



CALL FOR PAPERS

IMAGINATION AND COMPASSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

DREW UNIVERSITY, MADISON, NJ

AUGUST 1-5, 2012

Imagination and compassion are necessary, even obligatory, tools to prepare the next generations to survive and to thrive in a time we may not know, understand, or live to see. Yet, in education today, imagination seems to be, at best, an extracurricular concern while compassion is only the haphazard consequence of the standard curriculum.

At its 2012 annual meeting, the Society for Values in Higher Education will investigate the role of imagination and compassion in the ways we understand human realities in order to revitalize their role in higher education.

- ⦿ **What is compassion and/or imagination? Do they belong in Higher Education?**
- ⦿ **How has recent scientific research informed our understanding of human nature?**
- ⦿ **How do we define or enact human connection and embody compassion in today's world of quantifiable standards and rule-driven behavior?**
- ⦿ **What role should imagination and compassion play in our democracy?**
- ⦿ **How can interdisciplinary work foster imagination and compassion?**

Participants selected for presentation will receive free registration to the SVHE summer meeting – a \$215 value. Two papers will be selected for special recognition and awarded \$300. You must be present at the SVHE summer meeting (August 1-5, 2012 Drew University) to be considered for the award.

Deadline for submission is April 15, 2012. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words. Submit proposals to Eric Bain-Selbo, Department Head, Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University (bain-selbo@svhe.org). Proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted. Review will continue until all available slots are filled. For more detailed information visit our website www.svhe.org, and click on Call for Papers 2012.