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ANTHONY ESOLEN, PH.D., JOINS THALES COLLEGE AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF HUMANITIES

October 5, 2023 | Raleigh, NC—Thales College—a private undergraduate college in the Raleigh area that uniquely blends a classical liberal arts background with career-ready majors in an accelerated 3-year program—is honored to announce the addition of Anthony Esolen, Ph.D., as Distinguished Professor of Humanities. Dr. Esolen will serve in a dynamic role that includes teaching and public lectures with Thales College and publishing work with Thales Press, an affiliated classical education publisher.

An accomplished professor and acclaimed author/translator, Dr. Esolen brings 35 years of experience as a professor of literature and humanities as well as a library of 30+ books he has written or translated and 1000+ journal articles he has authored to date. He received his A.B. in English Literature from Princeton University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Renaissance English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Anthony Esolen to Thales College with his rich background in classical literature, writing, teaching, speaking, and above all, his commitment to keeping virtue at the heart of all of his endeavors," says Bob Luddy, founder of Thales College (and the popular network of affordable private K–12 schools, Thales Academy).

Dr. Esolen's books range from English translations, analyses of culture, literary and Biblical criticisms, meditations on modern education, meditations on the Christian life, and original poetry; these include the three-volume Modern Library translation of *The Divine Comedy*, and, most recently, a book-length poem composed of 100 poems entitled, *The Hundredfold*. He continues to write prolifically for various publications (and serves as an editor for some, including *Touchstone* magazine where he is a senior editor), and he is currently working on a sequel to *The Hundredfold* called *The Twelve-Gated City*. He also publishes a web magazine dedicated to language, music, poetry, and classic films called *Word and Song* with his wife, Debra.

Dr. Peter Forrest, Dean of Humanities at Thales College, says: "Dr. Esolen's credentials and experience in classical literature superbly align with the classical emphasis of Thales College and our undergraduate program, which requires a core of classical courses for all students as a foundation for all majors. We are very honored to have Dr. Esolen share his wealth of wisdom and experience with Thales College."

Regarding his new appointment to Thales College's faculty, Dr. Esolen expresses: "I've long believed that, in an earthly sense, the great hope for our nation and our culture lies in an enterprise that is entirely delightful and ready to hand: to recover our great heritage of arts and letters, a heritage that calls upon our gratitude and wonder." He adds, "I am honored to offer my part toward realizing Thales College's mission."

Thales College's mission is to provide an affordable classical liberal arts and professional education so that students develop the wisdom—intellectual ability, meaningful knowledge, moral character, and professional excellence—needed to thrive in life and work. The accelerated three-year undergraduate program presently offers three degree options: a B.A. in Entrepreneurial Business, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and a B.A. in Classical Education (Teaching). All degrees include a core classical liberal arts curriculum component, as well as an internship requirement. Tuition is designed to be affordable at \$4,000/term, and Thales College is committed to making a debt-free college education possible.

Those interested in learning more about Thales College's undergraduate and high school programs are encouraged to attend Thales College's Fall 2023 Open House on Saturday, October 28 from 11:00am-1:00pm at 3121 Heritage Trade Drive in Wake Forest, NC (Register at: ThalesCollege.org/OpenHouse).

Learn more about Dr. Esolen and Thales College's other faculty mentors at ThalesCollege.org/Faculty. Dr. Esolen can be reached via email at anthony.esolen@thalescollege.org.

About Thales College

Thales College combines rigorous academics with one-on-one professor-student mentoring, internships and other work experience, and networking opportunities with community leaders. By combining a classical liberal arts background and professional education with an engaged learning model and an emphasis on real world experience, Thales College students graduate in approximately three years with a wealth of knowledge, critical reasoning abilities, and employable skills. Tuition at Thales College is designed to be affordable (\$4,000 per 15-week term, with eight terms required to earn a degree), and various scholarships are available. The college also offers a high school dual enrollment program with different courses offered in the fall term and the spring term, as well as a week-long Summer Institute program for high school upperclassmen. ThalesCollege.org.

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