

# Two Views of Social Justice

How Catholic and Georgist perspectives reconcile.

University of Scranton  
July 24-27, 2007

Local Historical Context:  
Tuesday, July 24

Pennsylvania's Coal Monopoly Spawns the American Labor Movement

The Molly Maguires and Catholic condemnation of secret societies

Terence Powderly, Mayor of Scranton and leader of the previously secret Knights of Labor

Henry George on Coal Mining in Pennsylvania

Lackawanna Coal Mine and Anthracite Heritage Museum Tours

Banquet "The Optimistic View: What People Around the World Are Doing Right" by John L. Kelly, Peoria, IL



**Puck** 1887: "It's a very pretty quarrel as it stands — and the Protestants can afford to smile, whoever is victor."



**Judge**, 1886: As Henry George looks on, Terence Powderly prepares to swat Jay Gould, who is gazing at his monopolies. **Caption:** CAUGHT NAPPING "We are Knights of Labor because we believe the thief who steals a dollar is no worse than the thief who steals a railroad... and the law should reach out with a firm, unshaken hand and punish both criminals according to the magnitude of their crime."  
—Powderly's Address

**Theoretical Foundations:**  
Wednesday, July 25

**Natural Law:** Anthony J. Lisska, Department of Philosophy, Denison University; Francis K. Peddle, PhD., Director, Canadian Research Committee on Taxation

**Human Nature:** Rev. Joseph Koterski, SJ, Associate Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University; Dr. James Dawsey, Chair, Religion Department, Emory & Henry College

**Nature of Work:** Daniel K. Finn, Professor of Theology and Economics, St. Johns University; Brendan Hennigan, Research director, Canadian Research Committee on Taxation

**Rerum Novarum** (Papal encyclical that confounded Georgists with socialists): Brian Benestad, Professor of Theology, University of Scranton; Mason Gaffney, Professor of Economics, UC Riverside

**Applications:**  
Thursday, July 26

**Causes of War:** William J. Parente, Professor of Political Science, University of Scranton; Alanna Hartzok, Codirector, Earth Rights Institute

**Immigration:** Fr. William O'Neill, S. J., Associate Professor of Social Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley; John Beck, Professor of Economics, Gonzaga University

**Development & Wealth:** Charles Clark, Associate Dean, Tobin College of Business, St. Johns University; Bill Batt, PhD, former tax policy analyst, NY State legislature.

**Neighborhood Revitalization:** Professor John J. DiIulio, Jr., Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania; Joshua Vincent, director, Center for the Study of Economics

**Concluding Banquet** with the Bishop of Scranton, the President of the CGO and the President of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

**Farewell Brunch** Friday, July 27

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