



Society for Values in Higher Education

Views and Values

Executive Director's Corner



FM 2016

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Memory**

For many decades, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* has been a “feather in the cap” of the Society for Values in Higher Education. Long before much of the academy was even talking about interdisciplinary work, *Soundings* was publishing innovative and cutting edge articles that crossed disciplinary boundaries. The journal certainly has had an impact on the academy in the United States, but it also has international reach, being found in libraries across the globe.

Since 2011, John Kelsay has served as editor of the journal, and Florida State University has been its home base. We very much are indebted to John for the incredible work he has done with the journal. He was instrumental in securing an agreement with Pennsylvania State University Press to publish the journal. The result has been a sharp new design, an increase in the number of databases in which the journal is included, the generation of revenue from the journal to SVHE (small, but helpful), and a continuation of the rich history of publishing work that inspires and challenges readers. On behalf of readers of *Soundings* and the membership of SVHE, thank you John and extend our appreciation to all the folks at FSU

who have helped continue the wonderful tradition of the journal.

This summer marks another important transition for *Soundings*. The home office is moving to Western Kentucky University, into the same space where we have the national office of SVHE. In addition, two faculty members here at WKU will be joining me as the new three-headed editorial team—Anthony Harkins (History) and Jane Fife (English). We will have assistance too from a graduate assistant, funded by WKU and through the support of the Potter College of Arts & Letters. The journal will continue to be published by Penn State Press.

Next year we will see volume 100 of *Soundings*. We believe that through this summer's transition the journal will maintain its high standards and continue to be an important venue for publishing in higher education. Next year's issues will feature some interesting retrospectives, and we will have a special event to celebrate this important milestone. Through dedicated and careful work, the WKU team promises to honor the rich heritage of the journal. Happy reading and thinking!

Online Registration has begun!
Early Bird Discount Ends June 1st.

FM 2016

July 13-17

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

The Politics of Dissent:

Satire, Sarcasm, and Spite in Civil Society

Call for Papers Deadline Extended!

The deadline for our Call for Papers has been extended to June 1st, 2016. Paper or panel proposals are invited on questions related to the this year's theme "The Politics of Dissent: Satire, Sarcasm, and Spite in Civil Society. Working groups will be formed in which authors will have the opportunity to present and get feedback on their work. Work presented at our conference has gone on to be published or developed into general education curriculum material. The full call can be found [here](#). Please share with colleagues.

Plenary Speakers

Sophia McClennen

Wednesday, July 13, 7:15 pm

Penn State University Professor of International Affairs and Comparative Literature, Sophia McClennen, will speak on **The Future of our Democracy; Satire, Millenials, and Social Democracy**. Sophia is the director of The Center for Global Studies and Associate Director of the School of International Affairs. She is the author of several books including *Colbert's America: Satire and Democracy* and *Satire Saving our Nation*. To learn more about Sophia, vist her website at www.sophiamcclennen.com.



Rebecca Schuman
Thursday, July 14, 7:15



Rebecca Schuman is a columnist for Vitae, where in her own words, she treats the "academic job market with the gravitas, authority and sobriety it deserves--by which I mean: none." Her recurring column, Market Crash Course, provides a dose of real talk and gal-lows humor during the academic hiring cycle, a time where self-censorship, anxiety, and all-pervasive feelings of worthlessness can make even the most stable of us into unrecognizable monsters. She adjuncts five courses per year at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but considers herself a "post-academic" hellraiser, truth-teller, and all-purpose blabbermouth. She is also a regular columnist for Slate, the author of *Kafka and Wittgenstein: The Case for an Analytic Modernism*, and is currently finishing her first work of commercial non-fiction, a comic memoir.

Getting to Oberlin

Oberlin is approximately 30 miles west of Cleveland, OH and is accessible from I-80, I-480 and I-90. It is less than 30 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. All major airlines fly into Cleveland's airport which serves as a hub for Continental airlines. For those wishing to rent a car, it is an easy drive from the airport to campus. We have made arrangements with the Oberlin Aiprot Shuttle to run every two hours between Noon and 8pm on Wednesday. We will collect return times at check-in and post a return shuttle schedule on Thursday. Roundtrip cost is \$30. **Due to a recent change in plans, we will need to collect payment for the shutle. If you have already registered, you can send in the additional \$30 or pay online by clicking here.**

Congratulations to this year's Mary Jo Small Fellows

Joy Howard

Joy is an Assisstant Professor of English at New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ. She received her PhD in Literary Studies from Purdue University.

Katherine Jo

Katherine is a PhD student in Philsophy of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She expects to complete her degree in May of 2017. She serves as teaching assistant for several classes in the Education department.

Ryan Korstange

Ryan is a lecturer at Middle Tennessee State University and Bethel University. He is completing his PhD in Hebraic and Cognate Studies at Hebrew union College - Jewish Institute of RELigion in Cincinnati.

Jason Lingle-Martin

Jason is a Math Instructor at Florida Gulf Coast University. He has an MA in Math fmor Indiana University.

Leila Watkins

Leila is an Assistant Professor of Honors Interdisciplinary Studies in the Honors College at Wesern Kentucky University. She recived her PhD in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan.

Be sure to join us at the opening Social at the Fellows Meeting to welcome these and other newcomers to the Society.

Going once, going twice!

No FM would be complete without the Auction. New chairs Amy and Noel Lampazzi are already hard at work securing donations of items that you won't be able to pass up! There will be many items up for grabs during the live auction, including a week in the Turks/Caicos Islands, more information on that can be found [here](#). This might be your year to take the Beanpot home or The Rock! Bring money to spend, items to donate for the silent auction and an extra bag for your haul! If you have an item to donate to the live auction, contact Noel Lampazzi at nml005@bucknell.edu or Amy Lampazzi at amy.lampazzi@gmail.com.

Things to do in Oberlin

Credo Faculty Concert - July 15, 8pm

Oberlin Heritage Center offers various tours relatig to the history of Oberlin. Contact them for info at

Oberlin Theatre Festival

Macbeth - July 13, 2pm, July 15, 7pm

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts has two gal-eries and a craft shop.

Inherit the Wind - July 14, 7pm, July 16, 2pm

Allen Memorial Art Museum

Wander around Tappan Square and historic Oberlin.

Open Tues-Sat, 10-5 : Sun, 1-5

Morning Group Seminars

Academic Game Design

Conveners - David Stewart (david.stewart@csulb.edu) and Amy Berger (pangaia16@yahoo.com)

Celebrating the Search

Convener - Carol Ochs (cochs@earthlink.net)

Forms of Autobiography, Biography, Memoir

Convener - Lynore Banchoff (lynoreb@sbcglobal.net)

Historical Fiction

Convener - Mary Papke (mpapke@utk.edu)

Pop Culture

Convener - Dan Sack (dansack1962@gmail.com)

Theorizing Culture

Conveners - Eric Bain-Selbo (eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu) Allen Dunn (ardunn@utk.edu)

Social Justice and the Academy

Convener - Greg Sapp (gsapp@stetson.edu)

The Timbre of 21st Century African Voices

Convener - Linda Susan Beard (lsbeard@gmail.com or lbeard@brynmawr.edu)

Please note *Struggling for the Soul of America* has been cancelled due to convener health issues.

Contact conveners with any questions about each group. More information can also be found on our website.

Children's Program

The Children's program is one of the special aspects of the FM that keeps families returning year after year. The program is free of charge and designed for children 5 and older. If you have a younger child, we can make other arrangements for their care. This year the kids will be going to the Cleveland Zoo, and learning a little about Oberlin, the town and the college. Of course, no FM would be complete without swimming and a trip for ice cream! Bring sunscreen, swimsuits, comfortable shoes and enthusiasm!



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SWCT in China

SVHE will once again send Fellows to China. An outgrowth of the successful Summer Workshop for College Teachers, the SWCT in China program gives workshops at Chinese Universities. The workshops are designed to introduce various pedagogical methods to faculty at Chinese universities. SWCT faculty have been to 60 universities and presented to over 600 Chinese faculty members. This year they will be going to two universities in China. The SWCT group this year includes: Cathy Bao Bean, David Stewart, Amy Berger, Reade Dornan, Nancy Porter, and Adam Porter.



Reading for the Common Good

Our Reading for the Common Good program is now in its third year. Since the program began, SVHE has distributed scores of books to groups across the country. Books chosen always relate to the theme of the Annual Meeting. This year choices included Richard Russo's *Straight Man*, *Taft, 2012* by Jason Heller, *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine, and *Is Satire Saving our Nation?* by this year's plenary speaker, Sophia McClennan. Any SVHE Fellow can organize a group. Just get some friends or colleagues together and let us know. We'll send the books free of charge! Books for next year will be announced after this year's meeting in Oberlin.

SVHE website to feature work of our current Fellows

Currently the SVHE website lists books by current and former members. But that impressive list does not represent the full range of the work we all do. So we will add a new section to our website.

All current Fellows are invited to send citations for up to ten items to include on this website. Those items

might include:
published books
published articles
musical recordings
art installations or exhibitions
and more

Also feel free to send one URL, to link to your website (departmental, professional, artistic, etc)

Please send complete citations to betsywil@umich.edu and put SVHE works in the subject line.

If enough of you send me your lists, you can see your work featured on the website by the summer Fellows Meeting.

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In Memory

Eunice Ordman

May 3, 1924-April 16,2016

Over the years, anytime I went anywhere people of different faiths were gathered together in Memphis, I ran into Eunice and Chip Ordman.

They were more than a couple. They were a pair. Fellow travelers. Cultural explorers. Interfaith emissaries.

During their 32 years of marriage, they traveled with microlenders in Peru, medical missionaries in Malawi, teachers in Poland and Ukraine, artists in Cuba, students in China, peace activists in the Middle East, and medical supply smugglers in Thailand. They shared meals and prayers with Buddhists in Bhutan, Hindus in India, Muslims in Morocco, Jews in Israel, and Catholics and Protestants in Europe and South America — not to mention members of all major and minor faiths in Memphis.

“Eunice and Chip, Chip and Eunice,” Rabbi Feivel Strauss, one of their rabbis, said at Eunice’s memorial service Wednesday afternoon.

“Chip and Eunice, Eunice and Chip,” Dr. Nabil Bayakly, one of their imams, said at the service.

“They were always there together, on behalf of all of us,” Rev. Carla Meisterman, one of their pastors, said at the service.

When was the last time you attended a memorial service led by a minister, a rabbi and an imam? Wednesday’s memorial service was the first for me.

Eunice died over the weekend. She was 91. At Wednesday’s service, she was remembered for her courage, compassion and commitment to people of all faiths.

The service was held at Balmoral Presbyterian Church, where the Ordmans were members. They also were members of Temple Israel. After 9/11, they also began attending regular prayers and events at Masjid As-Salaam, their neighborhood mosque.

“I was a Jew who loved to study the New Testament and other holy scriptures,” Edward ‘Chip’ Ordman, Eunice’s husband since 1983, explained. “She was a Christian who loved to study the Old Testament.”

A match made in heaven.

Click [here](#) for the rest of the column about Eunice’s life and work.