

Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence

The Art of Teaching: Western Civilization

Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel
4500 MacArthur Blvd, Newport Beach, CA 92660

February 27, 2026

8:00–9:00 a.m. <i>Foyer</i>	<i>Registration & Continental Breakfast</i>
9:00–9:15 a.m. <i>Bay Laurel Ballrooms</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
9:15–10:15 a.m. <i>Bay Laurel Ballrooms</i>	<i>Breakout Session I</i> “The Problem of Historicism” (Upper School) <i>Joshua Villarreal, Teacher Support Lead, Hillsdale College K-12</i>
<i>Sequoia</i>	<i>Breakout Session II</i> “Teaching Western Civilization to Elementary Students” (Grammar School) <i>Julia McNeely, Director of Title 1, Seven Oaks Classical School</i>
10:15–10:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30–11:30 a.m. <i>Bay Laurel Ballrooms</i>	“Handing Down Civilization” <i>Dr. James Hankins, Professor of History, Harvard University</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. <i>Sequoia</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45–1:45 p.m. <i>Bay Laurel Ballrooms</i>	“Reformation Moral Thought & the Teaching of the Classics” <i>Dr. Matthew Gaetano, Associate Professor of History, Hillsdale College</i>
1:45–2:00 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
2:00–3:00 p.m. <i>Bay Laurel Ballrooms</i>	“Do We Learn History for Its Own Sake?” <i>Dr. John Peterson, Assistant Director of Curriculum, Hillsdale College K-12</i>



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