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Call for Registration

Association for Moral Education 42nd Annual Conference

8 - 11th December 2016
Cambridge, MA, USA

Conference Theme

Civic engagement: a cultural revolution?

To register for the 42nd Conference, please use the following link:
<https://www.events.harvard.edu/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x434455fe38>

Early Bird Registration deadline: 1st October 2016

Additionally, there are four excellent optional workshops being
offered at the conference. You may register for a workshop when
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AME 2016 Conference Co-Chairs

Helen Haste, Harvard University
Robert Selman, Harvard University

Message from the President

The conference co-chairs, Helen Haste and Bob Selman, report that more than 400 papers were submitted for this year's Annual Conference. This is much more than usual and we can already say that the conference in December will be exciting and successful. When we met in Harvard the most recent time, in 2005, it felt a little like a class reunion. Many people attended because it was a chance to "return to the roots", geographically and intellectually, of what dominated the field of moral psychology and moral education in the second half of the 20th century: Kohlberg's cognitive-developmental approach. It was at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where the late Lawrence Kohlberg, Professor of Education and Social Psychology, attracted a great number of like-minded scholars and graduate students. It came out of the intense exchange with Kohlberg that Lisa Kuhmerker founded the Association for Moral Education in 1976 and became its first President. Last time at Harvard, 2005, the AME conference convened still pretty much a "Kohlbergian" crowd. Not so this year, I strongly assume! With over 400 papers, it is likely that the majority of authors and presenters did not grow up in the times of Kohlbergian dominance of the field. We have become broader and more diverse, and this is a good thing.

Given that many participants this year will be young and/or international scholars, I want to note an important issue that typically gets addressed only in the inner circles: how is it decided where an AME conference is going to take place and how is it typically organized? The Association for Moral Education is a not-for-profit organization and by far not affluent enough to have commercial companies do the job on our behalf. As such, we are completely dependent on individual members assuming the responsibility for planning and organization our conferences on a volunteer basis, in North America for two consecutive years and in another part of the world in the third year. Both Larry Kohlberg and Lisa Kuhmerker would have been 80 years of age next year; many of the generation of AME founders have passed, others are retiring. More and more, the younger generation will need to take on hosting the conferences. *This is an invitation to consider this possibility and to seize the chance of bringing in new ideas concerning both content and conference formats. It's work but it's very doable.*

Message from the President, continued.

The more people share in the work, the easier it will get for each of them. And these people need not be all in geographical proximity. If there is something magic, it is that there are no geographical limits to cooperation in the times of the internet. Of course, somebody should be on-site at least some of the time to take care of the conference infrastructure, catering, etc. Beyond that, there can be a wide division of labor. One person or group of persons can coordinate the proposal review, another one develops the program structure after the reviews are in, while another one may be in charge of the conference website and still another one for the pre-conference publicity; it should be easy to find people to take care of smaller jobs like designing (or having designed) and producing tote bags for the conference attendees, getting the physical program booklet to the printer or writing a brief script for the awards ceremony.

Where to find all these people? No worries, there is a group of special persons who are downright waiting for work! AME has an Executive that includes the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Communication Coordinator(s), all of them volunteers dedicated to the mission of the organization. AME also has an Executive Board that is comprised of 12 members. Some of the board members are actively contributing to committees and initiatives but the Annual Meeting is AME's main activity, and there is a lot of enthusiasm and energy among board members to contribute to the conference. The current board members are from eight different nations which is, first of all, wonderfully intercultural and, secondly, not a critical problem for the division of labor sketched above.

Why not you? You don't need to be seniors to take on hosting the Annual Conference - there are enough seniors to advise you. You don't need to be many at your location - there are people who have run for an office and can't wait to contribute in that capacity! So, please give the idea a thought, talk to me (the outgoing president) or Kaye Cook (the incoming president) or any other member of the AME Executive or Board, and we will be happy to offer advice and support!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Harvard University in December!

Wolfgang Althof

The 42nd Annual Conference of the AME

Civic engagement: a cultural revolution? The expanding definitions of 'civic' participation, their intersections with ethics, and the implications for education

8 - 11th December 2016

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Co-sponsored with Tufts University Tisch College

We are looking forward to this exciting international conference and hope that many AME supporters will attend. We have over 400 papers submitted from five continents.

The **Kohlberg Memorial Lecture** will be given by **Dr Danielle Allen**, Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, a political theorist widely known for her work on justice and citizenship, civic and social media. She is a political theorist who has published broadly in democratic theory, political sociology, and the history of political thought. Widely known for her work on justice and citizenship, and recently on civic and social media, Dr Allen is the author of numerous books. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society.

<http://ethics.harvard.edu/people/danielle-allen>

There will also be three plenary sessions on digital media, the future of the field, and civic education and the US election with contributions from distinguished international scholars.

Early Bird [Registration](#) until 1st October 2016

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Message from the Elections Chair

The Association for Moral Education conducted its annual election for its Executive Board earlier this year. There were eight candidates running for four positions and those elected will each serve a three-year term from 2016 to 2019. Nominations were solicited at the 41st Annual Conference in Santos, Brazil. Ten nominees were identified and invited in February to stand for election, and eight accepted. These eight candidates were asked to submit brief biographical 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 239 AME members on March 29. Reminders were sent on April 8 and 13 and balloting closed on May 1. Of 239 eligible voting members, 113 initiated ballots and 95 completed and submitted their ballots for a total response rate of 39.7%. This year's response rate is nearly identical to the 40% response rate of 2015, but is down from a recent high of 56.8% in 2013.

Using the 95 completed and submitted ballots, the Hare voting system was used to determine the new board members. In this system, voters rank order the candidates (in this case, 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 system assumes that the voters whose first-choice candidate was eliminated would now vote for their second choice. This procedure successively eliminates candidates until four candidates received a majority of the redistributed votes.

Thus, I am pleased to report, in alphabetical order, the election of the following candidates to the AME Executive Board for a 3-year term (2016-2019):

- David Aldridge
- Ulisses Araujo
- Angela Bermudez
- Jenni Mariano

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 David, Ulisses, Angela, and Jenni and we look forward to their contributions to AME.

Matthew Hayden

Call for Proposals

**17th Biennial Conference of the European Association for
Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI)
Tampere, Finland
29th August – 2nd September 2017**

***Education in the crossroads of economy and politics –
Role of research in the advancement of public good***

Abstract submission deadline is Thursday 27th October 2016

For more details, visit: <http://www.earli2017.org/>

Last Call for Registration

**18th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum
Utah Valley University, Salt Lake City
6th-8th October 2016**

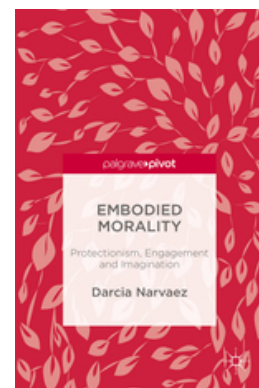
***Social Justice and Bioethics:
The Rich, the Poor, and the Rest of Us***

For more details, visit: <http://www.rit.edu/~w-ethics/seac/conferences.html>

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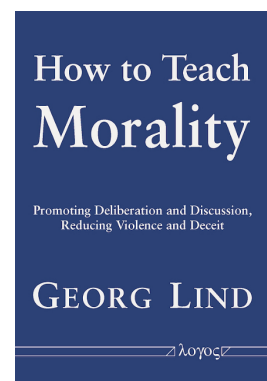
Embodied Morality by **Darcia Narvaez**

In this book the broad, interdisciplinary theory of Triune Ethics Meta-theory is explored to demonstrate how it explains the different patterns of morality seen in the world today. It describes how human morality develops dynamically from experience in early life and it proposes that the methods in which humans are raised bring about tendencies towards self-protective or open-hearted social relations. When the life course follows evolutionary systems, then prosocial, open-hearted capacities develop but when the life course goes against evolutionary systems....
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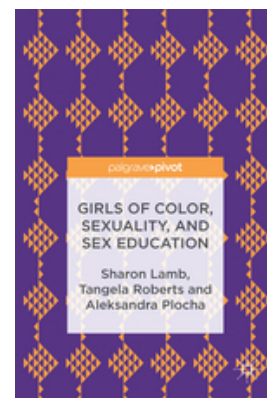
How to Teach Morality by **Georg Lind**

What is morality? How can it be measured? What is its nature and origin? And, most importantly, how can it be taught? These age-old yet still unanswered questions cannot be addressed, Lind argues, unless we develop a new science of moral behavior and education. Lind does just that in his book, invoking related contributions by eminent philosophers, psychologists and educators. The first part presents a new way of studying morality, and a great bulk of Lind's own research and other studies backing it. The second part shows how to teach morality effectively with Lind's Konstanz Method of Dilemma Discussion (KMDD)....
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Girls of Color, Sexuality, and Sex Education by **Sharon Lamb et al.**

This book takes a close look at how girls of color think, talk, and learn about sex and sexual ethics, how they navigate their developing sexuality through cultural stereotypes about sex and body image, and how they negotiate their sexual learning within a co-ed sex education classroom. While girls of color are often pictured as at risk or engaged in risky behavior, the analyses of focus groups and classroom discussions, show not only girls' vulnerabilities but their strengths as they work with integrating diverse identities, media messages, school policy and history into their understanding of the sexual world they are exposed to and a part of...
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Do You Have Something to Share?

If so, please let me know. Email Jason at jm.stephens@auckland.ac.nz

On a final important note: If you were unable to attend the 2015 conference in Brazil and your membership has lapsed, please see the next page for membership renewal options.

Thanks for reading!

Jason M Stephens

Membership Renewal

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016

If you attended the November AME conference in Santos, your dues are automatically paid for the year 2016. If you did not attend the 2015 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.

Your membership includes a subscription to the quarterly *Journal of Moral Education* and the semi-annual AME *Forum*. 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_dues.html.

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

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