tuned for next season's edition of Margarita Unplugged.

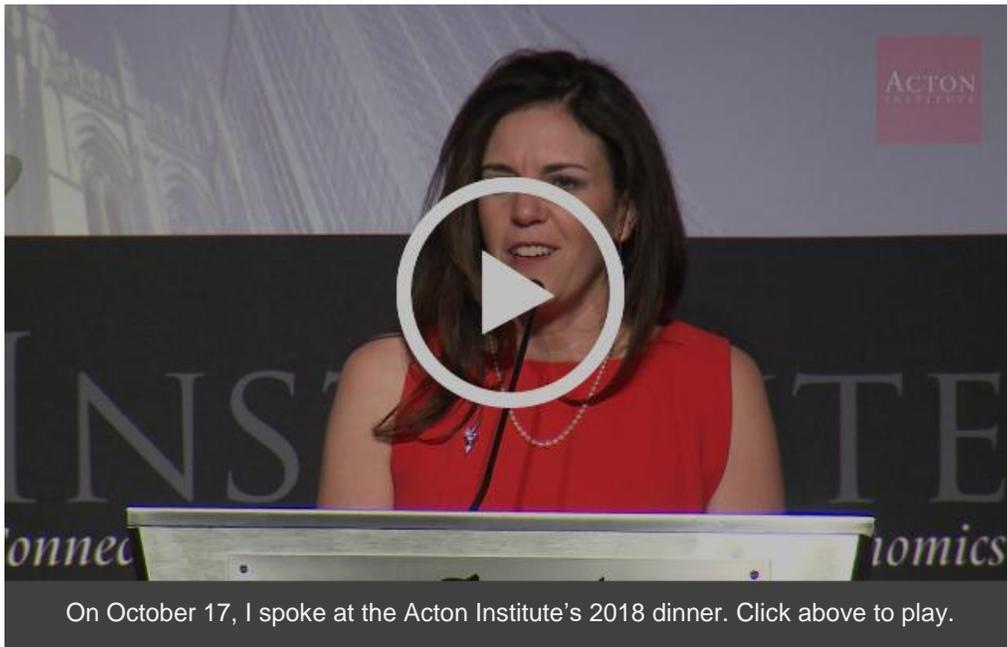
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margarita Mooney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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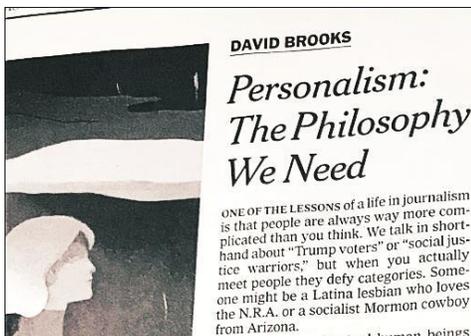


On October 17, I spoke at the Acton Institute's 2018 dinner. Click above to play.

Click the above video to watch my opening remarks at Acton's annual dinner, which was also the subject of a recent piece on Acton's Transatlantic Blog. [Click here](#) to read how Rev. Ben Johnson, a senior editor at the Acton Institute, builds on the ideas presented in my talk.



ARTICLES



In June, I was cited by David Brooks in the New York Times, in his [article on personalist philosophy](#). Brooks summarized a piece I wrote, saying, "personalism is a middle way between authoritarian collectivism and radical individualism."

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Being Human in the Modern World: Why Personalism Matters for Education and Culture

JUNE 25, 2018 BY MARGARITA MOONEY

How would you answer the basic question of philosophical anthropology: What does it mean to be human? How does that answer affect your life?

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Fighting the Burnout Culture: How Personalist Philosophers and Benedictine Monks Can Help Stressed-Out College Students

AUGUST 28, 2018 BY MARGARITA MOONEY

What are the ends of education? How do various conceptions of the human person influence our understanding of education? What does a liberal arts education look like in an educational system dominated by specialized fields of study and focused on credentials and skills? How do friendship and community relate to education? As I wrote recently...

After receiving some requests to elaborate on my understanding of personalism, I published [this piece in Public Discourse](#), which earned a shout out from Kathryn Jean Lopez in her ["Ten Things that Caught my Eye" blog](#).

I wrote [an additional article for Public Discourse](#) in which I showed how personalist philosophy can be helpful, in a very practical way, for college students who feel stressed-out, fragmented, and lonely.

VIDEOS

In May, I moderated [a discussion for the Luigi Giussani Series on Faith and Modernity](#). My opening remarks begin at 15:20.



Late last year, I participated in a faculty panel at Princeton University, entitled, ["Think for Yourself! Princeton Faculty on Liberal Arts Ideals"](#).



Also in late 2017, I gave a talk at the Catholic University of America, entitled, ["Creating Resilient Communities: The Necessity of Theology for Social Science"](#).



AUDIO



On [Scala's SoundCloud](#), you can listen to my concluding lecture from the Scala Summer Seminar, "Rediscovering Integral Humanism."



On [my SoundCloud page](#), you can listen to the introductory lecture I gave in my doctoral seminar on the philosophy of social science.



Finally, this past March I participated in [the Thomistic Institute's panel discussion on "Liberalism & Christianity"](#) at Harvard Law School.

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