



Society for Values in Higher Education

91st Annual Meeting

Working Together?

Collaboration and the Future of Higher Education

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Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Higher education in the United States is facing unprecedented challenges—the privatization of state schools by virtue of the steady de-funding by legislatures, the dramatic rise of for-profit institutions, rapidly increasing expectations about what services colleges and universities should provide, and a complex and global society that demands college graduates with even more skills and capacities. It is little wonder that so many people think higher education is in a state of crisis. But the current context also provides new opportunities, if only the various constituencies can collaborate together for the good of our students and our institutions.

At its 2015 annual meeting, the Society for Values in Higher Education will investigate the role of collaboration, in the midst of apparently competing values, as a mechanism by which colleges and universities can effect change and develop their role in local, national, and global communities. We invite paper or panel presentations that grapple with issues related to moving higher education forward through various collaborations—between different faculties, between faculty and administrators, among faculty, administrators, and staff, and even between colleges and universities and public and private organizations in the broader community. Potential questions to address include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. How are competing values shaping the future of higher education?
2. How do these values impact teaching, learning, and research? How might the reconciliation of these values (at least some of them) facilitate the project of higher education?
3. Where are the opportunities for successful collaboration among various stakeholders—opportunities that will help higher education fulfill its mission(s)?
 - a. How can we best conceptualize collaboration in the context of higher education?
 - b. What are some good examples of this at our colleges and universities? Can we extract any general guidance from these examples?

Contact Information

Direct inquiries and proposals to Eric Bain-Selbo, Executive Director, Society for Values in Higher Education (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 **May 15, 2015**. Interdisciplinary and/or practice oriented proposals are especially encouraged.

Awards

Those selected to present will receive a **reduced registration rate** of \$50 for members or \$75 for non-members (which includes a complimentary year-long membership) for the 2015 Fellows Meeting. Two papers will be selected for the **Robert Spivey Excellence in Scholarship Awards** which include a prize of \$300 each. To be eligible for an award, completed papers must be submitted by July 1, 2015 and authors are required to attend the SVHE meeting to present their papers.