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## Seminar on Law & Society

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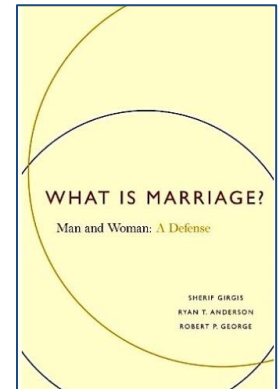
in the Gambet Center for Business & HealthCare  
at DeSales University Center (Center Valley, PA)

# “MARRIAGE: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT (STILL) MATTERS”

*Marriage is based on the truth that men and women are complementary, the biological fact that reproduction depends on a man and a woman, and the reality that children need a mother and a father. Redefining marriage does not simply expand the existing understanding of marriage; it rejects these truths. Marriage is society's least restrictive means of ensuring the well-being of children. By encouraging the norms of marriage—monogamy, sexual exclusivity, and permanence—the state strengthens civil society and reduces its own role. The future of this country depends on the future of marriage. The future of marriage depends on citizens understanding what it is and why it matters and demanding that government policies support, not undermine, true marriage.*

Join us as we discuss ...

- the **new language** of marriage
- a **comprehensive view** on marriage
- why marriage matters for **public policy**
- the consequences of **redefining marriage**
- a **look at the future** of marriage



### Presenter:



**RYAN T. ANDERSON** researches and writes about marriage and religious liberty. His recent work focuses on the moral and constitutional questions surrounding same-sex “marriage.” He is the co-author with Princeton’s Robert P. George and Sherif Girgis of ***What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense*** (Encounter Books, December 2012). His articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *First Things*, *Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, *Ricochet.com*, *New Atlantis*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *Touchstone*, *Books and Culture*, *Christianity Today*, *The City and Human Life Review*. Anderson received his bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University, graduating *Phi Beta Kappa* and *magna cum laude*. He is a doctoral candidate in political philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, where he received his master’s degree.



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