



## Society for Values in Higher Education

*soon to be the Society for the Future of Higher Education*

### 97th Annual Meeting

July 13-16, 2021

Virtual Meeting

## *Can We Talk? The University's Role in Public Discourse*

### **Guiding Questions & Introduction to the Event:**

In a time when misinformation, disinformation, and “fake news” run rampant, how can institutions of higher education respond to the need for accurate information and civil discourse? What ethical obligations do universities and their faculties have to the common good related to accurate and honest information? Proposals for this Request for Participation could address issues including (but not limited to):

- Social media and the university
- Information and/or digital information literacy in the curriculum
- Limits to the freedom of speech in and out of the classroom
- Higher education's public relations problem
- Post pandemic pedagogy and misinformation
- Strategies for developing civil discourse on campus
- Higher education and political engagement

The 2021 SVHE Annual Meeting will host several creative “studio spaces” where researchers can pursue their own path, embark on or continue work on a group project, or lead others on a journey. The meeting will feature public space in which all participants have the opportunity to share the fruits of their labor.

### ***Participation Tracks:***

Interdisciplinary and/or practice-oriented proposals are especially encouraged. Participation may follow any of the following tracks:

- Solo Pilgrim: Solo pilgrims are individual researchers who propose to present a paper, presentation, or poster.
- Expedition Team: Expedition Teams consist of teams of 2-6 members who propose to make use of available “studio space” for creative development of new or on-going projects. Teams will have an opportunity to present their work for feedback and critique.
- Sherpas: Sherpa may be either individuals or small teams who wish to lead workshop-style events of 3-9 hours that would be open to all conference participants.

## **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT - MAY 15, 2021**

Proposals of 200-500 words should indicate which participation track best matches the proposed project and should explain the proposed project and its goals. Those who have papers/projects accepted and are able to attend benefit from a reduced conference registration rate.

Solo Pilgrim projects are eligible to be considered for one of two Robert Spivey Excellence in Scholarship Awards of \$300 each if projects are submitted in full by July 1, 2021.

Submit your proposal through our website at [www.svhe.org](http://www.svhe.org). Proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted.

**Direct questions and inquiries to Eric Bain-Selbo, Executive Director, Society for Values in Higher Education**  
([bain-selbo@svhe.org](mailto:bain-selbo@svhe.org))