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ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL EDUCATION 44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Moral education toward a caring society:
Civic engagement and moral action*

CALL FOR REGISTRATION

**8-10 November 2018
Barcelona, Spain**



The 44th Conference of the AME Association for Moral Education will be held at the Hotel Alimara in Barcelona, Spain.

To register for the Conference or for more information about the proceedings, please visit: amenetwork.org/2018

All presenters must register before 13th October 2017.

AME 2018 Conference Co-Chairs

Maria Rosa Buxarraís and Elena Noguera
Research Group of Moral Education (GREM) at the
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kaye Cook

In November 2018, our conference will be held in Barcelona Spain, with the theme of “Moral Education Toward a Caring Society: Civic Engagement and Moral Action”. Of particular interest in this conference, as outlined in the call for papers, are the relationships among care and justice, reasoning and emotion, civic engagement, moral thought and action. We can no longer settle for simple either-or paradigms, and are in need of more complex methodologies and theories to adequately address the challenges of our pluralistic and often contentious world.

Multiple papers at the Barcelona conference push the boundaries beyond traditional applications of moral education, examining, for example, positive youth development, civic engagement, sex education, technology, economic citizenry, and environmental awareness. Each domain is of course implicitly moral, even if not explicitly so, and deserves our attention. We do not identify papers with domains, and there are other domains that matter, but I encourage you to explore across domains or to locate your work within one domain, and find others at this conference who share your interests.



The call for papers for this conference declares that “abstract conceptions of fairness and justice are insufficient to offset self-interest” and that care and empathy in conjunction with justice should generate “civic engagement and moral action”. Responding to this challenge, the Executive Board adopted a statement that was released to the press, titled “A moral education perspective on the separation of immigrant families”. The statement is found online at: <https://www.amenetwork.org/press-immigration>, and below. You will notice that the statement ends with “self-reflective educational practices” as called for in the Association’s mission statement.

The members of the Association for Moral Education (AME, [amenetwork.org](https://www.amenetwork.org))—philosophers, psychologists, educators, practitioners, and scholars—condemn the separation of parents and children. As professionals, we know this treatment to have long-term, traumatic impact on their mental health and well-being.

We call on the US administration and Congress to end what we know to be inhumane and immoral treatment, and to reunite children with their parents immediately.

We also express concern about the impact of this government’s actions on the moral health of democracy. The need for a renewed focus on moral and civics education is clear.

It is our responsibility to help children understand injustice so that they and generations after will be more ethically grounded and will uphold moral principles as community members, holding self and others accountable.

Therefore, we offer the following guideline to parents, guardians, and all those who work with or care for children:

- Sometimes governments undermine their own principles of democracy and basic human values. However, in a democracy, the people have a responsibility and also the ability to come together to oppose injustice and work to bring about ethical change.

We ask that you talk to children about what is being done and what can be done to fight injustice, and work with us to educate others to uphold a moral democracy.

This statement is one small step toward moral action. Our conversations at the conference can be yet another one. According to the mission statement, AME provides a forum that potentially “links moral theory with practice”. I predict that Barcelona, with its own history of injustice and with so many contemporary political and economic challenges, will provide a charming and transformative backdrop for the conversations that only an “international, interdisciplinary forum” such as AME can encourage. I hope to see you there!

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Dan Fleming

Greetings to all of you from sunny Sydney, Australia – where we’re leaving the ‘cold’ of our winter, and making our way towards summer. At the same time, the countdown is on to our conference in Barcelona! There are just a couple of things to update you on from the Secretary’s desk:



The AME Board is busy in its preparations surrounding the annual conference in Barcelona. The current Board will hold its pre-conference meeting on the evening of Wednesday 7th November, which will include reports from across the network’s leaderships. Please make sure you come along to our full Community Meeting on Saturday November 10th – full details will be in the program – for your opportunity to feed into the Board’s deliberations at its post conference meeting.

Have you considered running for election to our Board? Being a Board Member is a great opportunity to participate in the leadership of the AME. Please speak to an existing Board Member at this year’s conference if you are interested – they will be on the look out for new candidates!

We have had a substantial number of membership renewals come in over the past six months, and these have been passed on to Taylor and Francis for the included journal subscriptions. Don't forget that your conference registration in Barcelona includes annual membership, which also means that those who can't join us in Barcelona will need to renew online in the new year. The web address for renewing online is <https://www.amenetwork.org/membership/>

Finally, please consider sharing your experiences of the AME with colleagues and friends. We're on a drive to expand our membership so to continue the good work of the Association, and your help in getting the word out about the AME is integral to this. See you soon!

MESSAGE FROM (ACTING) CHAIR OF ELECTIONS

Jason Stephens

In accord with the Association's by-laws, yearly elections were held early this year to replace four departing members of the Executive Board. Nominations for the Executive Board were invited from the AME membership at the 43rd Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO in November 2017. The names of the nominees were then submitted to the AME Executive Board for its endorsement. The Board added further names, resulting in a list of ten outstanding candidates for the four available positions.

All candidates submitted a brief statement that was included on the election ballot, a link to which was emailed to all of the 240 registered AME members. The first invitation to vote was sent on 18th of April 2018, followed by two reminders. The election was closed on 16th of May with a total of 87 members having voted. The turnout rate (36.3% of those eligible) was higher than last year (30.3%) but lower than all previous years on record (range=40-58%).

As in previous years, the Hare system was used to determine the four final candidates. 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): Maria Rosa Buxarrais, Bruce Maxwell, Larry Nucci, and Olivia Williams.

We are grateful to all of the candidates who stood for election and were pleased to see that so many were 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 Maria Rosa, Bruce, Larry, and Olivia. We look forward to the contributions you will make to AME in the years ahead!

CALL FOR REGISTRATION

44th Annual AME Conference 2018

8 – 10TH NOVEMBER 2018 BARCELONA, SPAIN

*Moral Education Toward a Caring Society:
Civic Engagement and Moral Action*

Welcome to the 44th Annual AME Conference! This year's conference will be held from November 8 to 10, 2018 at the Hotel Alimara in Barcelona, Spain!

This year we will focus on Moral Education Toward a Caring Society, Civic Engagement and Moral Action. Increasingly in today's global society we are witnessing a focus on personal and local concerns to the detriment of larger human interests. Abstract conceptions of fairness and justice are insufficient to offset self-interest in countries with emerging economies, and in Western societies being challenged by tribalism and a return to ethnic nationalism. In this conference we want to underline the role of care and related constructs of empathy in conjunction with concerns for justice in generating civic engagement and moral action.

To register for the 44th Annual Conference, please visit: amenetwork.org/2018

All presenters must register before 13th October 2017.

Finally, we are pleased to offer excellent preconference workshops in Barcelona, all of which enable “good work”. The cost of registration for these workshops is €30. For a description of the workshops and to sign up for one, please visit: amenetwork.org/2018.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

“The Self, Virtue, and Public Life”

<http://www.selfvirtueandpubliclife.com>

Nancy E. Snow and Darcia F. Narvaez

The University of Oklahoma, with a generous grant from the Templeton Religion Trust, is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the topics of “The Self, Virtue, and Public Life.” The full RFP is available at: <https://selfvirtueandpubliclife.com/initiatives/grants/>.

Approximately ten research proposals at approximately \$190,000 each will be funded through this initiative. This international grant competition has three primary aims:

1. To support innovative research on the self, virtue, and public life.
2. To encourage methodological innovation in the study of the self, virtue, and public life.
3. To encourage interdisciplinary teamwork, specifically between social sciences and humanities, though scientists from other areas, such as neuroscience and the health sciences, are also welcome to apply with collaborators from the humanities.

A subsidiary aim is to support scholars who are new to the investigation of these topics or have not received funding elsewhere. Research collaborations between younger and more established scholars are especially encouraged. The central research themes we seek to explore through this RFP can be framed at the level of the civic virtues of individuals, as well as at the level of institutions. For a list of possible research questions, please see the full RFP.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Awards are intended to support research from August 1, 2019, through May 31, 2021. Letters of intent are due no later than December 1, 2018 at 11:59 PM, and must be submitted via an online portal linked to the project website. Full proposals are by invitation only and are due no later than March 15, 2019, at 11:59 PM. Further information is available in the full RFP, on our project website, and by contacting us by e-mail.

Project Website: <http://www.selfvirtueandpubliclife.com>

Full Request for Proposals: <https://selfvirtueandpubliclife.com/initiatives/grants/>

Contact Email: flourish@ou.edu

WANTED: OP-ED READERS & WRITERS

Op-Ed for Moral Ed? What is this fascinating feature that you can find at amenetwork.org/opinion? I learn from the internet that op-ed pieces are generally short (600-800 words) and express an opinion on a timely news topic. They make a specific recommendation or complaint and generally end with suggestions on how to improve matters. Who better than AMEers to help set the world right?

I'm also hoping that you'll read one and COMMENT! Our newest op-ed piece is by Lawrence Blum and evaluates several elements in Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind*. You will definitely find things to agree AND disagree with. If Jonathan Haidt's ideas don't interest you, there are other amazingly wonderful op-eds for your reading and commenting pleasure! For example:

- Don Collins Reed, *On Defining Morality in Moral Psychology*
- Darcia Narvaez, *Seeds of Morality Must Be Planted Rightly*
- John Gibbs, *I Should Have Helped Ed: Reflections for Moral Education*
- Lawrence Blum, *Racial Integration is a Civic Imperative*
- Marvin W. Berkowitz, *Navigating the Semantic Minefield of Promoting Moral Development*
- Stephanie Troutman, *'Help'ing to Forget Feminism: How Racism and Sexism are Personal and not Political in the Film 'The Help'*
- David Light Shields, *Let's Contest the meaning of Competition*
- D. Scott Hermann, *Failing Students for No-Name Assignments?*
- Elizabeth Vozzola, *Revisiting Competing Conceptions of the Justice of Affirmative Action*
- Bill Puka, *Ethics at Lunch*
- Sharlene Swartz, *After the Mandela Moment: What now South Africa?*

Please read and comment on these thoughtful op-eds. Doing so will not only deepen your understanding of contemporary issues in moral education, it will also help raise the profile of AME!

Kaye Cook

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 November AME conference in St. Louis your dues are automatically paid for the year 2018. If you did not attend the 2017 conference, and have not renewed online, you may renew on the AME Website, or by using mail the form below. Membership is \$95 for regular members and \$65 for students.

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

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 provide *all* of the following information:

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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.

Make your check payable in US dollars to Association for Moral Education, and mail it with this form:

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