

The Politics of Dissent: Satire, Sarcasm, and Spite in Political Discourse



**Society for Values in Higher Education
92nd Annual Meeting
July 13-17, 2016
Oberlin College
Oberlin, OH**

Welcome to the Meeting!

The Society for Values in Higher Education (SVHE) is a fellowship of educators in all academic fields and professionals serving society in fields such as law, medicine, government, and non-profit administration. SVHE puts its core values of integrity, diversity, social justice, and civic responsibility into action through its publications (including its internationally recognized journal, Soundings), projects, national meetings, and outreach.

The heart of the Society is the annual Fellows Meeting. Early gatherings nurtured both camaraderie and candor in a casual setting, qualities that can be seen to this day in the intensive give and take of Morning Group Seminars, the special focus groups that occur during the afternoon sessions, the productive conversations of Working Groups, and the engaging plenaries in the evenings.

The Society has long affirmed that academics should do some of their most important talking and listening in settings where partners and children are invited to join the conversation. The annual Fellows Meeting doubles as a family gathering, with a children's program on a campus rather than at a conference center. As a consequence, we help maximize family time and keep costs down.

We provide opportunities for academic as well as social engagement. Some of the features that make our meeting unique are described in detail below.

All attendees are welcome to attend any and all events!

Morning Group Seminars

These groups have been the heart of the meeting for many years. The idea is that really reflective and constructive conversation takes time. Seminars meet for four consecutive mornings for approximately three hours each day.

Working Groups

Working groups are made up of scholars who are presenting work in response to our Call for Papers. Papers are shared among participants with the goal of providing substantial time and substantive feedback for the authors. Authors will provide brief summaries of their work and then open the floor for a sustained conversation.

Interest Groups

These groups meet in the afternnon, typically for one session only. There are a variety of groups meeting and you are welcome to attend any and all that you are (you guessed it)interested in.

Plenaries/Panels

These occur on Wednesday and Thursday evening and focus on the theme of the conference. These are open to the public, so if you know someone in the neighborhood who would like to attend, please let them know.

Town Hall Meeting

SVHE is very much a membership-centered organization. The Town Hall meeting is an opportunity for the leadership in the Society to share with members important information from the past year and plans for the future. It is also a great place for newcomers to learn more about the organization.

Auction

This lively and fun event has become a great tradition at our annual meeting. There is a silent auction and a live auction. Items range in price from a dollar to several hundred. There is something here for everyone and always plenty of time for socializing.

**** NEW** International Young Philosophers Roundtable**

This year the Society for Values in Higher Education is hosting the inaugural meeting of the International Young Philosophers Roundtable, an initiative of Wuhan University in China. We are pleased to be helping in this effort to bring together philosophers from China and the United States to share their work and engage in critical conversations. You will find in this program a list of papers to be presented. Please feel free to come to whatever sessions might spark your interest. The IYPR is open to all conference attendees

National Issues Forum-

Political Fix:How Do We Get American Politics Back on Track

The National Issues Forum provides an opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion of the problems facing American politics and possible solutions.

On behalf, of the program committee, the board and the staff of SVHE, we hope you have an enjoyable and fruitful meeting. Please do not hesitate to grab anyone who looks like they are in charge (there are a lot of us) and ask questions if you have them.

Cheers,

Eric Bain-Selbo

Executive Director

Society for Values in Higher Education

Helpful Information

Oberlin is in the Eastern time zone.

Children's program-

Anyone participating in the children's program please meet in King 243 at 8:45 on Thursday morning to sign paperwork and get a schedule of events.

Meditation-

For those wishing a quiet place for prayer or meditation, Fairchild Chapel is open from 8:00 - noon, and 1:00 - 4:00. Additionally, feel free to use any of the many lovely outdoor spaces on campus.

Cafeteria-

At all meals, the cafeteria may stay open later but the food lines will close at times listed in the schedule. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options are available; please don't hesitate to ask a cafeteria staff person for help. Cafeteria entrances are on either end of Stevenson Hall. If you did not purchase a meal plan but wish to eat in the cafeteria, stop by Conference Services to purchase tickets.

Wi Fi access-

Access the internet through the network "obiewifi". No password is required.

Library-

The Oberlin Library is open 10:00am - 5:30pm, M-F. The library is closed on Saturday and Sunday. You can print or make copies there for a small fee. Check with the librarian for more information.

Athletic Center-

The athletic center and pool are available for our use. The Center is open M-F, 6am-8pm. The pool is open 6am-8am, 12-1:30pm, and 6pm-7:45pm.

Parking -

All lots are open with the exception of the Admissions Office and Finney Chapel lot. Parking is free, but you should display the pass given at check-in.

Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies-

The Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies (AJLC) was one of the first and most innovative green buildings on a college campus. It helped launch the green building movement of the mid 1990s and its innovative systems have since inspired green buildings in many other locations and settings. In 2010, Architect Magazine polled 150 green building experts and named the AJLC the top green building built since 1980. A tour of the building is scheduled for Friday at 3:00pm.

Things to do in Oberlin

Credo Concerts - Credo is a unique educational experience for strings players which combines music and service.

Friday, 8:00pm - Kulas Recital Hall in Oberlin Conservatory

Chamber Music concert featuring Credo Faculty, \$10 tickets available at the door.

Oberlin Summer Theatre Festival- The Theatre Festival will feature *Macbeth*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *Inherit the Wind* on a rotating schedule. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 440-775-8169 for information.

Allen Memorial Art Museum - The Allen Art Museum is located across Tappan Square from the College campus. It is open Tues - Sat, 10:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, 1:00-5:00pm. The Museum is free and open to the public.

Apollo Theatre - The Apollo Theatre is a 1913 Art Deco movie house located on E College St., very close to the University. It shows first run movies at old school low prices. Matinees are \$4, after 6:00pm, adults are \$6 and children/Senior Citizens are \$4.

Community Picnic and Concert - Friday, 5:30 pm, music begins at 7:00 pm. This community event features local food vendors and children's activities as well as music. It is located at the Tappan Square Clark Bandstand.

Wednesday, July 13

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Conference Check-In

1:00 - 5:00pm
Stevenson Hall

SVHE Board of Director's Meeting

2:00-4:00pm
Stevenson Hall

Mary Jo Small Fellows/Newcomers Welcome

4:30-5:00pm
Science Center - Perlik Commons

Social Hour

5:00-6:00pm
Science Center - Perlik Commons

Dinner

5:30-6:30pm
Stevenson Hall

Opening Plenary

Sophia McClennen

Professor of International Affairs and Literature, Penn State

The Future of our Democracy: Satire, Millenials, and Social Democracy

7:00-9:00pm
Science Center - Dye Lecture Hall

Social Hour

9:00-11:00pm
Science Center - Perlik Commons

Thursday, July 14

Breakfast

7:30-8:30am

Stevenson Hall

Morning Group Seminars

9:00-12:00 noon

All sessions meet concurrently in King Hall

see page 25 for full description of each group

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Snacks and beverages will be available in the 1st floor lobby at 10:15

Lunch

12:00-1:00pm

Stevenson Hall

Working Group One

Moderator - Laura Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

1:30-3:00pm

King - 123

Susan Montgomery, Health Comes First!

Regarding Humor and Satire to Confront Climate Change

Judith Puncochar and Don Faust,

Northern Michigan University

*Satire as Empowering the Unempowered for Participation
in Young Democracies*

Respondent: Sylvia McTague, Oak Knoll School

Thursday, July 14

International Young Philosophers Roundtable

Moderator - Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

1:30-3:00pm

King - 127

Yufei Yang, Wuhan University

*The public use of reason and the
unrealized ideal of enlightenment*

Respondent: Grant Julin, St. Francis University

Yong Cheng, Wuhan University

*The Grandson of Great Pumpkin Objection to Plantinga's
Reformed Epistemology*

Respondent: Paul Swift, Bryant University

National Issues Forum

Political Fix: How Do We Get American Politics Back on Track?

Facilitators: Allen Dunn, University of Tennessee

Julie Phillips, Michigan State University

1:30-3:00pm

King - 227

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Working Group Panel

Moderator - Art Remillard, St. Francis University

3:30-5:00pm

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Is Civility Possible in the Climate Change "Debate"?

*An Interfaith and Interdisciplinary Panel on Pope Francis and
Laudato Si' (see page 24 for description)*

Matthew Sayers - Lebanon Valley College

Joseph Williams - Rutgers University

Janet Rumpfelt - Regis College

Eric Ecklund, St. Francis University

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International Young Philosophers Roundtable

Moderator -Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

3:30-5:00pm

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Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Embodiment and Institutionalism

Respondent: Yong Li, Wuhan University

Zemian Zheng, Wuhan University

Love and the Paradoxes of Unity: Zhu Xi's debate with the followers of Cheng Hao over Perceptual Oneness

Respondent: Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Afternoon Stretch(led by Cathy Bao Bean)

3:15-4:00pm

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Women's Group (led by Sylvia McTague)

4:00-5:00pm

King - 237

Social Hour

5:00-6:00pm

Science Center - Perlik Commons

Dinner

5:30-6:30pm

Stevenson Hall

Thursday, July 14

Plenary

Rebecca Schuman

Columnist for *Slate* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Decoding Civility, Achieving Discourse

7:00-9:00pm

Science Center - Dye Lecture Hall

Social Hour

9:00-11:00pm

Science Center - Perlik Commons

Friday, July 15

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Breakfast

7:30-8:30am

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Working Group Two

Moderator - Greg Robbins, University of Denver

1:30-3:00pm

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Melanie Howard, Valparaiso University

A Satirical Sermon on Cheeks for Checkpoints: Matthew 5:38-48 as a Text of Terror for Immigrant Populations

Jennifer Brinkley, Western Kentucky University

Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Her Impact on Women's Rights: Could she be appointed a Supreme Court Justice Today?

Respondent : Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas, Judge,
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

International Young Philosophers Round Table

Moderator - Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

1:30 - 3:00pm

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Grant Julin, St. Francis University

Laughing through Terror

Respondent: Yufei Yang, Wuhan University

Lihai Zhang, Wuhan University

On Universal Rationality in Discourse

Respondent: Yong Cheng, Wuhan University

Poetry Group (led by Lynore Banchoff)

1:30-2:30pm

King - 237

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Friday, July 15

Adam Joseph Lewis Center Tour

3:00-4:00pm

AJ Lewis Center Lobby

Oberlin's Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies is the most important green building constructed in the last 30 years according to Architect Magazine Contributing Editor Lance Hosey.

Working Group Panel

Moderator - Art Remillard, St. Francis University

3:30-5:00pm

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Denise D'Amico, St. Francis University

Bill Strosnider, St. Francis University

Kent Tonkin, St. Francis University

John Wilsey, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary

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Moderated by Eric Bain-Selbo

3:30 - 5:45pm

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Yong Li, Wuhan University

Moral Relativity, Moral Relativism, and Accomodation

Respondent: Kyle Thomsen, St. Francis University

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Informal Discourse, Yik Yak, and the University Public Sphere

Respondent: Lihai Zhang, Wuhan University

Paul Swift, Bryant University

What does "Made in China" mean for Satire?

Respondent: Zemian Zheng, Wuhan University

God Wrestling (led by Carol Ochs)

3:30-4:30pm

King-237

Qigong (led by Howard Carter)

4:30-5:30pm

King - 121 (or outside weather permitting)

Dinner

5:30-6:30pm

Stevenson Hall

Friday, July 15

Saturday, July 16

Breakfast

7:30-8:30am

Stevenson Hall

Council of Senior Fellows Lecture and Breakfast with Cathy Bao Bean

“Facing the Present”

8:00-8:45am

Science Center - Perlik Commons

Breakfast will be served at the lecture - All are welcome to attend

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Lunch

12:00-1:00pm

Stevenson Hall

Town Hall Meeting

1:30-2:30pm

Bosworth Hall - Fairchild Chapel

Saturday, July 16

Memorial Service

2:30-3:30pm

Bosworth Hall - Fairchild Chapel

LGBTQI (self-directed)

3:30-4:30pm

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Qigong (led by Howard Carter)

4:30 - 5:30pm

King 121 (or outside weather permitting)

Dinner

5:30-6:30pm

Stevenson

Auction

7:00-10:00pm

Carnegie Building - Root Room

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7:00 AM			
7:30 AM		7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30
8:00 AM		8:45 - Children's Program meeting	
9:00 AM		9:00-Noon - Morning Group Seminars Childrens Program	9:00-Noon - Morni Childrens
10:15 AM		10:15-10:30 Break	10:15-10
12:00 PM		Noon-1:00 lunch	Noon-1:
1:00 PM	1:00 Registration Begins		
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3:30 PM		<u>3:30 - 5:00 Working Groups</u> <u>Int'l Young Philosophers Roundtable</u> <u>3:15-4:00 Stretch w/Cathy Bao Bean</u>	<u>3:30-5:00 Wc</u> <u>3:30-5:45 Int'l Yo</u> <u>Round</u> <u>3:30-4:30 G</u>
4:30 PM	4:30 - 5:00 Welcome Reception	4:00 -5:00 Women's Group	4:30 - 5:30 Qigong
5:00PM	5:00-6:00 Social Hour	5:00-6:00 Social Hour	
	5:30 -6:30 Dinner	5:30 - 6:30 Dinner	5:30 - 6:3
7:00 PM	7:00-9:00 Plenary Sophia McClennen	7:00-9:00 Plenary Rebecca Schuman	
9:00 PM	9:00-11:00 Social	9:00-11:00 Social	

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8:30 Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
	8:00-8:45 Senior Fellows Lecture - Cathy Bao Bean	8:00-8:45 Worship (Quaker Style)
Morning Group Seminars Childrens Program	9:00-Noon - Morning Group Seminars Childrens Program	9:00-Noon - Morning Group Seminars Childrens Program
9:15-10:30 Break	10:15-10:30 Break	10:15-10:30 Break
11:00-1:00 lunch	Noon-1:00 lunch	Noon-1:00 lunch
		1:00-3:00 BOD Meeting
1:30-3:00 Working Groups	1:30-2:30 Town Hall Meeting	
Philosophers Roundtable		
3:30 Poetry Group		
Tour of Adam Joseph Lewis Center	2:30-3:30 Memorial Service	
3:30 - 3:30 Break		
3:30-4:30 Working Groups	3:30 - 4:30 LGBTQI	
4:30-5:30 Young Philosophers Roundtable		
5:30 God Wrestling		
Qigong w/ Howard Carter	4:30 - 5:30 Qigong w/ Howard Carter	
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner	5:30 - 6:30 Dinner	
	7:00 -10:00 Auction	

Sunday, July 17

Breakfast

7:30-8:30am

Stevenson Hall

Morning Group Seminars

9:00-12:00 noon

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Lunch

12:00-1:00pm

Stevenson Hall

Meeting Concludes

Board of Directors' Meeting

1:00 - 3:00pm

Stevenson Hall

To check out:

Leave all linens in your room

Return your keys to the Conference Services office in Stevenson

The airport shuttle will pick up in front of the residences on

Union Street and at the hotel

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 16

In remembrance

Charles William "Bill" Swain

1937 - 2014

Jeanne Carlson

1934 - 2015

Richard Gilman

1923 - 2016

Eunice Ordman

1924 - 2016

Merle Allhouse

1935 - 2016

*When I am dead, even then,
I am still listening to you.
I am still making poems for you
out of silence.
Silence will be falling into that silence.
It is building music.*

Muriel Rukeyser

2016 Mary Jo Small Fellows

In memory of Mary Jo Small and in recognition of her contributions to the Society for Values in Higher Education

Mary Jo Small's leadership, wisdom, and humor sparked Fellows Meetings over many years. Furthermore, her support of SVHE projects helped implement our goals and assured that they were thoughtfully conceived, developed, and executed. We will miss her, and are grateful for the significant bequest from her estate, which we will use to keep her memory alive.

We therefore have honored the memory of Mary Jo Small by creating annual fellowships to be funded by the bequest which she left to the Society. These fellowships will be awarded to college teachers early in their careers and will pay for their registration, room and board, and travel to the SVHE summer meeting.

Katherine Jo

Katherine K. Jo is a fourth-year doctoral student specializing in Philosophy of Education in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests concern the possibilities for the ethical and spiritual formation of students in higher education through liberal learning, particularly through engagement with the humanities. Her work examines the interplay among the intellectual, affective, and sociopolitical dimensions of students' ethical development in higher education, considering how the ideals of autonomy, authenticity, and pluralism that infuse our current cultural and academic environment shape students' engagement with ideas, their capacity to form commitments, and pedagogy. She has presented papers on civic dialogue on religion, the value of the humanities, and the relationship between liberal learning and hope. Prior to pursuing doctoral studies, she was a career counselor at Columbia University and a college advisor for first-generation students at East Boston High School.

Ryan Korstange

Ryan Korstange is a Lecturer and Instructional Coordinator at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, TN. He received a BA in Ancient Languages from Cornerstone University, an MA in Biblical Studies from Trinity Western University, an M.Phil in Hebraic, Judaic, and Cognate Studies from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, where he is currently completing his doctoral dissertation.

As a teacher, Ryan's goal is to help students learn material deeply, rather than mindlessly memorizing and regurgitating abstract content. To this end, the classrooms he supervises are geared to challenge students' preconceptions and perspectives, and to create open dialogue. Ryan splits his research between determining effective ways to help promote student learning in various classroom contexts and describing the way ancient philosophers and theologians understood the development of the human psyche.

Leila Watkins

Leila Watkins is Assistant Professor of Honors Interdisciplinary Studies at Western Kentucky University, where she teaches classes on civic engagement, the public humanities, and literary studies. She received her Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan in 2014 and her B.A. from the University of North Carolina in 2008. Her research interests include Renaissance English poetry, the history of emotion, and early modern religion. She has published in *Notes and Queries*, *Comparative Drama*, and *Studies in Philology*, and is an assistant editor for Volume 9 of Boydell and Brewer's *Complete Works of Thomas Traherne* (forthcoming in 2017).

She is currently working on a book project about how seventeenth-century British readers and writers viewed poetry as a tool for treating mental illness and managing troubling emotions. Her book argues that Renaissance poetry offered readers a model of consolation in which the social responsibility for emotional wellbeing lay, not simply with the distressed individual or a single caregiver, but in the hands of the larger community. Her work's focus on emotional management in an era before institutionalized medicine and mental health care suggests the value of revisiting arts-based methods of treatment that might usefully supplement our current strategies for cultivating mental and emotional wellbeing today.

Joy Howard

Joy A. J. Howard is an Assistant Professor of early American Literature at New Jersey City University where she teaches women's studies, early American literature, and basic composition. She earned a Ph.D. from Purdue University and was a visiting professor at Saint Joseph's University for three years. She is committed to undergraduate pedagogy that is data-based, effective and transformative for the individual student, the professor, and the institution. She believes higher education is utterly broken, but she also believes that if students and professors work together inside and outside the classroom, the institution as we know it today can be radically redeemed. As an early Americanist, her research seeks to use literary studies in a way that allows us to hear silenced or ignored voices in texts and to rethink authorship in the eighteenth century borderlands of colonial America. Her work has appeared in *Religion in the Age of Enlightenment*, the *Journal of Prose Studies*, and *Legacy*, as well as in several edited collections. She has held fellowships at the Clements Library at the University of Michigan, the Folger Library in D.C., and Winterthur Museum and Archives. Her current book project reconstructs the life story of Rebecca Kellogg, an acculturated captive of the Haudenosaunee, as well as the lives of the Native leaders in Oquaga, the Iroquois town in which she worked and lived. Joy co-owns and manages Sistercraft, an Appalachian broom company, with her sister, Beth. She is a letter writer, a crocheter, a gardener, and a coffee drinker. You can follow Joy at @drjoyajhoward.

Featured Speakers

Dr. Sophia McClennen

**Professor of International Affairs and Comparative Literature,
Pennsylvania State University**

Sophia A. McClennen works on the intersections between culture, politics, and society. Her books focus on cultural responses to complex social change, such as the connections between the satire of Stephen Colbert and post 9/11 politics or the exile writing of Ariel Dorfman and dictatorship in 1970s Latin America. Her work often analyzes the links between political events and their media representations, which has led her to critique the relationship between mainstream culture, politics, stereotypes, and social injustice.

She is currently Professor of International Affairs and Comparative Literature at Penn State University and founding director of the Center for Global Studies. At Penn State she teaches courses on human rights culture, culture and globalization, media studies, global cinema, the cultures of displaced peoples, cultural trade policy, cross-cultural conflict resolution, and critical theory.

When she isn't teaching or lecturing, she is writing. She has written three books, co-authored two, and co-edited three. She has published over 50 essays in books and journals. She regularly writes for *Salon* and *Huffington Post*. She has also had pieces in *Alternet*, *Truthout*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Counterpunch*.

Dr. Rebecca Schuman

Columnist, Slate and The Chronicle of Higher Education

Rebecca Schuman a journalist and essayist whose work on education, Germany, literature and popular culture regularly appears in *Slate* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. She is the author of the forthcoming comic memoir *Schadenfreude, A Love Story: Me, the Germans, and 20 Years of Attempted Transformations, Awkward Miscommunications, and Humiliating Situations Only They Have Words For* (Flatiron Books/Macmillan, Feb. 2017), as well as the academic book *Kafka and Wittgenstein* (Northwestern University Press, 2015). She received her PhD in German from the University of California-Irvine in 2010 and spent four years on the fringes of academia before becoming a full-time writer.

Panel Description

Is Civility Possible in the Climate Change “Debate”? An Interfaith and Interdisciplinary Panel on Pope Francis and *Laudato Si'*

Laudato Si' is a first among papal encyclicals in that Pope Francis uses his global pulpit to address the issue of climate change. Moreover, he beckons all people of goodwill to enter into a productive conversation about how we can better care for “our common home.” In America, however, response to the encyclical has divided neatly along partisan lines, as conservatives and liberals have used the document to reinforce their deeply entrenched positions on climate change. This two-day panel will examine *Laudato Si'* through interdisciplinary and interfaith contexts, while also considering whether or not Pope Francis’s call to action will lead to substantive change. Each day will begin by brief (10 minute) statements from individual speakers, followed by an open discussion.

Interest Group Descriptions

Poetry Circle - All are welcome to participate in this group: writers, readers, listeners, singers. Humor and creativity are welcome. Come be with this circle that has been a part of the meeting for twenty years.

God Wrestling - This year God Wrestling will consider the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)). Our task is to say which we find most difficult, which most important, which would we add to, which would we subtract?

LGBTQI - The LGBTQI interest group is self-directed and open to all, including allies, those questioning their own identities, or curious to know more about these lenses on life. The group that assembles will develop its own agenda.

Women’s Group - The Womens group provides all women with a confidential space to share concerns and offer support. Practical advice is a frequent component.

2016 Fellows Meeting Morning Group Seminars

Academic Game Design

This group will conduct an academic game writing workshop.

Contact: David Stewart (david.stewart@csulb.edu) or Amy Berger (pan-gaia16@yahoo.com)

Celebrating the Search

Celebrating the Search is continuing its joyous convening. We have three spots already spoken for: Reade Dornan, Libby Sfekas, and Kathleen Banchoff; but we also have a very welcome spot for YOU to share some of your experiences in a very welcoming atmosphere.

Contact: Carol Ochs (cochs@earthlink.net)

Forms of Autobiography, Biography, and Memoir

People of Character, People seen as Characters – Integrity, Sarcasm, and Spite in the Family and Community

Our group of many years continues with a topic that offers a refreshing angle on our lives. What do we dare to see, speak and write about in terms of the question of character and its several meanings? Perhaps you have an intriguing ancestor, friend (or not) who has contributed to your values. Perhaps the view of yourself evolving over time fits this topic. Is there a play or novel that ranges across our theme to which you can relate? Do you have a story to tell with artifacts (picture, photos, video)? can you assume the role of the character you like or not?

We are an inclusive and creative group appreciative of new members. You can share in the form of an individual presentation of varied length or participate in a panel. If you want to commit yourself or just talk over an idea:

Contact: Lynore Banchoff (LynoreB@sbcglobal.net)

Historical Fiction

In concert with the meeting's theme—The Politics of Dissent: Satire, Sarcasm, and Spite in Civil Society, the Historical Fiction Workshop will discuss the following books in July: Thomas Pynchon's *Mason & Dixon* (discussion leader, Sarah Moore), Don DeLillo's *White Noise* (discussion leader, Mary Papke), Jason Heller's *Taft 2012* (discussion leader, Judy Saltzman), and Mo Yan's *Pow!* (discussion leader, Tom Stockdale). We all hope to see you at Oberlin!

Contact: Mary Papke (mpapke@utk.edu)

Pop Culture

The Popular Culture Group has a diverse agenda planned for our 2016 conference. We will begin on Thursday with a two-part presentation by Angela Nelson Spence, Associate Professor in the Department of Popular Culture within the School of Cultural and Critical Studies at Bowling Green State University. Her current teaching and research focuses on black cultural production including the intersections of aesthetics, race, performance, and religion with African American music, stage plays, and representations of African Americans in postwar and contemporary comic art and television. She is presenting on two topics.

- The first half of Thursday's group will be on Dr. Spence's research on Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan stage plays examining their role within an African American Christian and performative context and how they mediate issues of race, gender, sexuality, class, place, and religion.
- The second half of the morning group will focus on making connections between superheroes in films, the reasons why they are popular, and idea of the Kingdom of God.

On Friday, we will take advantage of Cleveland with a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to see the Louder than Words: Rock, Power and Politics Special Exhibit. There is a \$25 fee for this, which will also cover the cost of parking. If this will be a burden for you, please speak to SVHE or me. We will leave at 9:00 and be back by 1:00. We have a great set of presentations for the weekend. We are not sure which will be on Saturday and which on Sunday.

Actress and Historian, Ann McEvoy from Ohio's Women in History will present a 30-minute dialogue as Victoria Woodhull, the first woman ever to run for President. We will use this performance as part of a larger discussion on the media and the current presidential election.

Homework: You should bring your favorite video (link), song, cartoon, comic, etc. that is a satire of this year's election. Bonus points if it features Hillary Clinton as Women running for President is our topic.

Finally, we have to SVHE members who round out our presentations. Scott Berger has kindly agreed to do a presentation on video games and Dan Sack will present on satire and religions. Please review these website that Dan will discuss.

<http://www.wittenburgdoor.com/>

<http://www.bettybowers.com/>

<http://www.landoverbaptist.org/>

<http://www.larknews.com/>

<http://www.holyobserver.com/>

<http://babylonbee.com/news/report-satire-great-long-never-targets-beliefs/>

<http://www.theonion.com/search?q=god>

<https://www.nbc.com/saturday-night-live/cast/dana-carvey-14886/character/church-lady-17266>

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Theorizing Culture

Thursday

M.M. Bakhtin, "Discourse in the Novel," in his *The Dialogic Imagination*

Friday

M.M. Bakhtin, "Introduction," in his *Rabelais and His World* (contact Eric Bain-Selbo for a PDF of the text)

(OPTIONAL: chapters 1 and 5)

Saturday

Sophia McClennen and Remy Maisel, chaps. 1 and 5 of *Is Satire Saving Our Nation?: Mockery and American Politics*

(NOTE: McClennen is the plenary speaker on Wednesday night!)

Sunday

McClennen and Maisel, chaps. 6 and 8

Also, if you want to get a taste of Francois Rabelais to get a better sense of Bakhtin, feel free to dive into his Gargantua and Pantagruel.

Contact: Eric Bain-Selbo (eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu) or Allen Dunn (ardunn@utk.edu)

Social Justice and the Academy

“The Poor Say ‘No!’: The 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott as Political Dissent.” Using Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, *Stride Toward Freedom*, Social Justice and the Academy morning group participants will delve into the event that many credit with starting the American civil rights movement. We will consider the conditions that gave rise to the boycott, the participants and leaders of the movement, and the effect their nonviolent direct action campaign had on the City of Montgomery, the movement participants, and the country.

Contact: Greg Sapp (gsapp@stetson.edu)

The Timbre of Twenty-First Century African Voices

We will launch our discussion with a critique of three post-post apartheid novels in an effort to explore how contemporary writers use satire, irreverence, pathos, irony and other voices to describe current South African life.

David Hoekema, “Where is that voice coming from? Chigozie Obioma’s *The Fishermen* and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s *Americanah*”

Linda-Susan Beard, “Filo Dough and Layered Meanings: ‘Post-Apartheid’ Humor in Niq Mhlongo’s *Dog Eat Dog* and *After Tears*”

Susan Hoekema, “Sister-Song in Chika Unigwe’s *On Black Sisters Street*”

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SAVE THE DATE!

July 12-16, 2017
93rd Annual Meeting
of the
Society for Values in Higher Education
Simmons College, Boston, MA

Sacrifice, Consumption, and the Public Good

In 1840, Alexis de Tocqueville observed a bedrock cultural presupposition of Americans in the Age of Jackson. He called this presupposition “interest rightly understood.” In the second volume of Democracy in America, he wrote, “The principle of interest rightly understood produces no great acts of self-sacrifice, but it suggests daily small acts of self-denial. By itself, it cannot suffice to make a man virtuous; but it disciplines a number of persons in habits of regularity, temperance, moderation, foresight, self-command; and, if it does not lead men straight to virtue by the will, it gradually draws them in that direction by their habits.”

Today, in the face of the challenges of climate change and global poverty, individuals often are asked to make sacrifices in their private lives in order to advance the public good. Within American culture, however, the values of self-care and consumerism can be in tension with those of sacrifice for and service to the public good. And even if an individual makes such sacrifices, she/he might feel that such sacrifices are trivial compared to the magnitude of the problems—leading then to apathy and a prioritization of self-care and consumerism.

At its 2017 annual meeting, the Society for Values in Higher Education invites presentations and panels on the theme of sacrifice—in particular, the tension between sacrifice and consumption vis-à-vis the public good, what Tocqueville styled, “interest rightly understood.”

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Campus Security - 440-775-8911

The Hotel at Oberlin - 440-775-7001

Oberlin Airport Shuttle - 216-941-RIDE

