

Thomas Jefferson: visionary or exclusionary?

By: Brianna Saylor, News Editor



Professors Dr. Jason Jividen and Dr. Jerome Foss join Dr. Cara Rogers-Stevens for CPET lecture.
(SOURCE: MCKENNA SCHOOL LINKED-IN)

How do you define someone's nationality? How do you know a German is a German? Dr. Cara Rogers-Stevens explains how we associate this 'knowing' with someone having a familiarity with a piece of land, a history that is there, or even an ethnic relationship. But America is not Germany. Every country and its citizens have unique roots and stories behind those roots. The same can be said for historical figures as well.

The McKenna School Center for Political and Economic Thought hosted Dr. Cara Rogers-Stevens of Ashland University on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fred Rogers Center where she spoke on defining identity, Thomas Jefferson, and the Fight Against Slavery. She discussed what Jefferson did—and did not—do to end slavery and bring equality to America.

Rogers-Stevens obtained a master's degree in history from the University of Texas at Dallas and a Ph.D. from Rice University. She is an associate professor of history at Ashland, teaching courses on *the Age of Enlightenment*, *American history*, and Thomas Jefferson. Her research focuses primarily on race and slavery in the Jeffersonian Age. *The Journal of Southern History and American Political Thought* has published her work, and she has also written for *the Journal of the Early Republic and Law & Liberty*. Her first book, *Thomas Jefferson and the Fight Against Slavery*, will be published by Kansas University Press in January.

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NEWS

Dr. Cara Rogers-Stevens speaks at McKenna School

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Dr. Rogers-Stevens speaks at McKenna School Center for Political and Economic Thought lecture series. (SOURCE: SAYLOR)

“Being an American does not have to do with where you were born, and its ideas like these that really form the backbone of American identity,” said Rogers-Stevens.

Born in South Africa, Rogers-Stevens explains how, although she is an immigrant, for as long as she can remember, thinking about herself as an American through the ideas of the Declaration and the stories of the founding fathers has been incredibly important to her. Since she was a teenager—trying to figure out who she was—she discovered a sense of self by identifying with the founders.

However, recently, like some Americans, Rogers-Stevens has come to question those founding ideas and the men who wrote them. Did they have a truly inclusive vision for the nation, or was it exclusionary, with many limits on who got rights and who did not? This question especially resonated with Rogers-Stevens because her first country was strictly a Totalitarian regime based on the idea of inequality among men.

“It is hard for Americans not to look back at that group of men in Philadelphia without asking some hard question,” Rogers-Stevens said. “Questions like, how could Thomas Jefferson—the man who wrote the Declaration, and the author of those great words about liberty and inequality also have owned slaves?”

This is the question she had when she came to grad school, and it is the question she has spent the last ten years of her life trying to answer.

Rogers-Stevens shared her research on Thomas Jefferson, specifically, his views on freedom, race, and slavery.

“I believe these are topics worthy of our consideration, not just because of their part in American history but also how we as a society remember Jefferson and how it tends to affect our culture, our policies, and even the way we feel about ourselves as Americans,” Rogers-Stevens said.

According to Rogers-Stevens, Jefferson opposed slavery but did not free his own slaves; Jefferson wrote that ‘all men are created equal,’ yet Jefferson also held racially prejudiced views against Africans. Jefferson is a paradox, but is he also a hypocrite?

Rogers-Stevens concluded by explaining why she thinks Americans care so much about Jefferson, despite his controversial status having been debated already.

“Jefferson represents both the best and the worst about America... Jefferson could have perhaps done more, said more, and tried harder to free more slaves, but he’s one of the founders most responsible for the freedoms America enjoys to this day,” Rogers-Stevens said. “A man who risked his life to write and sign the Declaration of Independence when to do so was treason, a man who helped establish religious freedom, and an advocate of democracy.”

A fifteen-minute question and answer followed the lecture where many students and faculty had the opportunity to ask Rogers-Stevens questions about Jefferson’s lasting impacts on America’s views on the founding fathers. But the final question of how Jefferson’s legacy has impacted America is still being debated today.

From engineering to finance and healthcare

By: John Syms, Part Time Staff Writer



SVC alumni, Jonathon Petrie, gives a talk about his life as a healthcare employee. (SOURCE: SYMS)

Many college students switch majors, and many adults find jobs they did not think they would enjoy years ago. Jonathon Petrie, a Saint Vincent College (SVC) graduate of 2005, did both. The McKenna School of Business hosted Petrie’s lecture on Oct. 11, in the Fred Rogers Center. Petrie spoke about his life, how he ended up working for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), and the importance of healthcare.

Petrie was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his interests include hiking, camping, wood-working, and constructing home improvement. He began at SVC as an engineering major but found it hard and uninteresting. By the end of his freshman year, he had switched to finance, which he enjoyed more.

He then received a master’s degree in finance at the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. However, before pursuing graduate school, he began his career at UPMC as a grants assistant from 2005-2008, and was the only one who took part in that position there at the time.

Petrie was shocked that he gained the position, as he viewed himself as “some guy” three months out of college now running an entire department. But Petrie enjoyed the position and committed himself to the work.

“I would work a lot of weekends and ask a lot of questions. It was a nice opportunity to have,” Petrie said.

After working three years as a grants assistant, he was hired as a senior financial analyst at the Presbyterian Shadyside hospital from 2008 to 2016. There, he learned about professional growth, had executive

presence, and gained an understanding of operational finance at the clinic.

In 2016, he left as the director of finance at Shadyside and worked at the Physician Services Division at UPMC for seven years. He started off as one of the two senior directors for the company where he learned about physician billing, productivity, and management.

Petrie liked the job, but the work hit him quickly, since one of the areas he was responsible for was physician compensation. It required him to analyze millions of dollars with his employees.

“If you know anything about doctors, not only do they save lives, but they liked to be paid for it, and one thing my team was responsible for was processing the annual physician incentives,” Petrie said.

Petrie left the Physician Service Division in 2023, but that same year, he was hired to his current job as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the Magee and Mercy UPMC Women’s Hospital in Pittsburgh. He is still learning about the rules of his new job, but he recently started forming personal connections.

Today, Petrie is leveraging the company’s name and reputation to execute on market volume opportunities. He likes his job but is unsure if he will stay working in the department.

However, given his journey from engineering, to finance, to healthcare, and now a combination of the latter two, Petrie has the versatile experience to aid him in whatever career he may pursue.

The Weekly Review Staff Top

Ten: Local Pizza Places
Featuring: John Syms, Part Time Staff Writer

- 1.) Carmines (9.0)
 - a. Pizza is beautiful
 - b. You never get sick of it
- 2.) Sharky’s Pizza (8.5)
 - a. You may think the pizza is heavy, but you’ll finish it in 20 minutes.
- 3.) Carasella’s (8.2)
 - a. It’s a very sweet pizza that has plenty of sweet sauce
 - b. If it is cold, the cheese will still stay on too
- 4.) Baldy’s Pizza (7.9)
 - a. The crust is perfectly satisfyingly soft and crunchy
 - b. One of the few pizza’s that taste better with toppings.
- 5.) Hotel Loyal (7.8)
 - a. Not too cheesy or saucy for square pizza.
 - b. The softest pizza in the area
- 6.) Pizza Sienna (7.7) (Used to be an 8.9)
 - a. The cheese is thick and could fall off the pizza easily.
- 7.) Jioio’s (7.6)
 - a. Thin square pizza that is very greasy
 - b. However, it is very tasty and doesn’t have too much sauce.
- 8.) Gino Gionelli’s (7.0)
 - a. The pizza cuts can be sloppy
 - b. Pizza is not greasy, but very saucy
 - c. Crust is hard sometimes.
- 9.) Dino’s Pizza (6.8)
 - a. Pizza has the tendency to get cold within 5-10 minutes
 - b. Very soft and you can barely taste the taste of cheese
- 10.) Falbo’s (6.0)
 - a. Either you really like it, or really hate it.
 - b. Almost like eating chips

ARTS AND CULTURE

Spotlight on local teens

By: Tanner Adomaitis, Staff Writer



Piper Anke of Derry Area High School was a "Teen of the Week" selection. (SOURCE: LATROBE BULLETIN)

Local teens have been called to the spotlight through a partnership between Saint Vincent College (SVC) and Latrobe Bulletin. Dr. Jeff Mallory, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for SVC, is the figure head for SVC in the partnership.

"The Teen of the Week program provides educational coverage for local school districts. In particular, highlighting the great accomplishments of high-school senior students who surround our SVC community is a primary goal of the program," Mallory said. "Saint Vincent is proud to partner with the Latrobe Bulletin for this program and we are glad to shine the light on the students who truly deserve the recognition."

In addition to being named "Teen of the Week," all teens who have been selected may be chosen as "Teen of the Year" at the conclusion of the program for this year, which will be in late May of 2024.

Mallory explained that SVC is committed to being present in the community and aims to help students achieve their academic goals through the program. He also explained the importance of SVC being a strong and visibility community partner, and to highlight any educational accomplishments that take place in Westmoreland County.

"Partnerships such as this one aligns to our community hallmarks and our

standard of being a good neighbor," Mallory said. "With an emphasis on education, it's truly an honor to recognize the high school seniors who are exemplary in their respective schools. We also realize many of them are future Bearcats and we are pleased to engage and celebrate with them prior to their arrival here."

As of Tuesday, Oct. 24, Vanessa McMichael of Greater Latrobe Senior High, Mikaela Shine from Derry Area High School, and Piper Anke of Derry Area High School have been selected as Teens of the Week. McMichael has already stated she plans to enroll at SVC.

Those who have been following Teen of the Week via the Latrobe Bulletin can look forward to many more to come. Every Thursday, an article will be released, celebrating a teen selected for the program and detailing their academic accomplishments.

"Important information about each teen that has contributed to his or her success will be shared along with a list of their current activities of involvement. The future educational and career plans of each Teen will also be highlighted. We look forward to seeing many of them continue their path forward here at SVC!" Mallory said.

The next article should be released Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023. Followers should stay tuned via Latrobe Bulletin to know what teens have been selected.

A Monk's Life

By: Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Arts and Culture Editor



Some of the monks went on a trip to the beach together.
(SOURCE: BROTHER BOSCO HOUGH)



Each monk gets recreation time to spend as they choose, and some of them go on outdoor adventures outside the monastery.
(SOURCE: BROTHER BOSCO HOUGH)

A feature unique to Saint Vincent College (SVC) is the monastery. However, many people take for granted the monks around campus and do not give much thought to what it means to live in the monastery.

There are about 150 monks at SVC. There are approximately 80 monks who live there and there are roughly 70 other monks who live off campus in parishes or wherever else their work takes them. The monks in the monastery live in single rooms similar to dorm rooms with a bed, desk, wardrobe, and sink. They have similar facilities to students on campus, such as communal bathrooms, kitchenettes to make snacks, and a gym. Most of the monastery is off-limits to lay people, apart from the reception room for visitors on the second floor and the infirmary, where monks go when they are sick. Some monks work as nurses in the infirmary, but there is also a doctor who is in once a week. The monastery also brings in a barber once a week to cut the monks' hair.

Daily life for the monks starts early for morning prayer at 6:15 a.m, followed by Mass in the basilica. Afterwards, there is community breakfast in the refectory, which is their dining hall. Parkhurst provides food for the monastery, and the menu is similar to the student menu each day but with fewer options.

Monks generally spend their mornings in classes if they are in seminary or at their assignments. They are assigned their jobs by having a conversation with the Archabbot. "Sometimes the Archabbot needs you to do a set job based on your gifts, talents, and the needs of the monastery," Brother Xavier O'Mara, O.S.B. said. "Sometimes there are options."

There is midday prayer at 11:30 a.m., which all the monks try

to make as best they can, followed by lunch and then more work in the afternoon. Evening prayer, called vespers, is at 5 p.m. and then dinner. Monks generally have evenings to themselves, and they end their day at 9 p.m. with night prayer. There is designated recreation time for all the monks on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. The monks all gather in a communal space to talk, eat snacks, watch television, and play games such as euchre, cribbage, or uno. There is also time on the weekends for monks to spend time with each other. There is a movie club in the monastery that selects movies as a community and then watches them together. The junior monks, which are monks in their second, third, and fourth years at the monastery, have a yearly tradition of watching Mean Girls together. Monks have even more flexibility over the summer when there is less work to do with the college. They go to baseball games or white-water rafting.

"We have a lot of normal things," O'Mara said. "It's a relatively normal life, despite the fact that we live in a community of men with specific vows of stability, conversion of life, and obedience. We allow people to see that living in a community is doable."

Community is central in the monastery. Brother Francisco Whittaker, O.S.B., said his favorite memory is how the monastery celebrates Thanksgiving.

"It's very much a family celebration," Whittaker said. "In the refectory, the monks serve each other family-style. The monks who are the waiters for the day process in with the turkeys and play music. Then we usually have a turkey bowl later in the afternoon and we'll watch one of the football games together. It feels like how a family would celebrate a holiday."

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Behind the scenes in the monastery

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Brother Bosco Hough, O.S.B. considers the friendships made in the monastery to be special because of how they allow genuine conversation. “Here we’re all focused on God so our conversations get super deep quickly so we’re able to be vulnerable.”

Hough’s favorite memories are of the monastery volleyball games where he gets competitive and trash talks his friends on the opposing team. “It’s just fun because we’re able to be brothers.”

Just because they are monks does not mean there are no shenanigans; Whittaker and Hough were in a prank war for a while.

“I snuck into [Hough’s] room when he wasn’t there and I duct-taped his habit to the ceiling,” Whittaker said. “The monastery ceilings are pretty high, so I had to stand on the desk and put a chair on the desk.”

While community is important, some monks faced expectations that community life would be very different that it is. One big adjustment for many monks is the assumption that you must be perfect to enter the monastery.

“I went through a very steep learning curve,” O’Mara said. “I needed to realize that everybody here

has a past. You have to be yourself in order to authentically experience the monastery.”

Hough had a similar experience as O’Mara, having held specific assumptions about those at the monastery.

“I thought monks before I entered were very introverted, and didn’t want to talk to anybody,” Hough said. “But monks are really kind, they love this campus, they love the students here and they really want to get to know and minister to them in any way.”

Ultimately, the monk life is unique in some aspects but relatively normal in others. To combat assumptions, the monks invite all students to get to know them.

“If you don’t know a monk yet, you should go and talk to one. Before you graduate, you should know at least one monk,” Whittaker said. “While we look crazy and we dress kind of oddly, we are more normal than people think.”



Notable Campus Updates

- SGA Meetings are open to the public. They occur every Sunday in Luparello, beginning at 8:15 p.m.
- SGA Hall representatives are still wanted for Gerard Hall, Bonaventure Hall, and Wimmer Hall representatives. (email vincent.lombardi@stvincent.edu if interested)
- The Community Center is open until 7:30 PM for dining all week.
- Registration time has been changed back to Midnight (12AM).

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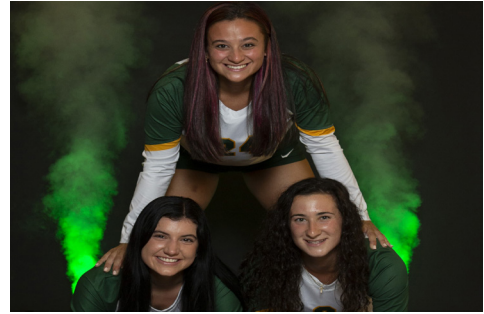
SPORTS

Bearcat volleyball hits end of season

By: Jacob Rzempoluch, *Sports Editor*



Kaelyn Staples (#4), Jessica Hughes (#5) and Anna Grandas (#7) celebrate a point. (SOURCE: WATKINS)



Seniors Lauren Turkovich (#24), and Nicolena Yanosick (#2), and Lauren Turkovich (#8) were honored before the Oct. 21 match against Waynesburg. (SOURCE: WATKINS)

Volleyball is a game of quick decisions. The back-and-forth nature of the sport gives each team only a handful of seconds to prevent the other team from scoring. Momentum can easily swing in either team's direction with a couple of well-timed attacks or small errors. This season, the Saint Vincent College (SVC) women's volleyball team has been on the wrong side of many close sets despite having many talented players on the team.

"We play these little games to five because that's essentially what volleyball is," Nicolena Yanosick, senior business management major, said, regarding team practice. "The whole game is to 25 points, but in between the full set is first to five, first to 10, first to 15, first to 20."

Luciana Polk, senior health and physical education major, elaborated on the game's fast pace and the importance of individual player mentality.

"Volleyball is a game of mistakes; it is just how you react and recover from them that creates the overall impact," Polk said.

After starting the season with a 6-7 non-conference record, the Bearcats won their first two President's Athletic Conference (PAC) matches against the Geneva Golden

Tornadoes and the Thiel Tomcats. Unfortunately, these victories were followed by a 1-6 slide that put SVC in ninth in the PAC standings after being selected to finish sixth in the preseason conference poll.

The single victory in the Bearcats' rough patch came on senior night against the Waynesburg Yellowjackets. Polk, Yanosick, and Lauren Turkovich, graphic design, studio art, and business administration major, were honored before the match. Polk has had a huge impact on the team this season and is one of the best performing players in the PAC. The outside hitter ranks fourth in points (3.51) and kills (2.99) per set. She is also tenth in service aces per set (0.42). Polk was also named Bearcat of the Week twice and PAC Offensive Player of the Week once. Kaelyn Staples, junior psychology major, is another strong outside hitter for Saint Vincent. Her 3.35 points and 2.86 kills per set rank in the top ten in the conference and boosts the Bearcat offense. Behind this veteran strength, the team is mainly comprised of younger players.

"This year, we have a lot of new faces on the court and many of them are playing major positions for our team," said Polk. "With having new faces on the court, we must learn

and adapt to find ways to create positive chemistry."

One key newcomer for the Bearcats is freshman psychology major Madeline Eagler. The setter ranks fourth in the PAC in assists per set (7.46).

"From high school to college ball... college is a faster paced game. There is also more strategy involved whether it's what area to serve, or as simple as which hitter should I set and when," Eagler said.

She has adapted to the difficulty well, earning PAC Newcomer of the Week for her efforts.

There is still a path for the Bearcats to make the six team PAC tournament, but it requires a win in the final regular season game against the Westminster Titans and specific results in other PAC team matchups that do not include SVC.

"Last season... there was an insane upgrade in our mentality, our play, our connection, and our team dynamic," said Yanosick. "This year we have the same things, but we need to focus on finishing more on the court."

A strong young core offers a lot of hope for future seasons, but for now the Bearcats will have to play their best in a must-win matchup and hope that luck is on their side.

Team Standings

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Grove City	11	4	1	W6
Westminster	13	3	0	W1
Saint Vincent	10	4	3	W1
W&J	10	2	4	W2
Waynesburg	8	6	2	W2
Franciscan	7	7	1	W2
Geneva	5	9	2	L1
Allegheny	6	10	1	W1
Bethany	3	9	3	L1
Chatham	2	11	3	L4
Thiel	1	14	1	L11

SCHEDULE: (PAC)

MEN'S SOCCER

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Geneva	10	4	3	T2
Franciscan	11	4	3	W1
Waynesburg	9	6	1	L2
Grove City	6	5	5	W2
Allegheny	6	10	0	W1
Chatham	5	8	3	T1
W&J	4	6	5	W1
Bethany	4	9	3	L1
Saint Vincent	6	9	2	L3
Westminster	4	8	4	W1
Thiel	1	13	3	L3

END OF SEASON

FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	8	0	W8
Carnegie M	7	1	W4
Case Western	6	1	W5
W&J	5	2	L1
Westminster	4	3	W1
Geneva	3	4	W2
Saint Vincent	2	5	L3
Thiel	2	5	L2
Allegheny	2	6	L4
Waynesburg	1	6	L1
Bethany	0	7	L7

SCHEDULE: THIEL 11/4 1 PM, BETHANY 11/11 1 PM

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team	W	L	Streak
Bethany	17	5	W6
Chatham	13	5	W1
W&J	12	10	W4
Allegheny	18	8	W1
Grove City	17	8	W1
Westminster	13	11	L1
Saint Vincent	9	11	W1
Franciscan	11	10	L1
Geneva	9	10	L3
Waynesburg	8	13	L3
Thiel	2	19	L8

SCHEDULE: @WESTMINSTER 11/4 4 PM

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team	W	L	Streak
Allegheny	10	2	L1
Grove City	12	3	W5
Franciscan	9	4	L1
Westminster	10	6	L1
W&J	5	6	L3
Saint Vincent	9	6	L2
Geneva	5	8	W2
Thiel	1	10	L3
Waynesburg	1	9	L6

END OF SEASON

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Team	W	L	Streak
Franciscan	3	0	W3
Grove City	1	0	W1
Allegheny	1	3	L2
Bethany	1	1	W1
Chatham	0	1	L1
Saint Vincent	0	1	L1
Westminster	0	2	L2
W&J	0	3	L3

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	1	0	W1
W&J	1	2	L1
Bethany	0	0	
Chatham	0	1	L1
Saint Vincent	0	1	L1
Westminster	0	2	L2
Allegheny	0	3	L3

SCHEDULE: @YORK 11/4 1 PM, @GROVE CITY 11/11 1 PM, MALONE 11/16

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