

Society for the Future of Higher Education

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News and Views

Executive Director's Corner

As we navigate the last few months of the 2024 calendar year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation. SFHE has a long history, and the years to come will be our most challenging yet. As a group, our collective call to action is to honor our past traditions and achievements while facilitating opportunities for the future.

To expand upon our traditions, we are excited to announce refinements to the Mary Jo Small Fellowship program. Mary Jo Small (MJS), a long time SFHE member, endowed a fund for new scholars with a focus on mentorship programming. This fellowship encourages new scholars to learn more about the SFHE while also making conference participation more financially accessible. In addition to all-expense-paid participation in the annual conference, we will offer more robust opportunity for MJS Fellows to receive personalized mentorship from existing SFHE members in the months leading up to the conference. Are you willing to serve as a mentor to a MJS Fellow? If so, please fill out the form by following this [link](#) by no later than December 15, 2024. We can't wait for our new MJS Fellows to learn from you!

I would also like to extend a personal invitation to log into the "SFHE Social Hour" calls. Stay tuned in early 2025 for this online call – in 60 minutes, you will have an opportunity to hear updates about SFHE, learn about your colleagues' current research and upcoming projects, and build professional connections through open conversation time. I hope to see you there.

Please know that the SFHE Board and I are deeply thankful for you and the continued commitments you make to this organization. We are committed to helping you deepen your professional connections, and being part of the movement to champion the scholarly energy of the newest generation of higher education advocates.



Advocate: The Classroom and Beyond
Join us for our
2025 Summer Conference
July 10-13, 2025
La Roche University, Pittsburgh, PA

2024Conference

A good time was had by all!

We kicked off the conference with a welcome dinner that gave everyone the opportunity to welcome new participants and get reacquainted with old friends. Though a small group, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to explore new ideas, recharge, and leave renewed for the coming year. We welcomed two Mary Jo Small Fellows, Blayne Harcey, who completed his PhD in Religious Studies, focused on Asian Religions at Arizon State University in 2024 and Andrea Arterberry, a visiting professor in the Journalism Division at Southern Methodist University, who is completing a PhD in Communications at Regent University. At the Thursday evening reception, following the presentation by Dr. Kevin Jarboe, of Carnegie-Mellon University, items from our archives were displayed for all. We were warmly welcomed by La Roche University President, Dr. Christina Clarke, and encouraged by her to continue our relationship with La Roche. Thanks to Board Members, Morning Group leaders, and everyone who helped make the conference a success! We hope to see you all next July!



Society News

Mary Jo Small Fellowship Program

We are revamping our MJS program! Over the last several years, we have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many young higher education professionals. Several of those have gone on to become active members, lead groups, and serve on the Board. They have shared that one aspect of the Society and meetings that they most enjoyed was the opportunity to meet and get to know higher ed professionals with more experience. The Board has decided to be more intentional about this aspect of the MJS Program. Those selected for the Mary Jo Small program will be matched with SFHE member who can serve provide guidance regarding higher education, professional, life, tenure, and research. The program will last a year, with full-funding provided to attend the 2025 conference where they will benefit from mentoring focused on teaching, professionalism, and technical writing. They will also have an opportunity to present their research and receive feedback in the low stakes environment that has always been the hallmark of the society meetings. Please share this opportunity widely, encourage young scholars you know to apply, or consider nominating one. Information and application can be found [here](#).

[Interested in serving as mentor? Share your information with us here.](#)

Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal Welcomes New Editor

It's a bit of a belated welcome to David Toole took over editorship of Soundings in the fall of 2024. David is the Keohane Director of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University. He is also an Associate Professor on the Practice of Global Health, Theology, and Ethics. His interest in Soundings came from having been published early in his career when he had good fortune to work with the late Ralph Norman who was editor of Soundings at the time.

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2024-2025

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Thanks to Eric Ecklund, Sylvia McTague, Brandon Render, and Ros Davis for their service to the Board and the Society.
Congratulations to Amy Lampazzi, Julie Phillips and Christina Romero on their election to the Board!

We will be electing new Board members in the Spring, contact [Sandy](#) to nominate yourself or someone else.

Dues/Annual Fund

It’s time to renew your membership! Membership renewal letters have been mailed! It’s that time again! The Society depends on your dues and Annual Fund contributions to continue its good work. Renew or donate online [here](#). All contributions are appreciated!

Looking for a Board Treasurer

Stephen Baker has stepped away from his role as treasurer so we are looking for a replacement. The Treasurer is a member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer reports to the Board and the Society on the financial health of SFHE. They also help prepare the budget each year. Some financial knowledge would be helpful. Contact Sandy or a Board member if you are interested.

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