

Society for Values in Higher Education

Views and Values

Executive Director's Corner



Over the last several years, one of the objectives of the Society has been to find ways that we can work or partner with other organizations and institutions. In short, we've sought to leverage our intellectual work and resources to share our mission and values with wider and more diverse audiences.

One very successful effort has been our Summer Workshop for College Teachers in China. For many summers, a team of SVHE members and friends have traveled through China—implementing powerful pedagogical workshops that challenge college teachers and make valuable connections with Chinese colleagues.

Another long-standing effort has been the Society's sponsored seminar at the Association of American Colleges & Universities annual meeting. These seminar sessions have engaged some of the most critical issues facing higher education, providing valuable opportunities for academics to share concerns, raise important questions, and engage in conversation with one another.

The Society also has benefitted greatly from relationships with universities that have hosted the SVHE office and/or the Soundings office. For example, our journal called the University of Tennessee home for many years—and UT provided significant support to its operations as well as special symposia. This also is true of its current home at Western Kentucky University. More recently, the Society received grant funding from Indiana University to host a symposium on populism in 2018 at Indiana University Kokomo. All of these symposia made important intellectual contributions, resulting in special issues of the journal.

Another joint initiative with Indiana University is our new A Theory of Public Higher Education project. A team of six scholars and teachers, funded by IU and SVHE, is spending the next year and a half thinking through the creation of a university “from scratch.” Given the various crises surrounding higher education, this project is timely and important. It also is another project that will result in a special issue of Soundings.

Our newest partnership is with the North American Association for Philosophy and Education. This recently-created organization has many overlapping values with SVHE. This year we will be sponsoring a social at the annual NAAPE meeting, providing the Society with an opportunity to share information about our organization with a new constituency.

In all these ways, the Society is advancing its mission and values through fruitful relationships and partnerships—making important contributions to our intellectual life and expanding our knowledge

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Thoughts from the Fellows' Meeting

Melanie Howard and Amy Berger, co-conveners of the "Modes of Teaching" Morning Group, could not have been more prepared or better, making for a truly meaningful "week of work."

It was a great meeting and our group (Celebrating the Search Third Age of Life) has unanimously voted to run again and that each of them will be in the group again.

A very definite highlight of the meeting was Bennett Bean's presentation and I will be thinking about that for many months to come.

This was the most fun I've had at a conference in 15 years! The depth of the inter-disciplinary nature, the thoughtfulness of the participants, and the overall feeling of goodwill in the spirit of making institutions of higher learning better places was really something special!

I thought that the breadth of experience and the intellectual level of the reflection was outstanding.

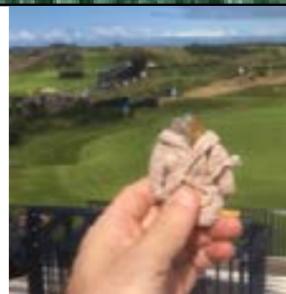


The Society Kids program had another successful year with their usual mix of fun and educational experiences. They visited the Museum of Science and Industry, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Navy Pier, and the Skydeck at the Willis Tower. They even had time for the beach and ice cream on Sunday morning. Thanks to everyone for sharing your kids with us and all who helped make the Children's program a success!

Video Project

Thanks to the efforts of Art Small and Judy Meschel, the Society has video interviews of some of our long term members. Throughout the meeting in July, Judy and Art were able to interview 20 SVHE members, collecting their memories, stories about the history of SVHE and their lives. The videos will become part of our archives housed at Western Kentucky University. Thanks to all who participated!

In addition to the video project, we hope to collect written memories of the Society. Please submit anything you would like to contribute to Sandy by email or snail mail.



And the Rock went home with...

Eric and Laura Bain-Selbo! Immediately following the FM the Rock accompanied them to Northern Ireland to attend the British Open.

Pottery Lottery Winner!

This year marked our 15th Pottery Lottery. Huge thanks go to Bennett Bean for donating the Bean Pot and for his continued support of this very important SVHE fundraiser. Thanks also go to Cathy Bao Bean, who fires up our ticket sellers! This year we had a small but mighty group! They sold over \$1300 in lottery tickets! The lucky winner was Nancy Cunningham. Bennett is a renowned sculptor/ceramicist whose work is in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the White House, among many others. Learn more about his work [here](#)



Spivey Award Winners

Since 2010, we have been recognizing two outstanding submissions to our Call for Papers. In 2016, the Award was named the Robert Spivey Award for Excellence in Scholarship to honor our former SVHE President and long-time Board member. The award comes with a \$300 cash prize. This year the award was won by Stephen Baker and Jessica Cammarata, from St. Francis University, for the presentation on *Humanities in Medicine: A Modern General Education Approach to Future Healthcare Practitioners*. The second award went to James Taylor Carson of Griffith University in Australia for *Competencies over Credentials: Why the Liberal Arts are the Ideal Proving Ground for the Modern Precariat*.

Thanks to all who helped make our meeting at the Loyola University Chicago a success!

Our annual meetings would not be possible without the many people who generously contribute their time and talents as well as those who contribute items for the auction, money for the travel fund and through purchasing those one of a kind items that can only be found at the SVHE auction! A special thank you to the following for their willingness to serve in a variety of ways.

Judy Meschel	Melanie Howard	Amy Berger
David Stewart	Eric Ecklund	Emma McTague
Mary Papke	John McAllister	Julie Phillips
Cathy Bao Bean	Reade Dornan	Amy Lampazzi
Bennett Bean	Fiona Tolhurst	Carol Ochs
Lynore Banchoff	Ryan Korstange	Diane Dobernek
Allen Dunn	Julie Phillips	Eric Ecklund
Howard Carter	Trudy Cunningham	Kent Tonkin
Nancy Corson Carter	Ellen Cunningham	Ivan Ivanova
Laura Bain-Selbo	Elizabeth Phillips	Paul Swiift

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David Stewart	President	2022
Fiona Tolhurst	Vice President	2020
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Melanie Howard	Secretary	2020
Andy Sfekas		2020
Edward Carson		2020
Eric Ecklund		2021
Art Small		2021
Julie Phillips		2021
Dorothy Hurlburt		2022
Judy Meschel		2022
Joel Cunningham		2022
Terry Shoemaker		2022
Cathy Bao Bean	Chair	
Bob Spivey	ex-officio	
Eric Bain-Selbo	Executive Director	
Sandy McAllister	Associate Director	

Thanks to Stephen Baker and John Wilsey for their service to the Board and the Society. Special thanks to Allen Dunn for serving as Board President for two terms.

We will be electing four new Board members in the Spring, please let Eric or Sandy know if there is anyone you would like to nominate.

Board Elections

At the winter Board meeting in January, new officers were elected by the Board. We welcomed David Stewart as President, Ryan Korstange as Treasurer, and Melly Howard as Secretary at the Town Hall meeting in Chicago.

Regular Board elections were held in the spring. Congratulations to incoming Board members. Judy Meschel and Dorothy Hurlburt were re-elected to serve a second term and Terry Shoemaker and Joel Cunningham (returning to the Board after an absence) were both elected to their first.

Name Change

Several round table discussions were held at the Fellow’s Meeting in Chicago to solicit feedback from members regarding a proposed name change for the Society. The proposal came out of Board discussion regarding the difficulty promoting the Society to others and the concern that there may be a disconnect between our name and our current activities. Members expressed a general disappointment at the changing connotations of the the word “values” but acknowledged the difficulty it presents in marketing efforts that are so vital to the sustainability of the Society. However, none of the suggested names were met with overwhelming enthusiasm. It is likely that more suggestions will come out of the work of the Strategic Planning Committee.

More regarding the name change and other Society business can be found in the [Town Hall meeting minutes](#).

Strategic Planning Committee

At our final Board meeting on Sunday in Chicago, the Board gave the approval for the formation of a committee to be chaired by Fiona Tolhurst to begin a process of strategic planning. As we look towards celebrating our 100th year in 2023, we hope to lay groundwork to preserve and grow our human and financial resources. For the SVHE to remain vibrant into its second century, we must look at our current practices and investigate new opportunities for growth. In addition to Fiona, the committee includes Joel Cunningham, Art Small, and Andy Sfekas.

Reading for the Common Good

After six years, our Reading for the Common Good program is going strong. We have five groups this year reading books related to the theme of our 2020 FM - Reimagining Higher Education: The Future(s) of American Colleges and Universities. The books are *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream* by Sara Goldrick-Rab, *Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy*, by Tressie McMillan Cottom.

Any SVHE Fellow can lead a group, just gather a group of 8-12 colleagues, committed to reading and discussing the book monthly. SVHE provides the books free of charge. Book choices for the Spring will be announced soon.

Forum

The Forum for Values in Higher Education is an online monthly publication of the Society for Values in Higher Education. This is a peer-reviewed publication that provides a public venue for the discussion of value issues that impact higher education in the United States.

All SVHE Fellows are encouraged to contribute and comment. Forum is still building its author list and readership. We especially encourage junior faculty to submit.

For more information, or to submit an article for consideration, please contact us at forum@svhe.org.

To follow the Forum, click [here](#).

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A Theory of Public Higher Education

Calls for the radical transformation of higher education are mounting from several sectors – both within and outside of the system. Various stakeholders are asking questions which have the chance to radically reform the identity and construction of post-secondary education in America. This project aims to center some of those discussions around the rich thinking about higher education that is a staple of the SVHE.

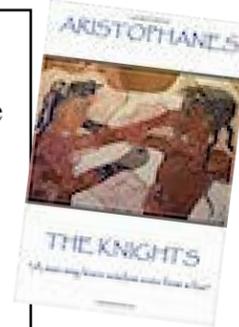
At this year's FM, a newly commissioned group of researchers met to begin to unpack the problems and move towards a new theory of public higher education. The research group, commissioned and funded by the Society for Values in Higher Education with substantial funding from Indiana University, is made up of scholars of varied backgrounds and disciplinary specialties. The research project is led by Eric Bain-Selbo (Indiana University – Kokomo) and Ryan Korstange (Middle Tennessee State University), both SVHE members, who are joined by Susan Blum (Notre Dame), Tom Nelson Laird (Indiana University – Bloomington), Kate Pantelides (Middle Tennessee State University), Oscar Fernandez (Wellesley College), and Mays Imad (Pima Community College). The goal for the two-year project is deceptively simple: to develop a thorough - if idealized - plan for the future of public higher education in America. Our work started with a guided discussion at the Wednesday evening plenary session, where attendees provided us with valuable context about their perceptions of the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of American public higher education as current.

While in Chicago, the group discussed some fundamental questions. What is learning, and how is it measured? What is public about American public higher education? What is higher about American public higher education? What is educational about American public higher education? The group established a framework of interesting ideas that they will pursue further and prototype in more detail.

The team met at Indiana University – Bloomington at the end of September to attend a symposium on Indiana University's future. There, they received feedback on their beginning points and interacted with other scholars thinking about the next iterations of public higher education. Their work will culminate at the 2020 SVHE Fellows meeting, where they will present their vision for the future of public higher education in America at two plenary sessions.



Carl Anderson has co-authored a commentary on Aristophanes' *Knights*, due out in May 2020 from the University of Michigan press. The book can be pre-ordered from Amazon [here](#).



Judy Saltzman-Saveker published an essay last year "Desire Nothing: Nirvana is Nowhere." It was read at the East-West Center in Hawaii in 2019. The journal is *International Communication of Chinese Culture*. She was invited to Jinan, China last year to discuss Buddhist Education. It was a very interesting conference called World Education Day.

John Raby

On Sunday, Susumu Ikeda, US correspondent for the Japanese newspaper Shimbun AKAHATA, spent two hours interviewing me about the progress of the peace movement in New Hampshire. As you know, presidential candidates have been criss-crossing the state in preparation for its primary in February. As a member of the Nuclear Weapons Working Group of New Hampshire, which is an offshoot of New Hampshire Peace Action and the New Hampshire chapter of the American Friends Service Committee, I've been going to their events in an effort to ask them questions about the current state of the arms race. I've talked with fifteen of the seventeen candidates I've seen so far, though only one, Tulsi Gabbard, has commented to any substantial extent about the current risks involved in the nuclear arms race. For those of us in the peace movement, it's odd, since 84 percent of New Hampshire's voters in a university of New Hampshire survey conducted earlier this year want presidential candidates to discuss the arms race. Their prevailing reluctance to do so until now leaves us wondering if they're running scared of a military-industrial complex that has become the country's master instead of its servant.



Christina Romero-Ivanova and colleagues, Tara Kingsley and Lance Mason, recently had an article titled "Three Conceptions of Literacy : Media, Narrative, and Gaming Literacies" published in the *Oxford Bibliographies in Education* (Ed. Anne Hynds. New York:Oxford University Press)

She also became an Indiana University Mosaic Fellow this year.

Dues/Annual Fund

It's that time of year again!
 Dues and Annual Fund letters will be in the mail soon! New this year, you can sign up for auto-pay online! You'll never have to worry about forgetting to pay your dues again! Sign up [here](#)! You can also set up a recurring contribution to the Annual Fund! SVHE depends on your dues and Annual Fund contributions to continue its good work!

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MJS Scholar and new SVHE Board member, **Terry Shoemaker**, will give a public lecture at our home base, Western Kentucky University, entitled "Running the Prophetic Point: Basketball, Black Lives Matter, and Prophetic Imagination." The lecture is sponsored by the WKU Department of Philosophy and Religion.

By lucky happenstance, **Howard and Nancy Corson Carter**, both long time Fellows of SVHE, have books coming out simultaneously.



Nancy's latest is *A Green Bough: Poems for Renewal* (2019), and is available through orders@wipfandstock.com & soon through Amazon, Ingram, and Kindle.

Nancy says:

"I write of ladybugs, triggerfish, and magpies, of holy moments in such places as Iona, Scotland, the Rockies, St. Petersburg, Florida, and my own households. I consider the loss of Miss Waldron's Red Colobus, a warning from Inuit goddess Sedna, and war's tragedy in Iraq.



My work has roots nourished by growing up with a farming and gardening family in the Susquehanna Valley of Pennsylvania, teaching and learning with my students and colleagues at Eckerd College, being a member of the Shalem Society for Contemplative Leadership, and participating in Presbyterians for Earth Care and other eco-justice ministries. I enjoy the lively companionship of writing friends in the Society for Values in Higher Education.



My poetic quest is to hold in tension the opposites of a celebration of the natural world and, in a time of great destruction, a call for its repair. I intend to evoke a saving love for the bodymindspirit of this amazing planet that is our home."

AUTHOR BIO

Nancy Corson Carter, Professor Emerita of Humanities at Eckerd College, has published two poetry books, Dragon Poems and The Sourdough Dream Kit and three poetry chapbooks. Her poems, drawings, and photos appear in her non-fiction book, Martha, Mary, and Jesus: Weaving Action and Contemplation in Daily Life (soon to be reprinted) and in her recent memoir, The Never-Quite-Ending War: a WWII GI Daughter's Stories. She and her husband Howard live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Howard's, *In Peril: All People, All Life, Our Earth; In Prospect: Better Healthcare & Medicine* (UC Medical Humanities Press, 2019) has also just come out and is available from <http://ucmedicalhumanitiespress.com> for \$29.95.

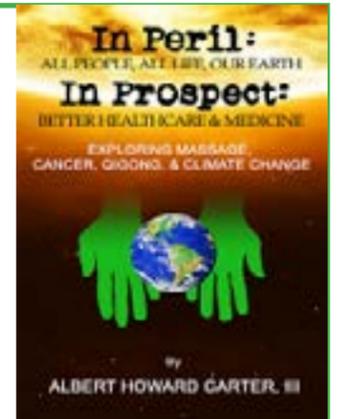
Drawing on Montaigne's methods, Howard Carter combines memoir, speculative interpretation, and research to explore illness and health, both for humans and for the entire earth, now threatened by Climate Change.

He describes his own cancer and treatment, also his training in massage and Qigong, an ancient Chinese healing art. Further trained in hospital massage, he provides massage and Qigong for cancer patients and their families. Drawing on modern physics, he finds that matter, energy, and mind are all factors in sickness and health.

Developments in Integrative Medicine, Medical Humanities, and Health Humanities all help to widen the medical gaze. While Climate Change threatens the health of land, sea, and air, modern biology, physics, ecology, and religion all suggest changes we can make locally and globally.

AUTHOR BIO

Carter is adjunct professor, Social Medicine, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and faculty affiliate, Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine, Duke University & School of Medicine. His previous books include First Cut: A Season in the Human Anatomy Lab; Our Human Hearts: A Medical and Cultural Journey; Rising from the Flames: the Experience of the Severely Burned; and Clowns and Jokers can Heal Us: Comedy and Medicine.



In Memory

**Ruel Willoughby Tyson Jr.
 1930 - 2019**

Ruel Willoughby Tyson Jr., distinguished Professor of Religious Studies and Founding Director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died at home Thursday evening, May 30, surrounded by his family, close friends, and loving caretakers.

Ruel, the only child of Annie Bert Gupton Tyson and Ruel Willoughby Tyson Sr., long-serving Sheriff of Pitt County, North Carolina, was born on December 2, 1930 in Winterville Township.

At the age of six, Ruel was diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever and was prescribed strict bedrest, the only known treatment in that pre-penicillin era. Such confinement was understandably tortuous for a farm boy used to unrestricted roaming of fields and barns and splashing in the tributaries of Contentnea Creek. Books proved to be Ruel's escape. Read to first by family or caretakers, and later reading on his own, he developed an abiding love for the written word that would shape his personal and professional life. From this early experience Ruel learned a lesson he would teach many times: the blossom of triumph is often firmly rooted in the soil of adversity.

Ruel joined the Society as a Danforth Fellow. He was chosen as a Danforth Fellow in 1953. The rest of his obituary can be found [here](#).

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