



# Society for Values in Higher Education

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### Executive Director's Corner

At its Winter Meeting, the Board of Directors approved several changes to the bylaws—specifically in those sections having to do with committees and the committee structure of the Society. These changes were made to align the bylaws with some of our practices. In addition, the Board believes that these changes will provide a framework for the future that will allow the Board and the committees to be more effective and efficient.

[Here is a link](#) to a copy of the current bylaws and proposed revisions. The Board encourages you to look these over, and email the office with any suggestions or concerns.

We do not believe that these changes are in any way substantive divergences from the mission and practices of the Society, but before voting on the new document the Board wanted to provide the membership with an opportunity to provide any feedback. Please provide any feedback by June 1, 2016.

Please share our Call for Papers and meeting information with colleagues. Registration will begin soon.

We'll see you in Ohio!

### Getting to Oberlin

Oberlin is approximately 30 miles west of Cleveland, OH and is accessible from I-80, I-480 and I-90. It is less than 30 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. All major airlines fly into Cleveland's airport which serves as a hub for Continental airlines. For those wishing to rent a car, it is an easy drive from the airport to campus. There is also a shuttle available that runs every 2 hours between the airport and campus. The round trip cost of the shuttle will be approximately \$30. More information about the shuttle will be included in the registration information.

Registration starting soon!

FM 2016

July 13-17

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

The Politics of Dissent:

Satire, Sarcasm, and Spite in Civil Society

## Fellows Meeting 2016



Sophia McClennen

Plenary Speaker  
Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 pm

Sophia 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.

Rebecca Schuman

Plenary Speaker  
Thursday, July 14, 7:00pm

Rebecca Schuman is a columnist for *Vitae*, where in her own words, she treats the “academic job market with the gravitas, authority and sobriety it deserves--by which I mean: none.” Her recurring column, *Market Crash Course*, provides a dose of real talk and gallows humor during the academic hiring cycle, a time where self-censorship, anxiety, and all-pervasive feelings of worthlessness can make even the most stable of us into unrecognizable monsters. She adjuncts five courses per year at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but considers herself a “post-academic” hellraiser, truth-teller, and all-purpose blabbermouth.

She is also a regular columnist for *Slate*, the author of *Kafka and Wittgenstein: The Case for an Analytic Modernism* (Northwestern University Press : 2015) and is currently finishing her first work of commercial non-fiction, a comic memoir.



## Fellows Meeting 2016

## Morning Group Seminars

## Academic Game Design

The Game Design Morning Seminar will conduct a game-writing workshop.

Contact David Stewart ([david.stewart@csulb.edu](mailto:david.stewart@csulb.edu)) or Amy Berger ([pangaia16@yahoo.com](mailto:pangaia16@yahoo.com)).

## 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](mailto:gsapp@stetson.edu)) for information.

## Theorizing Culture

This year the morning group seminar will be looking at satire and its relationship to broader cultural and political contexts. Readings will focus on Mikhail Bakhtin’s *Rabelais and His World* and Sophia McClennen and Remy Maisel’s *Is Satire Saving Our Nation? Mockery and American Politics*. Participants are encouraged to obtain both books. Additional readings may be made available as PDF files.

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

## The Timbre of 21st Century African Voices

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

Those novels are Niq Mhlongo’s *Dog Eat Dog* and his *After Tears* as well as Phaswane Mpe’s *Welcome To Our Hillbrow*. We end with the winner of the 2012 Nigeria Prize for Literature: Chika Unigwe’s poignant *On Black Sister Street*.

We will begin with *Dog Eat Dog*, led by Linda Susan Beard. Papers/presentations on the other works are invited. All books are available at Amazon.

Contact Linda Susan Beard ([lsbeard@gmail.com](mailto:lsbeard@gmail.com) or [lbeard@brynmawr.edu](mailto:lbeard@brynmawr.edu)) with questions.

## 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? What about public and private behavior? 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 and videos). Can you assume the role of a 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](mailto:Lynoreb@sbcglobal.net)) or call 650 380-8005.

## 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](mailto:mpapke@utk.edu)) with questions.

## 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](mailto:cochs@earthlink.net)) with questions.

# Morning Groups

## Pop Culture

The Popular Culture morning group-now in its second (third?) decade, works to bring a distinctly SVHE lens to popular culture-i.e., we are interested in looking at popular culture broadly understood with three questions in mind:

- 1) What values are communicated through popular culture?
- 2) What does popular culture tell us about society?
- 3) How can we use this knowledge?

We define popular culture quite broadly. Last year's sessions included discussions of anime, barbecue culture, and the identity of the hillbilly in mid-20th century media.

In the spirit of the theme, this year we want to look at the satire and dissent in popular culture. So far we have one presentation scheduled, on religious satire and satire of religion. Other presentations are earnestly (if satirically) welcomed.

**Please contact Dan Sack ([dansack1962@gmail.com](mailto:dansack1962@gmail.com)) with serious or wacky ideas.**

## \*\*New This Year\*\*

### Struggling for the Soul of America

Based on his recently-completed book of 10 essays entitled *STRUGGLING FOR THE SOUL OF OUR COUNTRY*. With titles such as "American Global Hegemony vs. the Quest for a New Humanity," "America's Forgotten Wars," "Why I Am a Christian Socialist," "Religionless Christianity in an Age of Spectacle," and "American

Dystopia: Cold War, the CIA and John F. Kennedy as Sacrificial Victim," this book explores what I consider to be the principal sources of the social and spiritual sickness that I think plagues the soul of America. Alienation, addiction and the "plague" of money are subjects the book addresses, as well as climate change and multinational capitalism. The book will be published by Wipf&Stock on June 1. There is a 20 percent discount for books ordered from the press.

This group is being led by Preston Browning, he is hoping for volunteers to take part in organizing or leading the discussion.

**Contact Preston Browning ([browning@wellspringhouse.net](mailto:browning@wellspringhouse.net)) with questions or to help.**

## Interest Groups

### 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.

Lynore Banchoff ([Lynoreb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lynoreb@sbcglobal.net))

### GodWrestling

This year GodWrestling 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?

Contact Carol Ochs ([cochs@earthlink.com](mailto:cochs@earthlink.com)) with questions or suggestions.

**The Womens Group and LGBTQ will also meet this summer**

## Auction

It's never too early to start thinking about the Auction! Over the past several years the Auction, held on Saturday night during the Annual Meeting, has become a social and financial highlight for the Society. Every year features a live auction of vacations generously donated by members. It can be a week or week-end in a vacation home or in your own home. The Auction is also where stewardship of The Rock changes hands for the year, let this be your year to share with our famous (infamous?) mascot. The good times and great bargains would not be possible without your generosity and the hard work of our Auction chairs. We need donors and buyers!

Contact new Auction chairs, Amy or Noel Lampazzi with questions or to contribute.

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## Fellows News

### Kay Turner

Kay is President-elect of the American Folklore Society, serving 2015-2018, She is at work on a new book reconsidering the witch figure in fairytale and contemporary art. See Kay Turner, "At Home in the Realm of Enchantment: Marvels and Tales 29/1(2015):42-63

### Louis Reith

In January 2013, Louis retired from his position as Rare Book Cataloger at Georgetown University after 27 1/2 years. He moved to Seward Nebraska to care for his mother who turned 100 last December. He is completing his 5th and 6th course in Czech at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is cataloging the rare book collection of Concordia University in Seward. In October of 2015, he presented a paper on the Golem of Prague as inspiration for the Superman comics at the 16th Century Studies conference in Vancouver, B.C. and in the summer of 2014 a paper in Plzeň, Czech Republic for SV, a Czech & Slovak cultural society. He also serves on the Board of Directors of SVU and the Embassy Series in Washington, D.C. where he continues to write program notes for embassy music concerts.

### Patricia Kendall

Pat is actively involved in many activities at her home in Dunwoody Village, PA. She served as the Chair of the Howard Turner Lecture Committee, as a member of the Entertainment Committee since 2005 and on the Editorial Board for "Inside Dunwoody" since 2005. She assumed the role of Executive Editor of "Inside Dunwoody" in 2016. A self-described Francophile, Pat visited France for two weeks in September. This was a homecoming of sorts for her as she had spent time there first as an undergraduate, later as a graduate student, and frequently since.

### Cynthia Magistro

Cynthia is now in full-time private practice as a clinical psychologist, having retired from higher education in December.

### Stephen Rowe

Stephen was co-chair of the Higher Education track of the June 2015 *Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization* at Pomona College.

*Send any news you'd like to share to [smcallister@svhe.org](mailto:smcallister@svhe.org) by April 15 for inclusion in the May newsletter*

## Society Projects

### Using Soundings in the Classroom

By Dorothy Hurlburt

I enjoyed reading articles from the October 2014 "Symposium on Peace, Islam, and Counter-Narratives" published last year in Soundings. The kinds of conversation fostered by this symposium are deeply needed. As my Composition II students were approaching their final exam last semester I decided to have them read two of the articles, "The Tradition on Jihad of the Sword, Counter-Narratives and Policy" by James Turner Johnson, and "Muslim Discourse about Jihad and the Counter-Narratives Project" by John Kelsay. The assignment for their Final was to write a "synthesis essay" comparing and contrasting the two articles. I thought my students did quite well on their essays, and that their efforts reflected a genuine desire to better understand Muslim faith, culture, and history, and to transcend stereotypes and polarizing rhetoric. It made me want to continue to look for ways to engage students in the kinds of conversations that lead to the greater understanding that can then lead to peace.

Here is a recent quote from one of our world's crusaders for peace. Maybe next time I will include it somewhere in my syllabus. "Peace is the opposite of dreaming. It's built slowly and surely through brutal compromises and tiny victories that you don't even see. It's a messy business, bringing peace into the world. But it can be done, I'm sure of that." (Bono, following the Paris attacks, Rolling Stone Magazine)

### Experience with a Mary Jo Small Fellowship

By Melanie Howard

Before being nominated for a Mary Jo Small Fellowship in 2013, I had never heard of the Society for Values in Higher Education. After briefly looking at SVHE's website (an act that has become the measure of legitimacy by this Millennial's standards!), I decided that a free trip over the summer sounded like a fun break. Furthermore, as a graduate student, I was grateful to gain an extra line for my CV, but I had no intention of returning after that first year.

Against my initial intentions, however, I got hooked. During that first year at the Fellows Meeting, I was asked if I would return the following year to speak in a morning group. So, I agreed to give the SVHE another year. After that, the good folks at SVHE continued to prove that they valued me, and I was asked if I would consider running for the SVHE's Board of Directors.

These days, the SVHE has become a regular part of my life. As a young academic, I have been grateful for the networking and mentoring opportunities with which SVHE has provided me. I have found that the Annual Meeting every summer offers me a chance to make new connections, think about important issues that stretch me beyond my disciplinary boundaries, and provide me with hope for the future of academia. I remain very grateful for that first Mary Jo Small Fellowship that introduced me to the SVHE, and I hope that the Fellowship will continue to attract and retain more young scholars who will continue to uphold the Society's legacy.

*The Fellowships were established in memory of long-time Fellow Mary Jo Small in recognition of her contributions to the Society for Values in Higher Education. Many of the MJS Fellows have gone on to become active members of the Society. In an effort to offer our former MJS Fellows funding to return to the Annual Meeting and re-engage with the Society, the Board invites donations that can be used to support these young scholars. Contact Sandy ([smcallister@svhe.org](mailto:smcallister@svhe.org)) for more information or to contribute.*

## In memory

Jeanne Carlson

1934 - 2015

Jeanne Carlson passed away unexpectedly at the age of 81 on October 11, 2015 in Somers Point, NJ. Born in Jersey City, NJ in 1934, she attended West Orange High School '52, and continued her education at Dickinson College, majoring in Political Science and Psychology '56 as well as earning a Masters degree in Guidance and Student Administration from the Teachers College of Columbia University '58. She completed her education at Nova Southeastern University '93 with a Doctorate in education. She spent a majority of her career as a psychology and gifted and talented teacher in addition to working as a guidance counselor for Mainland Regional High School, followed by working for the NJ department of Education, and professor for Temple and Stockton University.

Jeanne was elected to the Society in 1997.

Her full obituary can be found [here](#).

Richard C. Gilman

July 28, 1923 - January 15, 2016

Richard C. Gilman, the longest-serving president in Occidental College history, has died. He was 92. During his tenure, the Eagle Rock school's endowment grew from \$11 million to \$130 million. The number of full-time faculty members also increased and several new buildings were completed, including a theater and residence hall. Athletic facilities were expanded when the college became a practice facility for athletes competing in the 1984 Olympics.

"The evidence of Dick's lifelong devotion to Occidental College is evident nearly everywhere one turns on the campus," said Jonathan Veitch, Occidental's current president.

Gilman was born on July 28, 1923, in Cambridge, Mass. He attended Dartmouth College and was a Navy officer during World War II, serving aboard the Shangri-La in the Pacific.

Gilman entered the Society as a Kent Fellow in 1948 and served as its Executive Director from 1956-1960 when it was the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

More of his obituary can be found [here](#).

***Thanks to all for your contributions to SVHE in 2015!***

Cynthia Amerman <i>in honor of David Jones</i>	Edward Long, Jr
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Terri LeClerq	

Thanks to all for your generous financial donations to the Society. Your contributions allow us to continue our valuable programs including SWCT and Reading for the Common Good. Thanks to all who contribute their time and energy by serving on the Board, as MG or interest group leaders at the FM, as volunteers to make sure the annual meeting and other projects are successful. Thanks to all of you, the Society has remained strong for 92 years and has at least another 92 to look forward to!