



**WORCESTER, MA (April 06, 2016)** —The modern market economy allows for a level of prosperity that is unprecedented in human history. However, current economic logic can often seem inhumane. On **Monday, April 11**, Mary Hirschfeld, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and theology at Villanova University, will discuss some of the tools society can use to move toward a more humane economy. Prof. Hirschfeld's lecture will take place at **7 p.m. in the Salon of Assumption's La Maison Française building, located at 500 Salisbury Street in Worcester.**

Prof. Hirschfeld's talk, titled "Toward a Humane Economy: Ordering Economic Life to Genuine Human Happiness," will explain that the economic decisions that aim at maximizing profits can have negative consequences for workers, consumers and the environment. She will show how the thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas can give us a framework for rethinking economic life in a way that should allow us to better harness the power of markets to the project of serving genuine human flourishing.

Prof. Hirschfeld specializes in the fields of macroeconomics and economic history. She earned her Ph.D. in economics at Harvard University and her Ph.D. in theology at the University of Notre Dame. Prof. Hirschfeld is a fellow of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, and serves on the Board for the Program of Catholic Social Thought at the Lumen Christi Institute. She is the author of several articles on economics and has presented widely in her field.

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