

LIST OF ACTIVITIES, SYMPOSIA, CONFERENCES AND NATIONAL PROJECTS
SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY FOR VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION 1930-2007

- 1930 NCRHE Consultant Service announced: Advisory Group, 200 Councilors. No cost to host institutions, expenses only.
- 1941-1944 "The Psychology of Faith," "The Psychology of Love," "The Psychology of Conscience. "Discussion group convened by Seward Hiltner (K 35) at Union Theological Seminary, NYC, with Paul Tillich, Erich Fromm.
- 1945-1948 NCRHE Faculty Consultations on Religion (joint sponsorship, American Council on Education, Edward W. Hazen Foundation, NCRHE). 53 institutions visited. Faculty Visitors: George F. Thomas (K 25), Princeton; William E. Hocking, Harvard; Theodore M. Green, Princeton; Edwin E. Aubrey (K 25), University of Chicago; Albert C. Outler (PD 42), Duke.
- 1951-1962 Conferences on Teaching Religion to Undergraduates (sponsored by the Edward W. Hazen Foundation). 15 experienced faculty/leaders, 50 young teachers.
1951 - Haverford College
1953 - Denison University
- 1953: Edward W. Hazen Foundation funds services, to 1962. Revived in 1976 to concentrate on 12 areas not yet addressed by professional organizations in the disciplines, e.g., women's studies, values issues in academic administration.
1955 - Ohio Wesleyan University
1958, 1960, 1962: sponsored by the Danforth Foundation
- 1954-1956 "Ethical and Religious Aspects of the Training of Lawyers" (planning sponsored by the Edward W. Hazen Foundation). Harvard Law School faculty/NCRHE consultation.
- 1954-1955 Institute of Politics and Ethics, at Wesleyan University: two workshops for seminary faculty/trainers of religious workers, encouraged interdisciplinary studies.
- 1960 Survey of Graduate Study in Religion and Training of Teachers of Religion, for Princeton University Humanities Council comprehensive survey of humanistic disciplines (sponsored by Ford Foundation).
- 1962 SRHE (NCRHE) initiates program of research, conferences, consultations, publications on the study of religion in publicly supported colleges and universities, Robert C. Michaelsen (PD 55) consultant, author: The Scholarly Study of Religion in College and University (SRHE, 1964).
- 1964 "The Study of Religion in the State University," invitational conference, Indiana University Medical Center. 50 representatives of 30 state universities. The Study of Religion in American Universities: Ten Case Studies with Special Reference to State Universities, ed. R.C. Michaelsen (SRHE, 1965).
- 1965 SRHE Committee on Future Programs of the Society (COFPOTS) survey of member interests. Recommendations: area meetings, ad hoc task forces, panels on issues of special concern. Primary expressions of the Society's program: would occur in small working groups, rather than larger annual meetings.

- 1966 Study of Campus Governance and Communications (sponsored by the Association for Higher Education, funded by the Kettering Foundation). Study of 18 institutions of higher education patterns of decision-making, influence, communication: among trustees, faculty, students, administrators.
- 1967: SRHE Board takes over publication of final year of The Christian Scholar.
- 1968 First issue of SRHE's Soundings: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Sallie McFague TeSelle (K 59), first editor. For scholars "to see within their own disciplines the openings toward the common human concern which we all share and ... which in our time impinge upon us most directly."
- 1970: Vanderbilt University assumes joint sponsorship of Soundings, editorial office moved from New Haven to Nashville, later moved to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, its present co-sponsor. Special issues, e.g., "Professional Ethics and the Human Good" (Spring 1977), papers from two-year colloquy in Chapel Hill-Durham, NC area. 3 major conferences sponsored with Soundings: The Santa Barbara Colloquy, "Religion Within the Limits of Reason Alone" (1986); "Martha Nussbaum's The Fragility of Goodness" (1988); "Historical Fictions" (1992), resulting in special issues.
- 1971 Membership dues initiated.
Decision to decentralize SRHE program. Purpose: to involve more Fellows in substantive discussion (effort funded by Charles Merrill Trust, 1972).
- 1970-1971 Regional Conferences on "New Styles of Teaching and Learning" (sponsored by Edward W. Hazen Foundation): Northeast (CT), Midwest (IL), West (CA), Mid-South (TN). 247 representatives, 94 institutions.
- 1971-1973 Consultations for newly established Empire State College/SUNY (New York United Ministry in Higher Education), weekend consultations on tutorial concept of teaching and learning in development for Empire State. 1974-1975 follow-up consultations on new developments in Empire State curriculum.
- 1972 Seeds of Change Projects (funded by Charles Merrill Trust): seed money for promising innovative projects too small to secure major foundation grants awarded to: Bloomfield College, University of Massachusetts, University of North Carolina/Duke University, St. Olaf College, Livingston College of Rutgers University.
- 1972-1974 Area Colloquies (sponsored by Charles Merrill Trust). Met monthly, 3-4 sessions on single theme, or extended weekend conferences:
"Crisis of Values in American Society" (MN)
"Authority in Teaching and Learning" (CA)
"Teaching, Learning and Social Policy" (PA)
"Terror and Terrorism: Individual and Collective Manifestations" (IN)
"Human Freedom and Control in a Programmed Future" (MN)
- 1972-1973 Special Projects (funded by Charles Merrill Trust):
Task Force on Black Religion, at Harvard U. (weekend consultation), bibliography in Black religion.

"Direction and Evaluation of Off-Campus Learning" (TN)
"Appalachian Studies," American Studies Association Meeting (CA)

- 1972-1974 Project to Improve the Quality of Undergraduate Teaching of Religion (sponsored by SRHE, funded by the Lilly Endowment).
Initial visits to 78 teachers of undergraduate religion on 42 campuses to identify 25 participants.
- 1972: First Wingspread Consultation (joint sponsorship SRHE, Association of American Colleges, Johnson Foundation), 25 participants.
- 1972-1973: Team presentations at 15 regional meetings of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, College Theology Society. SRHE publishes Notebook, course descriptions/evaluations to encourage sharing by teachers of religion, distributed by AAR/SBL 1973-1974, sold in major theological school bookstores.
- 1973: Council on Graduate Studies in Religion presentation by SRHE participants on project findings.
- 1974: Second Wingspread Consultation: "Graduate Education in Religion and the Preparation of College Teachers" (joint sponsorship SRHE, Council on Graduate Studies, Johnson Foundation).
Project initiation--two studies by Claude Welch (K 46): Graduate Education in Religion: A Critical Appraisal (U. Montana, 1971), sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, funded by the Luce Foundation; Religion in the Undergraduate Curriculum: An Analysis and Interpretation (Association of American Colleges, 1972).
- 1973: "Teaching Theology as Biography" (sponsored by the Lilly Endowment), weekend consultation at the University of Notre Dame; five-day workshop for undergraduate teachers of religion, University of Santa Clara (CA).
- 1973-1975 Summer Institutes for Cross-Disciplinary Teaching and Research (funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the General Service Foundation).
1973: at Williams College, 3 weeks, 60 scholars and families, 4 working groups: "Death and Human Experience," "Accountability in the Professions," "Teaching the Humanities: New Students, New Teachers," "Technology, Society and Values."
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1975: no information available.
- 1974-1976 Six regional conferences on "College Teaching" (sponsored by the Danforth Foundation).
- 1975-1978 Project on Institutional Renewal Through the Improvement of Teaching/PIRIT (sponsored by SVHE, funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education/FIPSE). Faculty development pioneer project involving 16 colleges and universities in the Southeast and Midwest in a common search for ways to improve teaching and to revitalize higher education. On-campus consultations, conferences,

newsletter publication, action research, evaluation. Each institution appointed interdisciplinary team: 5 faculty, 1 administrator, 1 student. SVHE provided support to teams analyzing their own institutions, planning for improving teaching, implementing improvement programs, encouraging consortial sharing of resources among institutions. Publications: Change magazine and Institutional Renewal Through the Improvement of Teaching- (Jossey-Bass, 1978).

- 1975-1976 Project on the Assessment of Institutional Renewal, undertaken for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (funded by FIPSE). Accountability study of 8 institutions receiving funding for institutional renewal from FIPSE between 1973-1975. Campus visits, weekend consultations, formulation of criteria, operational definition of "institutional renewal." Publication: Renewing Liberal Arts Colleges: Identifying, Planning, Implementing and Assessing Institutional Renewal (SVHE, 1976).
- 1977-1978 Study of Church-Related Colleges (funded by the Ford Foundation for the National Council of Churches). 14 church-related colleges studied. Publication: Church Related Higher Education (Judson Press, 1978).
- 1978-1982 Institute on Ethical Issues in the Management of Public and Private Institutions, sponsored by SVHE in cooperation with Yale University School of Organization and management and the Business School and Faculty of Social Ethics at the University of Southern California (funded by Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, several corporate foundations). Corporate and government managers, teachers of business, management and ethics. Developing capacity for moral judgment through specific ethical concepts, exercises in normative reasoning.
Publication: Syllabi for the Teaching of Management Ethics (SVHE, 1980).
- 1978-1981 General Education Models (GEM), Project (sponsored by SVHE, funded by U.S. Department of Education, Exxon Education Foundation and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education/FIPSE). Another pioneer three-year project establishing teams of teachers, administrators, and students at 12 colleges and universities, four-and two-year, public and private, and one technical school, to develop general education curricula appropriate for diverse needs and resources. Publications funded by the Lilly Foundation: General Education, Issues and Resources (AAC, 1980), On General Education: Guidelines for Reform (SVHE, 1981).
- 1977-1988 National Governors' Schools Project (funded by Sigma Xi Committee on Science and Society and the Veatch Program). Design and trial teaching of curricular units on ethical issues in science, medicine and technology, and biomedical ethics. Case materials and bibliographies developed for science-oriented Governors' Schools, to strengthen the humanities perspective in higher education. 1986: teaching models on ethics and values in science, technology and health care. 1987: Kentucky Governors' Scholars Program. 1988: Arkansas national conference, hosted by then-Governor Bill Clinton.
- 1978,1980 Rockefeller Planning Conferences (sponsored by SVHE, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation):
1978: "The Search for Value Consensus in America"
1980: Bellagio Conference on "The Role of the University in Seeking

International Values Consensus" at the Rockefeller Foundation Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy. Presidents and rectors from 12 nations in dialog and policy discussions on moral philosophy, literature, international law and media.

- 1980-1984 Kent Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, co-sponsored by SVHE, USC, the Hastings Center, Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences, Wesleyan University Center for the Humanities (funded by the Jessie Ball du Pont Fund and participating centers).
- 1983-1986 "Values and Decision-Making in Higher Education" (funded by the Atlantic Richfield Foundation (ARCO), the Lilly Endowment, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and participating institutions). National project providing experts on ethics for on-campus consultations at 8 institutions, conferences, publications. With presidents, faculty and administrators utilizing SVHE's "Values Audit" to improve policies in admissions, tenure and promotion, governance and the allocation of resources. 1986: concluding Lilly conference evaluated the project and collected findings. Publication: Ambitious Dreams (Sheed & Ward, 1990).
- 1987-1990 SVHE Task Force on Interdisciplinary Studies, for American Association of Colleges' Project, "Liberal Education, Study in Depth, and the Arts and Sciences Major" (funded by the Ford Foundation and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). 3-year national review of arts and sciences majors. Final report published by AAC in The Challenge of Connecting Learning (1991), Reports From the Fields (1991), and a special issue of Issues in Integrative Studies no.8 (1990).
- 1988 "Nurturing Black and Hispanic Scholars for the Future Professoriate" (funded by the Lilly Endowment). Planning conference.
- 1987-1991 "Good Practice in General Education (funded by Exxon Educational Foundation and Ford Foundation). Defined and described models of general education found in several types of institutions (community colleges, selective private, large public). National survey of deans and site visits to 15 institutions, two-and four-year, public and private.
- 1990-1992 Subsidies for Young Scholars (funded by the Schumann Foundation and the Henry Luce Foundation). Assistance grants to graduate students and young faculty in early career, to provide travel, room and board at annual Meeting of Fellows. (Membership not a requirement.)
- 1993: reconstituted as SVHE Consultancies.
- 1994 The South African Experience of Higher Education: symposium held at Emory University during the annual Meeting of Fellows on that campus (funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and SVHE). Two leading South African educators, joined by South African graduate students studying at Michigan State U., met with Atlanta Center Historically Black College and University representatives, to compare and discuss lessons learned from the historically black university experience. Scholars spent one additional week on the campus of their choice after the meeting.
- 1994-1995 Research and Publication Project (funded by the Ford Foundation). History and methodology of the "Values Audit" developed by SVHE for use in institutional assessment, with outcomes of the Good Practice in General Education project

- 2002 SVHE's Democracy Project worked with Mount Holyoke Colleges to host an invitational conference for liberal arts colleges entitled, *In Search of Wisdom, Liberal Education in a Changing World*.
- 2003 SVHE's Democracy Project worked with the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good on a Wingspread gathering entitled, *Strengthening the Relationship between Higher Education and Society: Public Understanding, Public Policy, and Public Support*
- 2003 SVHE's Democracy Project hosted a national conference/working group entitled, *Discussion, Dialogue, and Deliberation: Three-D Teaching and Learning*, which resulted in a publication available through SVHE's web site.
- 2005-present In June 2005, SVHE hosted a Wingspread gathering entitled, *Religion and Public Life: Engaging Higher Education*, bringing together scholars from across disciplines and institutions nationally. From that gathering, the group produced a statement on the role of colleges and universities in a religiously pluralistic democracy. that statement was identified by the Johnson Foundation (Wingspread) as a statement worthy of the designation of a Wingspread Declaration. The Declaration is downloadable off SVHE's web site. It is being used on colleges and universities to frame dialogues and curricular reform regarding the study of religion, religious literacy, religious and academic freedom, and spirituality.
- 2007 National Conference (July 2007) on Religion and Public Life, building on the work of the Wingspread group and declaration.
- 2007-2010 Institute on Religion in Curriculum and Culture of Higher Educations. An outgrowth of the SVHE Wingspread Declaration, the Institute, held in June of 2008 brought together teams from 10 colleges and universities to work on developing initiatives for religious literacy to be implemented during the 2008-2009 year and disseminated in a monograph – funded in large part by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.
- 2008 SVHE New Faculty Workshop, using material developed at the SVHE Teachers Workshop piloted at Portland State University.