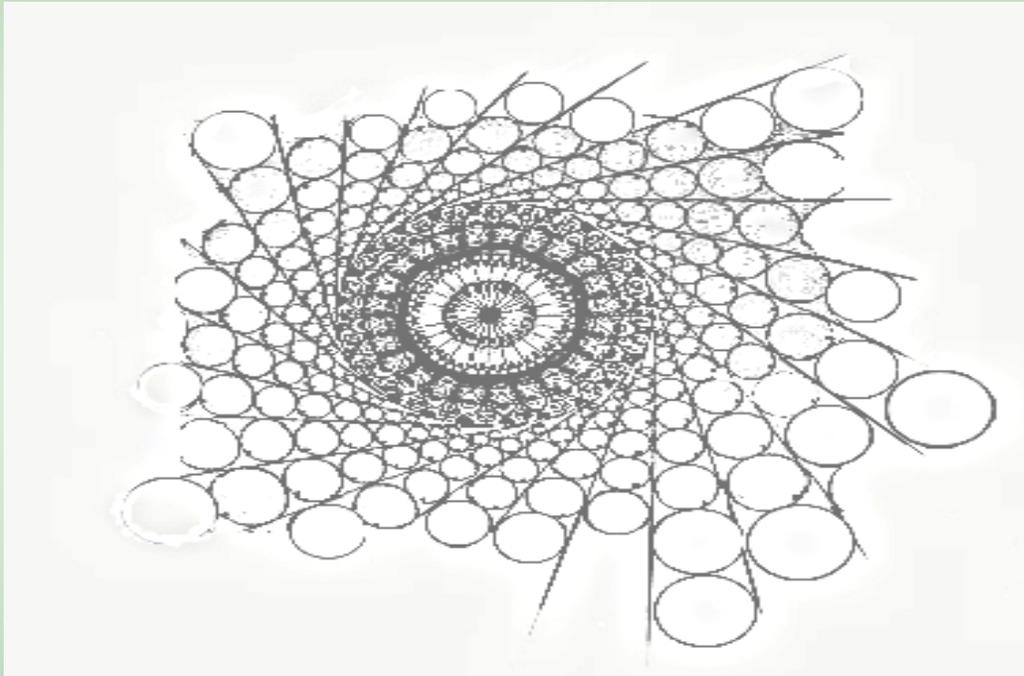


# Debt

## *Obligations that Shape our Lives*



89th Annual Meeting  
Society for Values in Higher Education

University of Denver, Denver, CO  
July 24-28, 2013

## Conference Program

### Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm	Registration Begins
2:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 pm	Meeting with Mary Jo Small Fellows and Newcombe Scholars
5:00 pm	Social Hour in honor of MJS & Newcomers AA Meeting
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:15 pm	Plenary - Tracy Bachrach Ehlers, University of Denver
9:00 pm	Socializing

### Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Sun July, 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Morning Schedule

7:15 – 7:45	Morning Meditation
7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – Noon	Morning Groups Children's Program
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch

### Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Afternoon/ Evening Schedule

1:00 – 2:30	<b><i>Working Group : Debt in Religious Perspective</i></b>
1:00 – 4:00	Children's Program
3:00 – 4:30	<b><i>Working Group : Ethics, Debt and the Martial Arts</i></b>
3:00 – 4:00	God Wrestling with Carol Ochs
4:00	Afternoon Stretch Exercise with Cathy Bao Bean
5:00 – 6:00	Social Hour / Author's Table AA Meeting
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner
7:15	Plenary - Adam Davidson, co-host of Planet Money
9:00	Socializing

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon / Evening Schedule

1:00 – 2:00	<b><i>Working Group : Debt in Religious Perspective</i></b> <b><i>Working Group : Debt and Consequences: The Student Predicament</i></b>
1:00 – 4:00	Children’s Program
3:00 – 4:30	<b><i>Working Group : Ethics, Debt and the Martial Arts</i></b> <b><i>Working Group : Theorizing Debt: From Economics to Philosophy</i></b>
3:00 – 4:00	Poetry Circle with Lynore Banchoff
6:00	Dinner

**\*\* SVHE on the Town\*\***  
**Enjoy an evening in Denver!**

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon/Evening Schedule

1:00 – 2:30	<b><i>Working Group : Theorizing Debt: From Economics to Philosophy</i></b> <b><i>Working Group : Debt and Consequences: The Student Predicament</i></b> <b><i>Invited Panel : Entitlements and Obligations in a Sustainable World</i></b>
1:00 – 2:00	Women’s Group
3:00 – 4:00	Town Meeting
4:00 – 5:00	Memorial Service
5:00 – 6:00	Social Hour AA Meeting
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner
7:15 - ??	Auction

***Conference Concludes Sunday after lunch***

## About the Society

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 nonprofit 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, regional and national meetings, and outreach.

The Society for Values in Higher Education began in 1923 as The Council for Religion in Higher Education. Its original membership consisted of Kent Fellows who focused on teaching and scholarship in the field of religion. With the addition of the Danforth Fellows in 1962, the Society included teachers in nearly all academic fields, college and university administrators, and other professionals.

In 1975, the membership adopted its present name, The Society for Values in Higher Education. This change reflected the membership's commitment to helping educators and others improve American higher education through its focus on values and ethical issues.

Over the last 80 years, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, Swarthmore, Georgetown and Portland State University have hosted SVHE's national office. In January 2013, Western Kentucky University became the new host for the national office.

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 from the intensive give-and-take of the Morning Groups to the special focus groups that occur during the afternoon sessions, to 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 an inexpensive family gathering, with a children's program, on a campus rather than at a conference center.

For more information about SVHE, please:

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**Annual Meeting of the Society for Values in Higher Education  
University of Denver  
Denver, CO  
July 24-28, 2013**

Welcome everyone to the 2013 Annual Meeting of SVHE! Because the structure is a little different from what most scholars experience at academic conferences, we thought it might be helpful to provide a quick guide to our meeting.

**Morning Groups**

These groups have been the heart of the meeting for many years. When you registered for the meeting you should have signed up for one. The idea here is that really reflective and constructive conversation takes time. You can't accomplish much in a brief session of papers with five minutes of questions and answers. Morning Groups meet for four consecutive mornings for approximately three hours each day. Some MGs have planned readings, others have presentations, and others might be even more "free form." Folks do move from one to the other on occasion, so if you find that the MG you signed up for isn't what you expected and what you want, feel free to try out another one. We're always looking for new MGs, so if you have an interest in starting one, please suggest it to someone on the Program Committee, or a Board member.

**Working Groups**

These groups are made up of scholars who are presenting papers 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 (again, unlike many of your typical academic conferences). ALL ATTENDEES at the SVHE meeting are invited to attend one or more sessions of the Working Groups. Many papers are available at registration, though you need not read the papers before the sessions. Authors will provide brief summaries of their work during the session and then open the floor for a sustained conversation. Check out the schedule and stop by!

**Interest Groups**

Interest Groups meet in the afternoon and typically are one-session affairs. They focus on a wide range of topics, and everyone is invited to attend those that (yes) interest them. If you have an idea for an Interest Group at a future meeting, please let us know.

**Plenary/Panels**

As with almost all academic meetings, the Program Committee arranges for a number of thought-provoking plenary and panel discussions. These occur in the evening and focus on the theme of the conference. These are generally open to the public, so if you know someone in the neighborhood who would like to attend, please let them know.

**Meals**

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Because meals are on campus and in a cafeteria setting, these tend to be informal and vibrant. Just plop your tray down at any table you like. Meals are great times to meet fellow attendees and find common interests.

**Social Hours**

We have a lot of social hours. Conversations, as you can imagine, range from serious to silly. **Very casual.**

**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 Fellows important information from the past year and plans for the future. It also is a great place for newcomers to learn more about the organization. The meeting is open to all attendees.

**Auction**

This lively and fun event has become a great tradition at our annual meeting. There is both a silent auction and a live auction. Items range in price from a dollar to several hundred. There literally is something here for everyone. There's also plenty of time available for socializing (see "Social Hours" above).

**Children**

We not only encourage parents to bring their children, but we arrange for a Children's Program that moves beyond mere babysitting. Older children (15+) are encouraged to be full participants in the meeting, if they choose to, attending Morning Groups or other sessions of interest.

**Dress**

We expect you to wear clothes, but as you will see, our meeting is very casual. It's summer. Shorts and flip flops are okay.

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 us questions if you have them.

Cheers,

Eric Bain-Selbo  
Executive Director  
Society for Values in Higher Education

**Morning Groups 2013**

Thursday-Sunday

9:00 - Noon

*Please see insert for room locations***Academic Game Design****Convener: David Stewart** [David.Stewart@csulb.edu](mailto:David.Stewart@csulb.edu)

We will play the "University Game" in a beta-test (written by SVHE members), work on revisions, discuss game-design issues suggested by Proctor's "Reacting to the Past Game Designer's Handbook," and play "chapter" excerpts from Fellows' games such as Berger's "Earthquake Game."

**Celebrating the Search****Convener: Carol Ochs** [cochs@earthlink.net](mailto:cochs@earthlink.net)

We have a lot to celebrate! We've been at this for close to 30 years and our provisional line up for this year takes the cake. (And there is still room for you to join us with your fascinating reflections).

Kathleen Banchoff will be speaking and Trudy Cunningham will try to express what she's learned about God's love through some very grave difficulties in the past 2 or 3 years; Al McQueen will present *Does the Struggle Ever End?*; Gayle Bray (whom we've missed and now she's back) will share what it was like to grow up in the Amana Church and Bob Spivey (with the help of his wife Martha and their daughter Hope) will speak about *A President's Journey*.

**Historical Fiction****Convener: Mary Papke** [papke@utk.edu](mailto:papke@utk.edu)

We will read four books loosely connected to the theme of debt. Our first reading will be the 2009 Man Booker Prize-winning *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, set in England in the 1520s and featuring Thomas Cromwell and Henry VIII (facilitator—Nancy Cunningham). Our second book is Andrew Miller's *Pure*, short-listed for the Man Booker Prize and the 2011 Costa Award winner for both Best Novel and Book of the Year. Set in pre-revolutionary Paris in 1785, it follows an engineer who has been commissioned by Louis XVI with emptying out the overflowing cemetery of Les Innocents (facilitators—Melanie Smith-Guillaume and Alfred Guillaume). Our third book is George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda*, what one critic calls "the final and comprehensive expression of George Eliot's idealism" (facilitator—Tom Stockdale). The final book is Abraham Cahan's *The Rise of David Levinsky*, the tale of a Russian Jewish immigrant who seeks the American Dream through the garment industry; it was acclaimed by Carl Van Doren as "the most important of all immigrant novels" (facilitator—Mary Papke). Join us for spirited conversation.

**Pop Culture****Conveners: Judy Meschel** [meschelja@aol.com](mailto:meschelja@aol.com) and **Sylvia Skaggs McTague** [sylvia.mctague@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.mctague@gmail.com)

We will consider representations of debt and related obligations in pop culture, and in turn, how they shape our sense of identity. We have two presentations so far-- "*Debt, Money, and Identity in Pop Music*" and "*How Kink Goes Mainstream and Does Not*"

*Follow the Patterns of Other Sites of Power."* We are looking for more proposals for presentations and examples of production uses of pop culture from group members.

### **Sustainability: Exploring Solutions**

**Convener:** Jo Margaret Mano [manoj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:manoj@newpaltz.edu)

We will examine aspects of sustainability and environmental planning, seeking to discover solutions to these challenging issues. We are planning a field trip focusing on a local issue related to the environment, continuing our practice of linking some of our discussions to the meeting venue by discovering more about Denver. Our planned field-trip this year will be led by Geographer Doug Genzer who works in Denver's Geographic Information System (GIS) division and created a prize-winning map of Denver's bike paths. He'll take us "To Google Earth and Beyond!" and explain how computer mapping helps find environmental solutions. We will also consider "Weird" weather and climate change, and how satellites collect the information used in global climate models. We will integrate poems and short prose readings on nature and the weather from participants, and embrace environmental art. We can integrate other proposed presentations and readings from interested participants that relate to our theme.

We welcome newcomers and friends to share in our tradition of including diverse perspectives and shared concerns. We invite all to share in our group, and look forward to seeing you!

### **Theorizing Culture**

**Conveners:** Eric Bain-Selbo [bain-selbo@svhe.org](mailto:bain-selbo@svhe.org) and Allen Dunn [ardunn@utk.edu](mailto:ardunn@utk.edu)

This year the group will be engaged in a close reading of several chapters of David Graeber's **Debt: The First 5,000 Years**. At least one of the mornings will be devoted to reviewing critical reviews of Graeber's work. Suggestions or questions should be directed to Allen Dunn ([ardunn@utk.edu](mailto:ardunn@utk.edu)) or Eric Bain-Selbo ([bain-selbo@svhe.org](mailto:bain-selbo@svhe.org)).



**Wednesday, July 24th**

7:15 pm

*Some Title Here*, Tracy Bachrach Ehlers, University of Denver

Our Wednesday evening opening plenary speaker is **Tracy Bachrach Ehlers**, professor *emerita* of anthropology at the University of Denver, whose areas of expertise include gender studies, Latin America, and urban, inner-city America. Her talk on Wednesday evening, July 24th, will offer a poignant, autobiographical reflection.



“The topic of debt is on my mind right now, she muses, “as I write a book for the University of California Press on Public Anthropology. The book tells the story of a social scientist who becomes involved in social change. In my case, I returned to the Guatemalan town where I did my dissertation research many years later, trying to pay back the debt I owed them for giving me my career. That debt became my program, Women Work Together, and the way I define the payback is the program itself.”

**Thursday, July 25th**

7:15 pm

*Some title here*, Adam Davidson, Planet Money

Our keynote Thursday evening speaker, **Adam Davidson**, is co-founder and co-host of *Planet Money*, a production of NPR and This American Life. He also writes the weekly “It’s the Economy” column for the New York Times Magazine. His work has won several major awards including the Peabody, DuPont-Columbia, and the Polk. His radio documentary on the housing crisis, “The Giant Pool of Money,” which he co-reported and produced with Alex Blumberg, was named one of the top ten works of journalism of the decade by the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at New York University. It was widely recognized as the clearest and most entertaining explanation of the roots of the financial crisis in any media.



Davidson and Blumberg took the lessons they learned crafting “The Giant Pool of Money” to create Planet Money. In two weekly podcasts, a blog, and regular features on Morning Edition, All Things Considered and This American Life, *Planet Money* helps listeners understand how dramatic economic change is impacting their lives. Planet Money also proves, every day, that substantive, intelligent economic reporting can be funny, engaging, and accessible to the non-expert.

Before *Planet Money*, Davidson was International Business and Economics Correspondent for NPR. He traveled around the world to cover the global economy and pitched in during crises, such as reporting from Indonesia’s Banda Aceh just after the tsunami, New Orleans post-Katrina, and Paris during the youth riot.

Council of Senior Fellows Lecture  
Saturday, July 27th  
8:00 - 8:45am  
Vincent Harding, Illif School of Theology,  
University of Denver

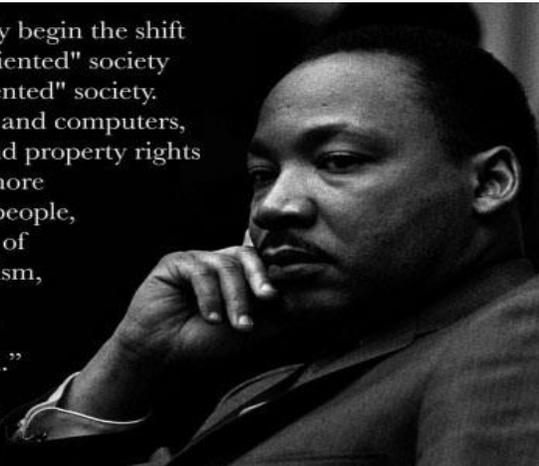
The Senior Fellows' Breakfast, Saturday, July 27th, will feature SVHE Fellow **Vincent Harding** ( K 57). Harding will lead a session on the topic "The Cost of Living without a Sense of Debt to Those who Worked for Change." Rather than present a formal paper, Vincent is interested in providing an opportunity for discussion on this topic. Vincent is an historian of the Civil Rights

Movement, author and activist. A friend and associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harding is best known for having drafted King's speech against America's continued involvement in Viet Nam, "A Time to Break Silence." It can be argued that the evils identified in that speech -- racism, militarism and, and materialism -- are still with us today. His call for a "revolution of values" and an accompanying "radical change in the structures of society" is as timely now as ever.



"We must rapidly begin the shift from a "thing-oriented" society to a "person-oriented" society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



Senior Fellows Breakfast  
*All are welcome to attend!*

## Afternoon Interest Groups

All are invited and encouraged to participate

### Thursday, July 25th

**GodWrestling** 3:00-4:30 PM

Leader: Carol Ochs

"GodWrestling" is the title of a book by Arthur Waskow and a method of reading Scripture as a lively, honest, challenging, respectful tussle with the Divine. We read a passage aloud, and then ask people to respond from their own experiences of how the text touches their lives. The more diverse the participants, the better--the point is to explore the text richly rather than to come to any agreement about it.

There are sharp differences in outlook between the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, vital links between them as well. Not much agreement about just where the differences make the most difference or where the links really bind. This year we will look at two brief passages, one from Jeremiah, one from the Epistles of John, both treating the topic of God's love. As usual, we are hoping for a respectful reflection on the meanings that we have found / are finding, personally, and from any religious perspective, rather than for scholarly speculation about textual transmission and the like. We hope that some insights about the linkages will emerge.

"God Wrestling" will focus on Psalm 104.

### Friday July 26th

**Poetry Group** 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Leader: Lynore Banchoff

An appreciation of poetry as a writer or listener is the basis of this group which is an afternoon program tradition. It is a relaxed time to share drafts or completed poems, to listen to the works of others or bring one of your favorite poems. All are welcome: children, youth and adults. Do join us!

### Saturday, July 27th

**Women's Group** 1:00 - 2:00

Leader: Nancy Jones

The Women's Group provides all women with a confidential space to share concerns and offer support. Practical advice is a frequent component!

# Mary Jo Small Fellowships

*In memory of Mary Jo Small(1922-2009) 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 name and 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. To the extent it is possible to preserve the bequest for future recipients; consideration will be given to supporting the attendance of family.

The fellowship recipients will be known as the "The Mary Jo Small Fellows" and will be informed of Mary Jo's legacy. The Board will also look for other ways to use the bequest to enhance the Society's outreach to classroom teaching, a mission that was dear to her heart.

## **This year's recipients:**

### **Aaron Conley**

Aaron received his Ph.D. in 2011 from the University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology Joint Doctoral Program in Religious and Theological Studies, with a concentration in Christian ethics. He currently teaches in the Department of Religious Studies at Regis University in Denver. Recent course titles include "Religion and the Human Quest," "Belief and Unbelief" and "Faith and Justice in World Christianity." His revised dissertation will be published in the fall of 2013 by Fortress Press as *We Are Who We Think We Were: Christian History and Christian Ethics*. SVHE's longstanding interests and commitments intersect nicely with his current research on ethical issues pertaining to social structures of power and privilege, postmodern and post-structural approaches to history, language and identity, the implications of historical authors/texts for contemporary ethics, and ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue.

### **Melanie Howard**

Melanie Howard is a doctoral candidate in New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ and an adjunct instructor in biblical and religious studies at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA. Melanie received her B.A., with a major in biblical studies and minor in peace and conflict studies, at Messiah College and her M.T.S., with a biblical studies concentration, at the University of Notre Dame. Melanie's current research for her dissertation relates to the portrayal of mothers in the Gospel of Mark.

Melanie teaches courses on the New Testament, the Gospel of Mark, and Koine Greek at Princeton Theological Seminary and Messiah College. Her research interests include the Synoptic Gospels, literary approaches to biblical interpretation, and non-traditional biblical hermeneutics. This latter interest led Melanie to becoming a part of the organizing committee for the "Non-Traditional Hermeneutics Mentoring Session" that regularly meets during the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and fosters support for graduate students and young scholars with similar interests.

Melanie has presented several papers at both annual and regional meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, and she is the recent winner of the *Word & World* essay prize for doctoral candidates. Her winning essay, "Jesus Loves the Little Children: A Theological Reading of Mark 9:14-29 for Children with Serious Illnesses or Disabilities," is published in the Summer 2013 issue of that journal, and she has also published several book reviews in the *Review of Biblical Literature*. Additionally, Melanie serves as a New Testament commentary writer for *Homiletics* magazine. When she is not teaching or researching, Melanie enjoys spending time with her husband Jeremiah, walking her maltipoo Muffy, and running marathons.

### **Joshua Stein**

Joshua Stein is an M.A. student in the John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities and Social Thought, at New York University. His primary interests are in the philosophy of mind and psychology, with a growing interest in the application of developmental psychology to programs in secondary education, higher education, and non-academic learning environments. He did his undergraduate work in Philosophy at California State University, Fresno.

### **Joseph Williams**

# Memorial Service

Saturday, July 27th

4:00 - 5:00

## *In Remembrance*

Frederick Ferre

1933 - 2013

Kenneth Thompson

1921 - 2013

Richard Fallon

1923 - 2013

Roger Shinn

1917 - 2013

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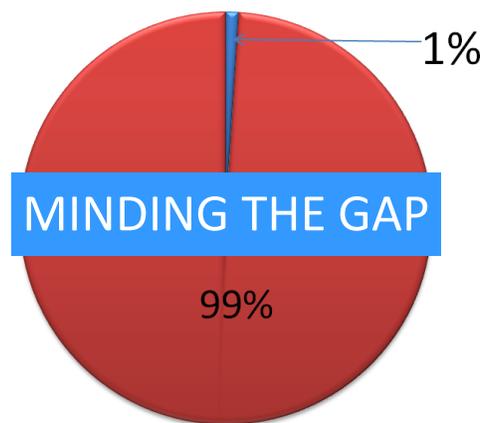
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*Educating for Economic Justice*

**Minding the Gap**  
*Educating for Economic Justice*  
**Call for Papers 2014**

The growing gap in the United States between the rich and the poor (or even between the rich and the middle class) and the increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of the few is difficult to justify. The gap is even greater between the wealthy in developed nations and the destitute in the Third World. A significant amount of research highlights the deleterious effects of wealth inequality on a society and around the globe. These effects include increased crime, mental illness, educational underachievement, and more. In such a situation, American colleges and universities cannot sit idly by. At its 2014 annual meeting, the Society for Values in Higher Education will investigate the gap and reflect upon ways that educational institutions can mind it and mend it.

**PAPERS MAY ADDRESS TWO BROAD CATEGORIES OF ISSUES FROM A NUMBER OF THEORETICAL AND (INTER)DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS:**

Exploring the Issues

- What is economic justice? Are we our brother's (economic) keeper?
- To what extent is violence the basis of economic disparity? Does economic disparity contribute to violence?
- What is the relationship or what is the future relationship of education and the American Dream?
- How does economic disparity affect education?
- How does the widening gap between the rich and poor change the structure of education?
  - Does education replicate inequalities? What are the questions of justice in funding education?
- How do colleges and universities benefit from wealth disparities?
- How does wealth disparity shape our cultures, communities, and our selves?

Bridging the Gap

- How can education facilitate economic justice?
- How can educational institutions address problems of economic inequality?
- Can education address the widening gap of rich and poor?
- How can education help us develop better conceptions and attitudes about wealth and what leads to genuine happiness?

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Direct inquiries and proposals to Eric Bain-Selbo, Department Head, Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University ([bain-selbo@svhe.org](mailto:bain-selbo@svhe.org)). Proposals should not exceed 1000 words. Proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted. Review will continue until all available slots are filled. No proposals will be accepted after the deadline of April 15, 2014. Interdisciplinary and/or practice oriented proposals are especially encouraged.

**AWARDS**

Each paper-presenting participant in a working group will receive a reduced registration rate of \$50 for the 2014 Fellows Meeting. Two papers will be selected for special recognition and awarded \$300. To be eligible for an award, completed papers must be submitted by July 1, 2014 and authors must attend the SVHE meeting to present their papers.



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