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**ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL EDUCATION
49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



49th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education

*Positive Youth Development and
Moral Education: Building Bridges*

October 26th - 28th, 2023
Fort Worth, Texas, USA



**Positive Youth Development and
Moral Education: Building Bridges**

49th Annual Conference Association of the Association of
Moral Education
26 - 28 October 2023
Fort Worth, Texas

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU!**

Please consult the conference website
for updates and further information.
<https://ame49fortworth.org/>

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am delighted to reach out to you before our 49th annual Association for Moral Education international conference which is imminently on the horizon. Scheduled for October 26-28, with an October 25 pre-conference workshop and AME Board Meeting, this will be a fabulous chance to network with each other and converse with brilliant scholars in the fields of morality and social-emotional learning, bridging more directly those two inter-related areas. Additionally, we have remarkable plenary speakers and symposia to inspire us, and engaging sessions.

Fort Worth will be our home for our visit together, and the program is exciting and intellectually engaging. We are using Oxford abstracts again this year to build the program schedule, which gives you full access to creating your own 'schedule' of things you want to attend in advance. The full schedule is located here: <https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/#!/event/3988/program>

As a reminder, if you do not attend the conference in person, please renew your membership to AME to keep receiving updates, the Forum newsletter, and the Journal of Moral Education. Here is where you can renew your membership:

<https://amenetwork.org/membership>

I invite each of you to attend our SPECIAL EVENTS designed for networking and community building. Please especially plan to attend the AME (Business and) Community Meeting, where we will share the past year's activities and plans for the future.

Positive Youth Development and Moral Education: Building Bridges Special Events (Central Time Zone)

THURSDAY

5:45-7:00 pm Thursday, 26 October, 2023, BLUU Ballrooms A/B
Welcome Reception and Poster Session sponsored by the Journal of Moral Education

FRIDAY

12:30-1:30 pm Friday, 27 October, 2023, PAL 226
Race and Multiculturalism SIG Meeting. All are welcome

6:15-7:30 pm Friday, 27 October, 2023, PAL 130
Awards Ceremony and Reception. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY

2:15-2:45 pm Saturday, 28 October, 2023, PAL Ann Jones Lobby and Patio "Grab-and-Go"
Snacks and Drinks for Community Meeting

2:45-3:45 pm Saturday, 28 October, 2023, PAL 130
AME Community Meeting and Business Meeting. Zoom Sessions Virtual Ticket Access

AME Board and JME Editorial Board: Meeting Dates and Times

WEDNESDAY

5:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, 25 October, 2023,
Ziedman – BLUU Pre-Conference AME
Board Meeting & Dinner (arrive at 5 for
informal networking)

THURSDAY

12:45-1:45 pm Thursday, 26 October, 2023,
Ziedman - BLUU
Editorial Board Meeting - Journal of Moral
Education

SATURDAY

4:00-6:30 pm Saturday, 28 October, 2023,
PAL 226 Post-Conference AME Board
Meeting & Dinner

Zoom Details for Board Meetings:

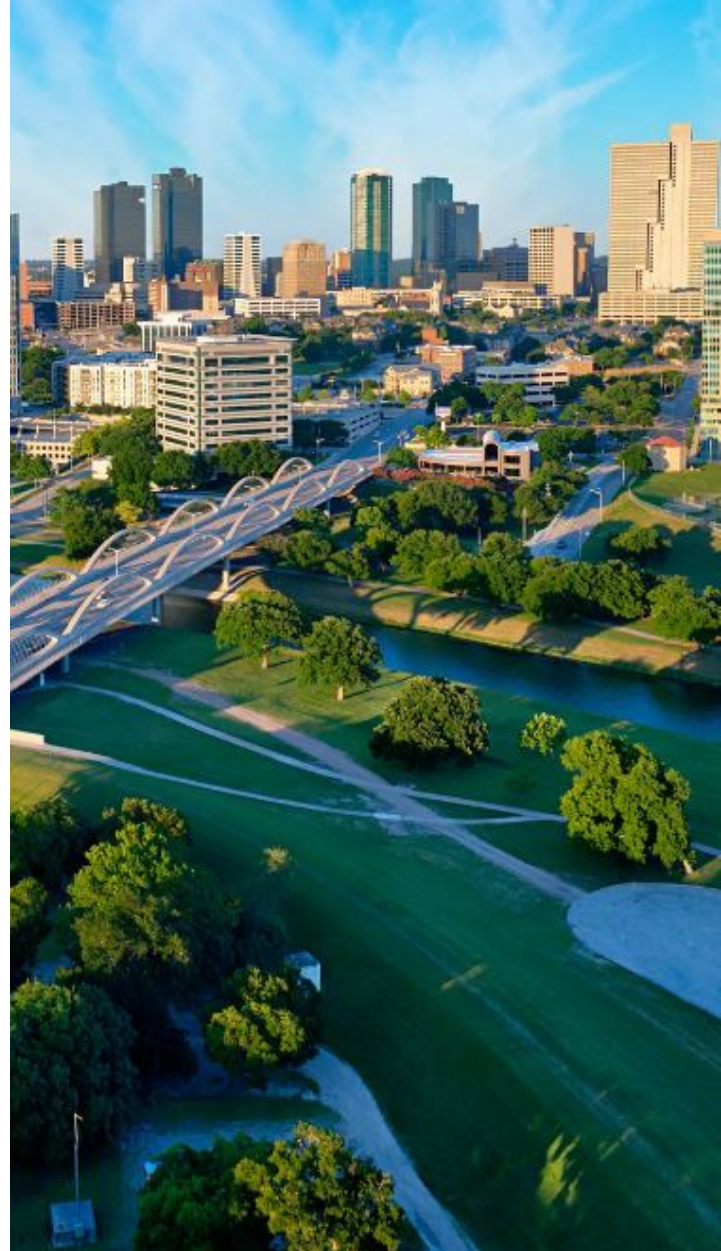
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I encourage you to join one of AME's special interest groups: Race and Multiculturalism SIG or the Peace SIG. Also, we seek people who actively seek more leadership roles in AME as we move into our upcoming 50th anniversary year. Stay tuned for more information at our Community Business meeting about new ways to be involved in AME's future!

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Texas Christian University for its financial and in-kind support—including the use of the TCU facilities, to JMET for supporting student travel and hosting a reception, and to TCU's Prof. Brandy Quinn—the primary conference organizer who brought the conference theme and intellectual program to fruition. Thanks also goes to the members of the AME Board, AME committees and their chairs, and the countless other TCU students and volunteers who helped and will continue to help with myriad conference tasks. And, thanks to YOU who will be attending in person to make this event even more fabulous than it is “on paper.”

See you there, in the City of Culture and Cowboys!
Dawn



49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL EDUCATION

Program Highlights: Plenary Speakers



Judith Smetana

Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychology
University of Rochester
"The Long and Winding Road:
Surviving (And Thriving) in
Adolescent-Parent
Relationships"
Kohlberg Memorial Lecture



Julio Cammarota

Professor of Teaching,
Learning and Sociocultural
Studies
University of Arizona
"Social Justice Youth
Development: From Assets to
Transformational
Consciousness"

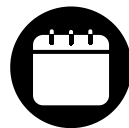


Ben Kirshner

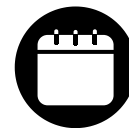
Professor of Learning
Sciences and Human
Development
University of Colorado,
Boulder
"Youth Resistance and Moral
Development"



Friday, October 27th, 1:30 -
2:45 pm
Kohlberg Memorial Lecture



Thursday, October 26th,
9:30 - 10:45 am



Friday, October 27th, 9:30 -
10:45 am

*These speakers' sessions are available live on Zoom with "Virtual Ticket Access"
To register for Virtual Ticket Access, please visit: <https://register.oxfordabstracts.com/event/3988?preview=false>*

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Positive Youth Development and Moral Development: A Symposium



Richard Lerner
Professor, Eliot-Pearson
Department of Child Study &
Human Development
Tufts University



Larry Nucci
Professor, Graduate School of
Education at UC Berkeley and
Professor Emeritus of
Educational Psychology
University of Illinois at
Chicago



Marvin Berkowitz
Inaugural Sanford N.
McDonnell Endowed
Professor of Character
Education, and Co-Director of
the Center for Character and
Citizenship at the University of
Missouri-St. Louis, and
University of Missouri
President's Thomas Jefferson
Professor

Richard Lerner, Larry Nucci, and Marvin Berkowitz will present a symposium with the aim of bringing together a unique constellation of colleagues to address the links and issues involved in advancing theory, research, and applications involved in positive youth development and moral development.

AME & Scholas Occurrentes

Collaborations for Meaningful Education and Moral Development



Maricarmen Esper, PhD
Mexican American Catholic College
The University of Texas at San Antonio

In July, AME & Scholas Occurrentes held a meeting to discuss potential collaborations grounded in shared values of these organizations. The session brought together the Association of Moral Education President, Dr. Dawn Schrader, the Global Head for Scholas Chairs Program, Dr. Daniel Ernesto Stigliano, and other members of both organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to explore mutual support on topics such as moral education, character development, life skills, the meaning and purpose of education, and other themes. This collaboration can benefit scholars, researchers, institutions, organizations, and the society in general by promoting the newest research and facilitating access to it.

During the meeting, we discussed several topics, including inviting scholars from Scholas Occurrentes Universities to join AME, encouraging them to apply to present at the AME Conference, and exploring other interesting ideas for collaboration.

Scholas was established as “A Call to Create a Culture of Encounter” to promote a new education. Its mission is to create a culture of encounter by bringing young people closer to a meaningful education. Within the organization, young people from diverse backgrounds, spanning different cultures, religions, races, and perspectives unite to collectively address shared challenges and seek new solutions. With a presence in 190 countries across five continents and in 446,000 schools, Scholas Occurrentes works in citizenship, sports, art, technology, and the University of Meaning. It also publishes the *Journal de Cultori dell’ Incontro* (<https://cultoridellincontro.org/en/>). The organization “seeks to harmonize the language of the mind with the language of the heart and the language of the hands” (Pope Francis).

AME members are encouraged to participate by applying to present at Scholas’ annual conferences, adding their universities to the organization, and exploring collaboration opportunities for exciting projects that connect the work world with universities. Additionally, in the meeting we discussed promoting AME membership among Scholas Occurrentes’ university members and opportunities for inviting authors, researchers, and educators from PK-20 to apply to present at AME conferences. Through the effective collaboration of both organizations, they can work together toward moral development and achieving great results in education with meaning and for the common good.

For more information about the next conferences of both organizations, please see the links below:

AME Conference: <https://ame49fortworth.org/>

Scholas Conference:

<https://unamismavision.up.edu.mx/congreso-internacional-de-catedras-scholas/>

Updates

“Cultivating Spaces for Dialogue, Care and Growth”: The Emerging Scholar Program of the Association of Moral Education

Embarking on an academic career can be a daunting journey, which is why it's important to have support, guidance, and opportunities for both individual and collective reflection. There is a growing consensus in the world that collaborating with others is often more beneficial than competing. At the AME emerging scholar program, we strive to cultivate a close relationship with early career scholars, accompanying their professional career development, helping develop key skills, ethical practices, and providing relevant knowledge. Moreover, we aim to create a safe environment for you to share your concerns, needs, and expectations in academia.

Our goal is to host a variety of events, including webinars, gatherings, and advisory sessions, to address socially relevant topics and challenging questions related to creating thriving and just societies around the world. At AME, we highly value the participation of emerging scholars in these important discussions. Our annual Mentoring Session, held during the AME conference, is our flagship event, allowing you to connect with AME experts and fellow scholars for advice and guidance. During the Mentoring Session, we encourage participants to take their time, listen to one another, and share their concerns, ideas, and innovative proposals (here are some testimonials). If you are a new scholar, we look forward to seeing you at this year's Mentoring Session! Lunch is provided, sponsored by TCU.

*Warm regards,
Everardo Perez-Manjarrez
Coordinator (2020-2023)
evp490@mail.harvard.edu*

Strategic Initiative Development (SID) Grant: Call for Proposals

The Strategic Initiative Development (SID) committee has been created to support proposals that further the mission of the Association for Moral Education (AME) “to foster dialogues, training, resources, and research that links moral theory with practice” and “to support self-reflective educational and other practices that value the worth and dignity of each individual as a moral agent in a pluralistic society.” The AME is committed to fostering a climate of full inclusion, diversity, interdisciplinarity, and internationalism. Each accepted project will receive funding to carry out their work, based on budgetary review.

A call for proposals is being planned for 2024. We intend to select and fund one project during the 2024 cycle. See below for a link to guidelines, and be on the lookout in the Winter Forum for details of the next Call for Proposals.

AME is committed to fostering a climate of full inclusion, diversity, interdisciplinarity, and internationalism. Submissions that include a team of AME members who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, home country, religious/spiritual orientation, and/or theoretical perspectives and methodologies are strongly encouraged.

See amenetwork.org for further details about the application procedures.

SIG Updates

Recent SIG Grant Highlights: Ongoing Projects and New Developments

Previously funded project: Leveraging Colegios Mayores for Moral Development in Higher Education through the Just Community Approach



Previously funded project: The International Expressions of Kindness: Multimedia Showcase



Spencer Foundation Funding Opportunities

The Spencer Foundation is a leading supporter of rigorous, innovative education research that contributes to policy, practice, and educational discourse. Their programs maintain an open-minded approach, welcoming diverse approaches and methods in educational research. The foundation provides funding for international research projects, fellowships, and field-building initiatives.

In April 2023, the Spencer Foundation launched the Transformative Research Program (TRP), which supports collaborative research projects across diverse disciplines and methodologies, all geared towards transforming education systems for equity. To learn more about these grants, explore the [Spencer Foundation website](#) and the [TRP webpage](#).

A special thanks to Helen Haste for sharing valuable information about Spencer Foundation grants.

AME Member Updates

AME Members Respond to Recent Survey with Key Highlights



WEIL VEUGELERS

Wiel Veugelers' latest book, *Moral and Political Dimensions of Critical-Democratic Citizenship Education*, is now available. Veugelers addresses the theory, policy, and practice of moral and citizenship education over the past few decades. He examines the orientations of national and global moral and citizenship education, advocating for a shift towards social justice, equity, and democracy. This volume compiles 25 years' worth of Veugelers' articles, offering reflections on their relevance and culminating in a forward-looking program for the future of moral and citizenship education.

DAVID ROWSE

David Rowse, a recipient of the AME Good Work Award in 2013, has launched a new edition of *Ethos in Education* aimed at practitioners. This edition is available for free online at <https://ethos-in-education.academy/ethos-autumn-23>.



ELIZABETH VEZZOLA

Elizabeth periodically provides commentary for the New England Public radio on topics related to morality. For example, on March 16, 2022, Elizabeth Vozzola aired a commentary titled 'Taking Note of a Living Example of Moral Heroism,' which discussed Volodymyr Zelensky. To access the commentary, visit: <https://www.nepm.org/commentary/2022-03-18/taking-note-of-a-living-example-of-moral-heroism>



Elizabeth also collaborated with fellow AME member Amie Senland, who is currently teaching at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, on a second edition of her textbook: *Vozzola, E. & Senland, A. (2021). Moral development: Theory and applications (2nd Edition)*.

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»»» PERRY GLANZER

Perry has published two new works since the last AME meetings: *Identity Excellence: A Theory of Moral Expertise for Higher Education* (2022) and *The Dismantling of Moral Education: How Higher Education Reduced the Human Identity* (2022).

KENDALL COTTON BRONK <<<

Kendall ran into some AME friends at the Society for Research on Adolescence and the Society for Research on Child Development meetings this spring.



»»» MARVIN BERKOWITZ

Marvin's book PRIMED for Character Education has now been published in English, Spanish and Chinese, and research projects and workshops have been conducted in the US, Spain, Colombia, Mexico, and Taiwan. His recent PRIMED Institute in St. Louis had participants from 8 countries and 4 continents.



Marvin received the AERA Moral Development and Education SIG Book Award for PRIMED. Many AME members were in attendance (pictured above, Marvin Berkowitz and Dawn Schrader, SIG Chair) and Brandy Quinn.



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»»» CLETUS BULACH

Cletus has authored two books on how to improve our schools. YouTube talks are also available on the subject. His most recent publication is about enhancing a high performing school culture and climate.

DALE T. SNAUWAERT «««

Dale recently published *Teaching Peace as a Matter of Justice*. The book explores normative dimensions of peace studies and peace education through the lens of moral and political philosophy.



»»» JOHN GYUN YEOL PARK

John shared highlights from a recent conference in Nanjing, China with the AME network. The conference was entitled 'Cultivating Morality: Human Beings, Nature and the World'.



Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you attended the AME online conference in November 2022 your dues are automatically paid for the year 2023. If you register and attend the 2023 conference, other than the virtual option, your dues are paid for 2024. If you did not attend the conferences, you may renew your membership via the AME website amenetwork.org/membership.

Membership is \$95 for regular members and \$50 for students. Your membership includes a subscription to the quarterly *Journal of Moral Education* (a paper version for regular members and online version for students) as well as online access to five additional journals.

Applications for reduced AME membership rate in cases of hardship or economics are available.

Thank you for reading this edition of The Forum!

If you have professional updates to share, conference reflections, or commentary on events or research, contact The Forum editors Sarah Barry and/or Christine Gouveia, or any member of the executive board. Watch for more news post-2023 conference for new initiates, updates from committees and SIGs, and connections.

We hope to see many of you at the Jean Piaget Society Annual Meeting in Toronto Canada May 30-June 1 and at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) meeting in Philadelphia April 11-14- with the Moral Development and Education SIG. Please consider joining these connected organizations!

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