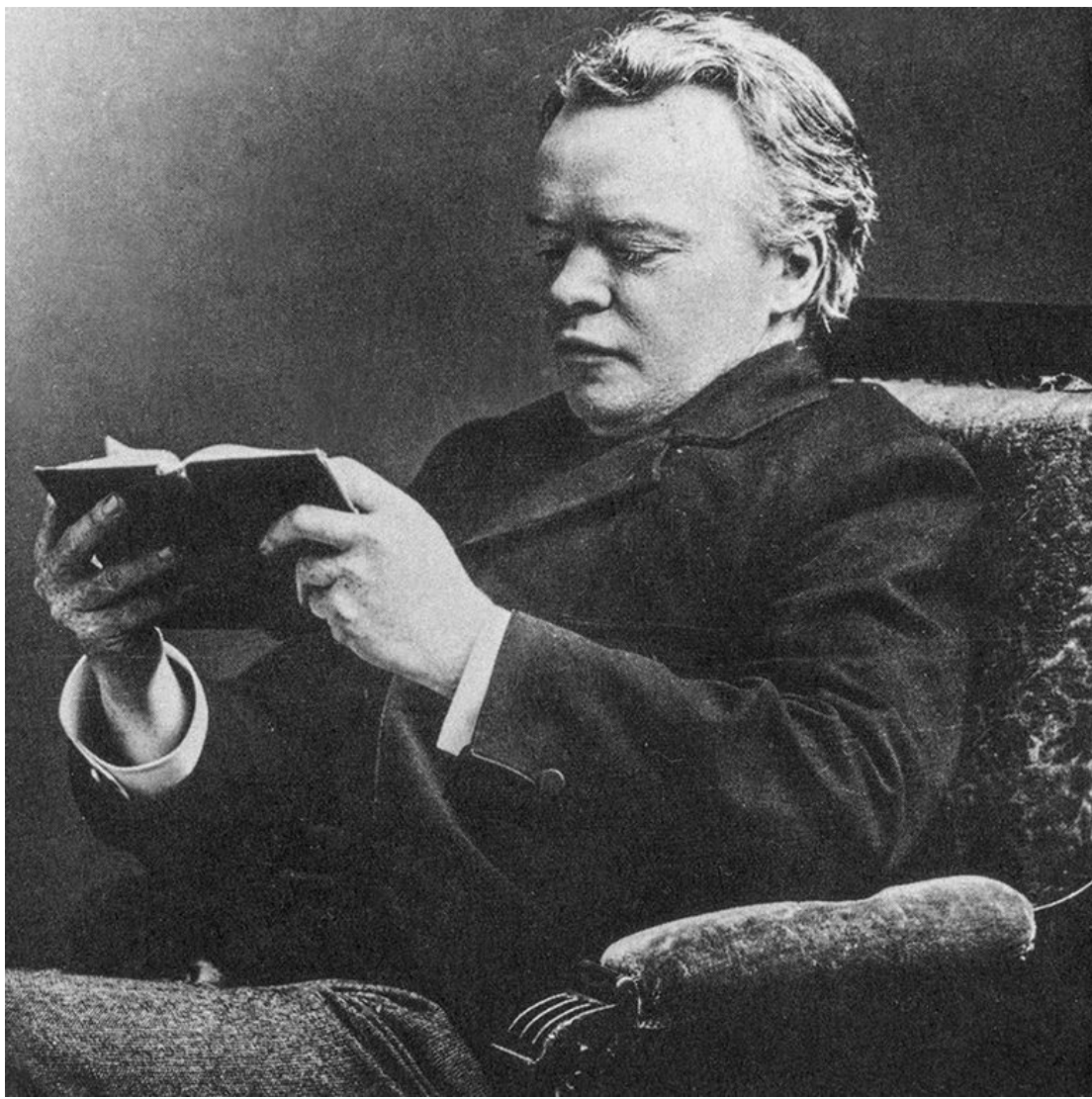

THE JOSIAH ROYCE SOCIETY

**Josiah Royce Society Virtual Conference
October 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th, 2025**



*Josiah Royce, circa 1890
Harvard University Archives*

Join the conference each day by clicking [here](#). Attendees may join or leave before or after individual sessions as needed. All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Friday, Oct 10, 2025

10:30am-10:50am: Zoom room is open. Meet and chat with fellow Royceans.

11:00am-11:10am: Welcome

11:10am-12:10pm: Mahowald and Royce

Robin Friedman (Independent Scholar):

“Mary Mahowald and Royce's Idealistic Pragmatism”

Paniel Reyes Cárdenas (Oblate School of Theology):

“Signs in Dialogue: Royce, Mary Briody Mahowald, and the Constitution of Community”

12:20pm-12:40pm: Josiah Royce Edition Update

Scott L. Pratt (University of Oregon, Director of the Josiah Royce Edition)

12:40pm-1:20pm: Royceana Show & Tell

Steven Fesmire (Radford University) and Mat Foust (Appalachian State University)

Others welcome!



*Julia Child, Lasagna a la française
Photograph by Paul Child [in her home at 103 Irving Street, formerly Royce's residence]
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Saturday, Oct 11, 2025

10:30am-10:50am: Zoom room is open. Meet and chat with fellow Royceans.

11:00am-12:00pm: Ethics and Epistemology

Marc Anderson (Independent Scholar):

“Royce’s *Other* Ethics: Aspects of Royce’s Ethical Thought Unconnected to Loyalty”

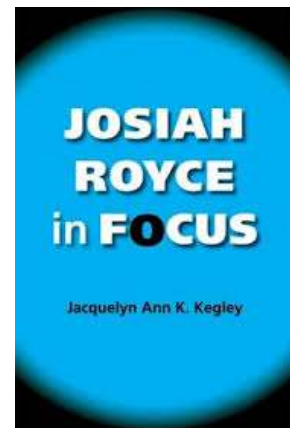
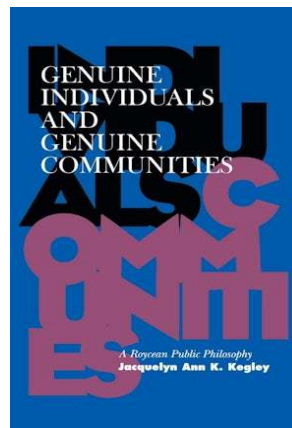
Richard Atkins (Boston College):

“Failed Presupposition: A Roycean Account”

12:10pm-1:10pm: Keynote Address

Jacquelyn Ann K. Kegley (California State University-Bakersfield):

“Is Loyalty a Virtue, a Vice, or Neither?”



Jaquelyn Ann K. Kegley, ca. 1970s

Remembering Dr. Jackie Kegley at Cal State Bakersfield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214901949811782/posts/1020662975902338/>

1:20pm-2:20pm: Group Discussion

Revisiting Loyalty, Provincialism, and Patriotism in the Trump Era

Facilitator, Hannah Schell (Independent Scholar)

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

10:30am-10:50am: Zoom room is open. Meet and chat with fellow Royceans.

11:00am-12:00pm: Provincialism and Community

Aleksandar Feodorov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences):

“Varieties of Provincial Experience(s)”

Matt Stone (University of Oregon):

“Assimilation or Reciprocity? Rethinking Community Through Alain Locke's Critique of Josiah Royce”

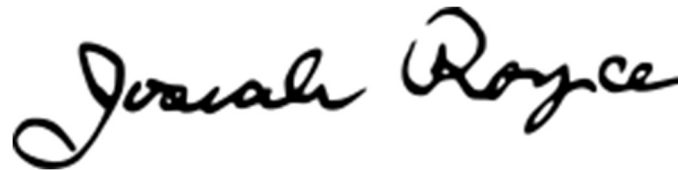
12:10pm-1:10pm: Alliterative Titles by Students of Professor Pratt

Kim Garchar (Kent State University):

“On Suffering and Standing of the Moral Sort”

Mat Foust (Appalachian State University):

“Royce in Richmond and Related Revelations”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josiah Royce". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josiah" and the last name "Royce" clearly legible.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:30am-10:50am: Zoom room is open—meet and chat with fellow Royceans.

11:00am-12:00pm: Historical Resonances

William Hocter (Independent Scholar):

“Loyalty and Two Heroines: Antigone and St. Joan of Arc”

Audrey Brown (University of Oregon):

“Samuel Austin Worcester and Loyalty to the Beloved Community”

12:10pm-1:10pm: Mind and Environment

Daniel Brunson (Morgan State University):

“Royce's Seminary and Psychiatric Social Work”

Jenn Roche (Independent Scholar):

“Temporal Strains of Social Imagination: Josiah Royce, Narrative Present, and Icelandic Volcanoes”

1:20pm-2:10pm: Awarding of JRS Prizes and Presidential Address

Awarding of Harry Todd Costello Prize and John J. McDermott Prize

Mat Foust (Appalachian State University):

“Loyalty and Gratitude: Honoring Three Heroes of Royce Scholarship”



*Josiah Royce in Meadville, Pennsylvania, 1902
Harvard University Archives*

The Josiah Royce Society thanks all members and friends for their continued support. Your dues and donations made possible the awarding of the Society's Prizes, and your engagement in this conference contributes to the vitality of the study of Royce.

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