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Call for Registration

Association for Moral Education 43rd Annual Conference

Evolving Ethics, Moral Education, and the Struggle for Democracy

2 - 4 November 2017

St. Louis, MO, USA



To register for the 43rd Annual Conference, please visit:
<https://ame2017.wordpress.com/>

Early Bird Registration until 22nd September 2017

All presenters must register before 13th October 2017

Please consult the Conference [website](#) for updates and further information.

AME 2017 Conference Co-Chairs

Wolfgang Althof, University of Missouri - St. Louis
Stephen Sherblom, Lindenwood University

Message from the President

Kaye Cook

From where I sit, looking out over a beautiful beach in sunny weather, it is hard to imagine the contemporary moral challenges that face our world. Yet, there are thorny challenges—on personal, communal, and societal levels—concerning issues of truth, honesty, fairness, social justice, and respect for the dignity and worth of all human beings. It is with these challenges in the air that we will come together to consider *Evolving Ethics, Moral Education, and the Struggle for Democracy*, the umbrella topic of our 43rd Annual Conference in St. Louis in November. I look forward to seeing you there.



As we make our final preparations for this important and timely conference, I want to thank Wolfgang Althof and Steve Sherblom and their conference committee members for their work in putting the program together. The plenaries and scheduled workshops frame major issues in the field of moral education, with presentations that run the gamut of theory and practice. Highlights include immigrant issues, race in contemporary culture (including near-by Ferguson MO), national testing, human trafficking, and civil rights in various contexts (e.g., Colombia, the Amazon rain forest). Also, there is an unusual number of preconference workshops covering diverse topics. I hope you'll consider attending one.

I noted at our last conference in Cambridge that we would be updating our website. I am pleased to report that we have moved our website from GoDaddy to Squarespace, addressed fundraising and membership issues, and added new volunteers to our board. I hope that you have had a chance to check out the new website at the same URL address: amenetwork.org. This configuration is much more dynamic and compelling, and will hopefully better serve our needs.

Ours is a totally volunteer board. Recognizing that I am leaving off important people, I nevertheless want to highlight the names of those who are most relevant to you: Matthew Hayden (nominations and elections coordinator), Eric Marx (webmaster/social media coordinator), and Jason Stephens (Forum Editor). If you have suggestions or concerns, or would like to submit an op-ed, something to the Forum, or a nomination for the board, please contact one of us.

As our membership grows, these volunteers and others take on additional and more demanding tasks. I appreciate their work and thank everyone who is willing to serve on the Executive Board and to host conferences. You too, even if you are not on the board,

can help. One thing—that everyone can do—is to be sure that your online information is correct when emails from the AME webmaster come your way. Another way might be by considering whether you might host a conference.

This has been a busy year of planning and transition, on-line and in the issues that consume us. We are not a young organization any more. Next year will be our 30th year since incorporation (but 44th conference)—and we look forward to celebrating in Barcelona! But in the meantime, see you in St. Louis!

Message from the Secretary

Dan Fleming

AME is a genuinely international organisation, reflected in the very composition of our Board. As Kaye Cook, our President, writes looking over a sunny, summery beach, I do so hiding inside, away from the Australian winter (I know, I know, it's never really winter in Australia...). From where I sit organizationally it is all-hands-on-deck in preparing for

our conference in St. Louis later this year. Soon reports will be coming in from our Board members, and I would encourage you to come along to our Community Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 5:00-6:30pm for an update on those matters which concern the whole AME group.

As Kaye has mentioned, our website migration is now complete, and in the background there has been some great work happening to ensure the Association's ongoing good functioning. Of particular note has been John Snarey's work in archiving the AME's documents, Phyllis Curtis-Tweed's ongoing and excellent work as Treasurer, as well as strategic thinking that is happening in the areas of membership and fundraising.

Of practical concern for all: As you get your registrations in for St. Louis, please make sure that you fill out all of the required fields accurately – these are necessary both for your membership of the AME, and also for the generous, complimentary, subscription to the Journal of Moral Education that comes with that membership.

I will look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!



Message from the Elections Chair

Matthew Hayden



The Association for Moral Education conducted its annual election for its Executive Board earlier this year. There were seven candidates running for four positions and those elected will each serve a three-year term from 2018 to 2021. Nominations were solicited at the 42nd Association for Moral Education Conference in Boston, USA. Nine nominees were identified and invited to stand for election, and seven accepted. These seven candidates were asked to submit briefbiographical statements to introduce themselves to AME members and to outline their goals for the association should they be elected to serve on the board.

A link to the online voting site was sent to 609 AME members in early April, 2017. Multiple reminders were sent over the next 5 weeks and balloting closed in mid-May. Of the eligible voting members, 258 initiated ballots and 185 completed and submitted their ballots for a total response rate of 30.3%.

As in previous years, the Hare voting system was used to determine the new board members from the ballots. In this system, voters rank order the candidates (i.e., their top four candidates). The system is designed to simulate a situation in which a new election is held after the candidate with the fewest number of first-choice votes is eliminated. This procedure successively eliminates candidates until four candidates received a majority of the redistributed votes.

I am pleased to report, in alphabetical order, the election of the following candidates to the AME Executive Board for a 3-year term (2018-2021) are: **Silvia Diazgranados, Brandy Quinn, Winston Thompson, and Wiel Veugelers.**

We are grateful to all of the candidates who stood for election and we are pleased to see that so many are willing to serve the association. All members interested in becoming more involved in AME are encouraged to contact a board member and inquire about opportunities and to become a candidate for the next annual election.

Congratulations to Silvia, Brandy, Winston, and Wiel, and we look forward to the contributions they will make to AME in the years ahead.

Invitation to Attend the 43rd Annual Conference

Wolfgang Althof and Steve Sherblom, Conference Co-chairs

Dear AME Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to host AME's 43rd Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Our theme for this year's conference, ***Evolving Ethics, Moral Education, and the Struggle for Democracy***, was not chosen blindly. The conference organizers see as their job to not only inform our understanding about these issues, but to also push each other to take action—to meet the moral challenges of our day, both locally and globally. With presenters from 27 different countries and five continents currently on the program, we can't help but think on a global scale! We invite all of you, then, to enjoy the conference, but to also return home ready to put what you have learned to good use.

Talking numbers, we can report that AME and the Journal of Moral Education trustees have awarded 30 travel grants for graduate students and young scholars, between \$500 and \$1,000 each, totaling about \$22,000. An update of the conference program has been posted recently on the conference website. You can look forward to about 80 plenaries, symposia and paper sessions, SIG meetings and events for young scholars and new members, totaling about 210 presentations, as well as two poster sessions with combined 53 posters, accumulating to 360+ presentations. On Wednesday, November 1st, you can choose between six pre-conference workshops and a guided tour to St. Louis area "National Schools of Character".

As announced, the Kohlberg Memorial Lecture will be delivered by **Frans de Waal**, a Dutch/American ethologist and biologist known for his work on the behavior and social intelligence of primates. Dr. de Waal is C. H. Candler Professor in the Psychology Department of Emory University and Director of the Living Links Center at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center, in Atlanta, Georgia. A second keynoter will be **Kira Hudson Banks**. Dr. Banks is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Saint Louis University with a research focus on race, racial identity, the effects of discrimination on mental health, and intergroup relations.

We hope you will also find some time to enjoy St. Louis! It is sometimes joked that "St. Louis is a drinking town with a baseball problem." And indeed, in many circles, St. Louis is perhaps best known for being the headquarters of a major beer producer and a city of countless, die-hard Cardinal baseball fans. But, St. Louis is also a community rich in history and innovation. Whether your intellectual or cultural pursuits lead you to explore the early pioneers of the West or aeronautical trailblazers, blues and jazz or the visual and theatrical arts, the ancient ruins of an Indigenous community or the modern splendor of the

Gateway Arch, St. Louis and the surrounding region has historically been and continues to be a hub of cultural treasures.

The conference site, the **Chase Park Plaza**, blends historic elegance with contemporary urban style. This upscale hotel is located in a neighborhood called the Central West End. The bustling and fashionable CWE is full of charming sidewalk cafes, galleries, antique shops, restaurants, boutiques and pubs. It's a little European, a little New York and totally St. Louis! And beautiful Forest Park, larger than Central Park in New York and boasting with major museums and event sites, begins right across the street!

We are looking forward to meeting many of you in **St. Louis, November 1-4, 2017**. For further information and registration, please visit: <http://ame2017.net>

Call for Nominations

Society for Research on Adolescence

The SRA is searching for an organization to be given the ***SRA Organizational Award for Excellence in Research and Programming for Youth***. The award honors an organization that has contributed significantly to enhancing scientific research and application of that research to promote the development of young people from diverse backgrounds and in diverse settings. It is awarded in recognition that organizations play a vital role in advancing science and science-based programs and policies that serve young people. Foundations, university-based centers that focus on research and policies relevant to youth, and youth-serving community organizations, among others, are eligible for this award.

Nomination requirements:

- Primary nominator is a current SRA member
- Nominee's name and website, and the name, address, email, and phone number of the primary contact person for the award.
- Name, address, email, and phone number of person nominating the potential recipient
- A 2 to 3-page letter detailing why the nominated organization deserves this honor, referring to the specific criteria detailed in the award description
- One or two supporting documents that exemplify the organization's contributions to research or programs/policies for youth (e.g., research products, program descriptions, etc.).

If you would like to nominate an organization, please send a nomination to the committee chair, Richard Lerner: richard.lerner@tufts.edu

Nomination deadline is 16th October 2017.

Update on the Moral Capital Website



www.moralcapital.info

The Moral Capital website is designed as a comprehensive access point for any and all aspects of moral education world-wide. It's a dedicated wiki and portal, without restrictive algorithms. It's an initiative of the JME trustees, but depends entirely on the voluntary efforts of everyone contributing to it. It's free to use as a one-stop-shop and reliable fact-checker. Its name points to the significance of moral wealth and the website as a central agency for free trading in its currency.

If you haven't yet explored it, take some time to sift through its components to see what's there. If you've clicked on previously, but not recently, take a look at the newer components:

- * **On-line video links for ethics and moral education,**
- * **National Contours for Moral Education, and**
- * **National Subsets.**

If you aren't yet listed on the **International Register**, please add your name. If you've already done so, please check whether to make any changes.

National Link Advisers are currently being identified on a country by country basis, with the expectation that they will help ensure that the input to the site is genuinely universal.

Anyone using the site is encouraged to feed in additional material and links, to comment on what's there, or to suggest amendments. The email address for all submissions is: info@moralcapital.info and for personal contact with the editorial team: jmetronome@moralcapital.info.

Do You Have Something to Share?

If so, please let me know: Jason at jm.stephens@auckland.ac.nz Or visit us online at amenetwork.org.

Thanks for reading!

Jason M Stephens,
Editor, AME Forum

Membership Renewal

If you attended the December AME conference in Cambridge, your dues are automatically paid for the year 2017. If you did not attend the 2016 conference, and have not renewed online, you may renew on the AME Website, or mail the form below (with the appropriate dues). Membership is \$95 for regular members and \$65 for students. **NOTE:** Please do not renew if you are attending the St. Louis conference in November, as your dues for 2018 are included in the cost of registration.

Your membership includes a subscription to the quarterly Journal of Moral Education and the semi-annual AME Forum as well as online access to five additional journals (see previous page for details). Applications for reduced AME membership rate in cases of hardship for full-time students, unemployed individuals, and untenured faculty in developing countries (as defined by the IMF) are available on the AME and Annual Conference Websites.

To renew your AME membership online at the AME Website (using Paypal), go to <http://www.amenetwork.org/membership>

To renew your AME membership by mail, please complete the following:

Name _____
 Institution _____
 Business phone _____ Home phone _____
 E-mail _____

Mailing Label: (name) _____
 Line 2 (street address) _____
 Line 3 (city, state, postal code) _____
 Line 4 (country) _____

Mark as appropriate:

_____ Regular dues: \$95.00 (includes 4 issues of The Journal of Moral Education)
 _____ Student dues: \$65.00 (includes 4 issues of The Journal of Moral Education)
 _____ Donation to the Kohlberg Memorial Fund: \$_____.00
 _____ Total enclosed.

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