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HOW THE SEMINAR WORKS & HOW TO WRITE FOR US

The Seminar plans each of the two annual issues during its three annual meetings, each at a different Jesuit college or university. For the most part, an issue focuses on one theme; but, at the same time, through the various departments — letters, Talking Back, occasional forums, other articles, and book reviews — there are opportunities to keep the conversation going on a variety of concerns.

Our ten Seminar members come from across the spectrum of our colleges and universities, representing varied academic disciplines and a broad range of experience with the Jesuit educational tradition. The themes we choose to explore come out of our common reflection on that experience and from the discussions we hold with faculty, administrators, staff, and students as we rotate among our schools.

So, although most of the major articles are commissioned by the Seminar, we welcome unsolicited articles from the readers. Ideally, they should be written to explore an idea which will generate discussion rather than describe a noteworthy project at one’s institution. Please understand that, since the Seminar meets only three times a year, it may take several months for each issue to take shape.

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COMING UP

The Full issue of Conversations will deal with the various efforts to reform the core curriculum. Several of our schools have revised their cores within the last few years and others are working on a new core now. To what degree is the traditional core — with its fidelity to required courses in philosophy, theology and the liberal arts — in jeopardy from pressure to increase “jobs”-related professional education? What is the proper role for the honors program? Should a service project be required? To what degree can the core become interdisciplinary, in place of the regular two of this and one of that formula? What is the future of the language requirement? If you wish to contribute, talk to any member of the Seminar or email the editor at raymondschroth@aol.com. We will need to receive all manuscripts before the end of March to be considered at our April meeting.

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