

98th Annual Conference University of Denver July 20-24, 2022

For our inaugural conference as SFHE, and first one in person in two years, we will be returning to the University of Denver in Colorado. We were last there in 2013, our theme was Debt:Obligations that Shape our Lives, our plenary speaker was Adam Davidson from Planet Money; it was all part of our economic justice initiative. We're kicking off a new initiative this summer; we committed to three years of programming focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion, specifically in higher education. Our meeting in Denver will focus on inclusion. Our theme is Pursuing Inclusivity:The University and Beyond. Planning is in the beginning stages, but the meeting will still include all the sessions that make our meetings unique. However, we've revamped our Working Papers program to focus more on providing space and time for individuals or groups to work on projects related to the theme. Participants will have an opportunity to share their work and receive feedback in a nurturing space. The objective is that participants can return to their campuses with action plans to pursue.

Registration will begin in early Spring 2022



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Society News

Matching Funds opportunity!

For the second year in a row, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund will match all **online** contributions made from November 1st to December 31st. Dues payments are included in the matching grant. The maximum donation is \$500, but you can contribute as often as you like. The match opportunity is part of a program sponsored by JBdP to increase the capacity of non-profit organizations to fundraise online.



Membership Renewal/Annual Fund

Letters and forms are in the mail. We encourage you to renew/contribute online so that we can benefit from the match opportunity.

2021 Conference



Thanks to all who helped make our second annual virtual conference a success! Once again we were disappointed to not meet in person, but we made the best of a difficult situation! Everyone who participated felt the opportunity to connect, even virtually, was worthwhile.

Carol Ochs
Mary Papke
Melanie Howard
Christina Romero-Ivanova
Sarah Moore
Eric Ecklund
Eric Bain-Selbo

Allen Dunn
Nancy Corson Carter
Howard Carter
Sarrah Grubb
Terry Shoemaker
Josh Mugg
Gregory Robbins

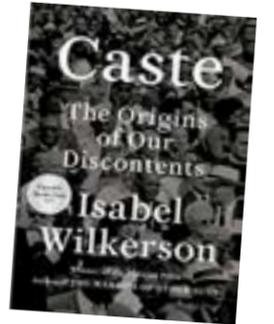
Thank you to Eric Bain-Selbo

The conference this summer was Eric Bain-Selbo's last as Executive Director. Under his leadership, the Society formed a partnership with WKU for office space and as a repository of our archives. He also initiated or supported several programs, including Reading for the Common Good, Theory of Public Higher Education, and the Symposium on Peace, Islam, and Counter-Narratives. He was instrumental in shepherding us through the name change process and was a tireless recruiter for new members at conferences he attended and at WKU and IU. Though he has stepped away from the leadership role he held for more than 10 years, he has not stepped away from the Society. We expect to see Eric and Laura at summer conferences for many years to come.

Projects

Reading for the Common Good

Our Reading for the Common Good program is going strong after 8 years. The selection for the fall, *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents* is the most recent work by Isabel Wilkerson. The book was chosen as part of our commitment to focus our programs on issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Wilkerson's book provides a broad, historical context. This semester we have 5 groups at various locations participating.



Forum Update

Forum, the online publication of SFHE is going on hiatus. Previous content is available at www.sfheforum.us.



Mentoring Workshop

We're looking forward to launching a new project in the Spring. The mentoring workshop, proposed by our new Executive Director will target doctoral students and new faculty. The purpose of the virtual workshop will be to explore mentoring in the context of the future of higher education and the role it can play in the career success of doctoral students and new faculty. We'll share more information as it becomes available.

Editors needed for Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Soundings is in need of editors and a book review editor. Editors are part of a three person team who split responsibilities for editing the issues among them. Editors serve three year, renewable terms; they can expect to work on 4 issues during their three year term. Contact [Sandy](#) for more info.

Mary Jo Small Fellows nominations sought

Since our conference will be in person this summer, the Board is seeking nominations for Mary Jo Small Fellowships. The Fellowships cover registration, room, board and travel to our conference. Early career faculty are eligible for the Fellowship. Submit any names to Sandy. Since its inception, the MJS program has brought new members, many of whom serve as Board members and session leaders at the FM.

Member News

For many years, when there were at least five (self-named) “Society Brats” interested in participating, Cathy Bao Bean convened a Morning Group with them. It began with the commitment to:

- Take anything said during the sessions seriously, and
- Consider devising something to present at the Town Meeting.

Discussions were initiated on the first day with describing fantastical situations re/ multiple “realities” followed by the question, “What difference, if any, it would it make if one, some, and/or other possibilities were “true” or “really real.” These evolved into activities like:

- Conducting surveys,
- Q&Aing each other,
- Planking on campus structures,
- Presenting skits, videos, results of the surveys, etc.

In other words, participants seriously played with each other’s ideas with a sense of humour. The following is an update from one:

Society Brat Dave (David) Mano worked over the 2021 summer with his French professor Mary Christensen on a SURE project which he is continuing through the fall semester with an AYURE grant. His project was translating and analyzing “The Personal Correspondence of the Comte D’Artois” (later French king Charles X). Dave is a senior with a History major and French at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

New Paltz’ Undergraduate Research Office (Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities or RSCA) office is committed to supporting collaborations between faculty mentors and undergraduates. Part of our support is through small grants that fund the collaborative projects, during the academic year (AYURE grants) or summer (SURE grants), thanks to the generous backing of the Office of Academic Affairs. RSCA also provides students with opportunities to present their projects. RSCA supports students and their faculty mentors with travel grants to present their work professionally at conference sites near and far.

Here is the link to [Dave’s Youtube presentation](#).

Right Use of Power Institute

The nonprofit Right Use of Power Institute (RUPI) in Boulder, Colorado, announced that October 28, 2021, as the third National BePowerPositive Day in the United States. This year RUPI recognizes Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the Navajo Nation with its annual BePowerPositive Awards for their exemplary use of individual and collective power.

Since few individuals, organizations, or institutional leaders are trained to use their power wisely and well, RUPI has developed an array of time-tested programs to remedy this gap.

Further information is available at www.rightuseofpower.org and www.bepowerpositive.org.

RUPI was founded by Cedar Barstow, who serves as the Executive Director. Her husband, long time Fellow, Reynold Ruslan Feldman is the Board Secretary/Treasurer and one of the organizations Master Teachers.

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2021-2022

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Thanks to Julie Phillips, Ryan Korstange, and Eddie Carson for their service to the Board and the Society.

We will be electing new Board members in the Spring, please let [Dorothy Hurlburt](#) or [Sandy](#) know if there is anyone you would like to nominate.

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