

Society for Values in Higher Education  
2013 Call for Papers



# Debt: Obligations that Shape our Lives

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Societies are structured by webs of financial, legal, psychological, moral, and spiritual obligations. All of these involve debt, broadly construed. From the most mundane, everyday interactions to the complexities of international relations, the language of debt pervades our thinking and discourse. The Society for Values in Higher Education seeks paper and panel proposals to address the concept of debt from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

- \* What is the social role of debt?
- \* How does it enhance or threaten community?
- \* To whom are we indebted?
- \* What is the relationship between debt and entitlement?
- \* What are the religious or spiritual dimensions of debt?
- \* How do various narratives (historical, literary, etc.) shape our views of debt?
- \* How does debt threaten the future of higher education? How should higher education address the social and economic consequences of debt?
- \* How do we teach our students who owes who what? And why?

Participants selected for presentations will receive a reduced registration rate of \$50 to the SVHE summer meeting. Two papers or panels will be selected for special recognition and awarded \$300. You must be present at the SVHE summer meeting to be considered.

Deadline for submission is April 15, 2013. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words. Submit proposals to Eric Bain-Selbo, Department Head, Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University ([bain-selbo.svhe.org](http://bain-selbo.svhe.org)). Proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted. Review will continue until all available slots are filled. For more detailed information visit our website [www.svhe.org](http://www.svhe.org), and click on Call for Papers 2013.