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ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL EDUCATION
47TH ANNUAL MEETING



Moral Education for Social Justice
International Online Conference
November 3-7, 2021

Register now: amenetwork.org/2021

Keynotes by top social justice scholars

- Melanie Killen, University of Maryland: Reducing prejudice and promoting inclusion in schools and TV for young children.
- Stacey Horn, University of Minnesota: Gender identity, social exclusion and harassment directed at LGBTQ students.
- Winston Thompson, Ohio State University: The logical and moral necessity of social justice as an aspect of moral education.
- Michele Moody-Adams, Columbia University: Possibilities of moral progress in a racialized world, especially in educational contexts.

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- More Flexible
- Less Cost
- More Comfort
- High Quality
- Deeper Discussions
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Video invitation: <https://vimeo.com/521482117>
For details and to submit: <https://www.amenetwork.org/2021>

Questions?
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In about a week, we're zooming again at the 47th Annual Conference; our second online meeting. Although it is difficult to replace a live meeting and while it would have been a joy to see each other in person, it promises to be an inspiring event. Larry Nucci and Winston Thompson, the conference organisers, have been able to attract eminent key-note speakers; AME members and newcomers give presentations on a variety of topics and I am particularly glad that Karin Heinrichs has organized a series of symposia to commemorate the work of Fritz Oser, who was so important for AME. The programme is available on our website, so do have a look and register while it is still possible!



When you visit AME's website, also take the opportunity to read the recent contributions of Larry Blum and Larry Nucci on the discussion platform (click on the banner or the button). They both address the theme of the upcoming conference and show that the outcomes of our research are not only important for academics, but should also be shared and discussed with policy makers, professionals and the wider public. Larry Blum writes about a new law in several states in the US that forbids teaching about systemic racism, an issue that is high on the agenda of the Race/Multiculturalism SIG – a very active SIG, that regularly meets during the year and has a highly informative website (<https://ameracesig.squarespace.com/>). Larry Nucci raises the question what moral education can contribute to social justice and how it can do so. He presented a long version of the blog at a well-attended online webinar in May for graduate students and emerging scholars that was organized by Everardo Perez-Manjarrez. At this webinar Kaye Cook, Helen Haste, Ann Higgins-d'Alessandro, Seana Moran and Olivia Williams also hosted round table meetings to work with smaller groups of on various issues around moral education for social justice.

Having become more used to online meetings has its advantages for an international organization, as the inspiring webinar showed. The board of AME also met twice online in the past year to discuss various practical and strategic issues around the conference, the committees and their structures. There is one important though dilemmatic issue that we've addressed in several meetings, namely the extent to which AME can or should make moral-political statements on our website and if we should distribute e-mails containing a political message that members have sent to us. In general the board feels it is important to use the unique position of AME to take a stand on moral concerns and to portray ways in which moral education can address these. However, there are so many moral concerns in the world that seem to demand our attention that it is not easy to decide which to address or

not, which public statement to make or not. Moreover, every proposal for a statement needs to be discussed by the board, because we are not allowed to make party-political statements: we are prohibited to be involved in political activity as a registered non-profit organization in the state of Minnesota. But, as we all know too, it is most difficult to draw a strict line between morality and politics. For now, we have decided to take it case by case when either a board member or a member of AME suggests that AME should take a position on a moral concern. If you want to send us your views on this issue or if you have a moral (educational) concern you would like AME to draw attention to on the website, please let me know.

Hope to see you all next week!

Doret De Ruyter, October 2021

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you attended the November AME conference in Seattle your dues are automatically paid for the year 2021. If you did not attend the 2020 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 \$50 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>

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

In accord with the Association's by-laws, yearly elections are held to replace four departing members of the Executive Board. Each new member is elected to serve a 3-year term (in this case, 2021-2024). Nominations for the Executive Board were invited from the AME membership through the online 43rd Annual Conference in November 2020 and through emails in winter 2020-2021. Nominees' names were submitted to the AME Executive Board for endorsement. The Board added further names. The elections chair sent all nominees a Letter of Nomination asking for their consent to stand for election. All nominees accepted.

All candidates were asked to submit a brief statement of biographical details and their goals and intended contributions to the Board, which were included in the ballot. Qualtrics online software was used to make voting convenient. The association secretary emailed the link to this ballot to all 240 registered AME members eligible to vote. The original voting deadline was May 1st. The first invitation was sent on April 6th, with a reminder on April 26th. A final call to vote was sent on May 5th for a May 7th extended deadline.

Since the elections chair in charge of candidate recruitment also became a candidate, a second Board member was recruited by the president to close the balloting and count the votes. The vote counter closed the election May 10th, 2021. A total of 75 members voted. The turnout rate (75/240, or 31.25%) was nearly equal to 2020's turnout rate (31.6%), however, the base rate / membership size is lower this year (240 in 2021 vs. 427 in 2020, or -56.2%).

AME uses the Hare system for counting votes. In the 2021 election, two rounds of elimination were required to yield four new Board members.

In alphabetical order, the following candidates have been elected to the AME Executive Board for the 3-year term from 2021 to 2024:

Tobias Krettenauer—Sharon Lamb—Héctor Opazo—Brandy Quinn

Respectfully submitted,

Seana Moran, Elections Co-Chair / Vote-Counting