

## **SVHE Board Candidates**

### **Edward Carson, History Department, Brooks School**

In 2017, I joined and attended the SVHE conference. I was highly appreciative of the reception I received from current members. Hence, as I look for a conference home, one that I can attend annually, I feel my depth and point of view will greatly add to the cultural narratives currently debated in education, especially when it comes to class and race. This, as a noted point, was addressed at the Boston conference, but often from the point of view of insiders of dominant culture – not from outsiders – such as myself. It is my aim to model and address social justice matters to colleagues, and what to do about the contentious realities plaguing American pluralism in education. As a board member, I am very confident in my ability to offer a lens aimed at promulgating topics centered along W.E.B. Du Bois's color line narrative, and how we address that for what he described as the problem. Such notions are critical in the circle of dialogue, as people of color and LGBTQ folk continue to feel marginalized, while their voices are excluded from the cannon of thought and debate. It is imperative to create space for this at SVHE, and thus I feel this would be a major task of my tenure.

I am an independent historian and residential faculty member in the history department at the Brooks School, a boarding school 20 minutes north of Boston. I primarily teach courses in European history, United States history, and two seminar courses titled African American Studies and American Jesus. My love for teaching and learning led me to publish a text for students and teachers, through Norton Publisher, on *Historical Thinking Skills in History*. My current research looks at race, religion, and African-American thought, particularly that of W.E.B. Du Bois. My working manuscript, *W.E.B. Du Bois's Editorial Influence on Western Negro Migration*, explores Du Bois's editorial influence on Black migration. I am working on a paper entitled, *W.E.B. Du Bois: A Reluctant Communist*, to be published in a special peer-reviewed journal issue of *Socialism and Democracy*, edited by historians Gerald Horne, Phillip Luke Sinitiere, and myself.

### **Eric Ecklund**

#### **Associate Professor of Management, Saint Francis University**

In 2014, while working on completing my dissertation, I was approached by my colleague, Art Remillard, with an invitation to attend the SVHE week of work at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. My initial hesitation to do anything other than write, revise, and re-write (ad nauseam) was eventually overcome by Art's enthusiastic description of the Society, its members, and the special experience that is the week of work. Within hours of arriving at the University of St. Thomas, it became apparent to me that he had, if anything, grossly undersold the Society.

Since 2014 I've been privileged to attend two additional meetings and become a life member of the Society. As I make plans to attend the 2018 gathering, I'm honored to submit my name for consideration by the members for election to the SVHE board.

We are all well aware there are plentiful changes and challenges confronting higher education, and, more broadly, society as a whole. I believe organizations like SVHE have the opportunity to play a vital role in helping to chart a course through the sea change in which we find ourselves. However, our ability to play that role requires that we develop and execute effective strategies for growing the Society while simultaneously maintaining our unique and cherished core identity. I, as an individual, make no claims that I know how to accomplish these multifaceted objectives, but I am convinced that, as a body, the SVHE has the talent and treasures to take us in the right direction. My candidacy for election to the board is an expression of my desire to take a more active role in that journey

### **Julie Phillips, MD, MPH**

Julie Phillips, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Phillips has been a member of the SVHE Board of Directors since 2014. During that time, she has served as the Secretary and as an editor and author for the Forum, SVHE's online journal. She has also collaborated on several special projects.

Dr. Phillips grew up in Westland, Michigan, and graduated from Albion College. She received her medical degree and a Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan, and completed her residency training in Family Medicine at the same institution in 2007. She serves the College as the Assistant Dean for Student Career and Professional Development. Dr. Phillips' professional interests include medical student professional development, social mission-driven medical education, and development of the primary care physician workforce. She is also a teaching faculty member of the MSU-Sparrow Family Medicine Residency Program in Lansing, where she practices full-spectrum Family Medicine, leads the Community Medicine curriculum, and serves as the program's Research Director. She is also a regular collaborator with the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care, and a national expert on the impact of educational debt on medical students' career choices and professional development. She loves mentoring and teaching medical students and residents. When she is not working, Dr. Phillips enjoys parenting, reading and writing poetry, biking, knitting, swimming, cooking, participating in her local church, and spending time with her family and friends.

### **Art Small**

It is an honor to put forward my candidacy for the SVHE Board. I have been associated with the Society for decades, first as an SVHE "brat", then later as a Fellow in my own right. My past service to the Society includes founding and, together with Jerry Berberet, co-convening the Morning Group "Environmental Values in Higher Education." I once organized the teen group. (I would not say I "led" the group. SVHE brats are a strong-willed and independent lot.) I have also had the pleasure to offer brief remarks to incoming cohorts of Mary Jo Small Fellows. The connections, conversations, ideas, and friendships I have found at SVHE have become among the most enduringly enriching of my life.

Professionally, I have worked for many years in academe, including positions as Assistant Professor at Columbia and Associate Professor at Penn State. More recently I have worked as a commercial data scientist. I'm currently taking some time off for a writing project.

More CV-ish details can be found on my profile on LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/arthursmall](https://www.linkedin.com/in/arthursmall).

While its engagement with issues of values remains evergreen, SVHE has evolved over time. In recent years, the organization appears to me to have achieved a relatively stable equilibrium as a meeting place for a deeply interesting, diverse, thoughtful community. It nourishes the souls of its members, while catalyzing intellectual and mission-oriented projects among its Fellows. I would be comfortable continuing on this path. At the same time, I would, as a Board member, be keen to listen closely to Fellows who offer ideas about how this unique organization might be improved. I look forward to continuing our conversation.