Morality, Environmental Sustainability, and Education

Preserving the natural environment is a moral issue. But how can the appeal to moral values effectively counter climate change, loss of biodiversity, environmental pollution and other degradations of the natural environment in wake of the Anthropocene? The Association for Moral Education invites researchers, practitioners and activists to engage in a critical dialogue in order to better align moral and civic education with the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced.

While connections between environmental sustainability and morality are multitude, the fields of environmental, moral and civic education, have been largely separated up to date. This split is unfortunate as it prevents researchers and practitioners from exploiting synergies in linking these fields. What moral foundations and value-orientations best support environmental education? How can moral and environmental education inform each other with regard to best practices? How can educators exploit synergies, so that instances of civic education become opportunities for environmental education and vice versa? These are leading questions to be explored during the conference.

Submissions are invited from a broad range of disciplines including but not limited to anthropology, education, environmental studies, indigenous studies, philosophy, psychology, political sciences and sociology. In addition to engagement with the main conference theme, submissions on any topic of moral education are welcome as part of the general conference program.

The conference will be hosted at University of Ottawa.
For further details about the conference venue and program go to amenetwork.org/2020

Organizers: Tobias Krettenauer & Stuart Hammond

Important Dates – Proposal submission deadline: April 5, 2020 – Notification of acceptance: June 7, 2020 – Early bird registration ends: September 13, 2020
Proposal submission guidelines
Submission deadline: April 5, 2020

General information

• For submitting a proposal go to amenetwork.org/2020
• AME uses Submittable for handling proposal submissions and registration. If you are new to Submittable you will have to create a free Submittable account. The AME conference organizers will follow up with your submission(s) and registration by email. Please make sure the email you use to sign up for your Submittable account is one that you check regularly.
• The submission form has a maximum of 5 authors per proposal. If you want to list more than 5 authors please contact the conference organizers at ame2020ottawa@gmail.com.
• Proposals will be accepted in English only.
• Notification of acceptance will be sent to the corresponding author by June 7, 2020.
• The presenting author must register for the conference to be included in the conference program.
• Travel Grants: A limited number of Travel Grants are available to assist low-income individuals such as students and college, university, and research institute faculty members from developing countries to present their work at the forthcoming conference of the AME. For details see the Travel Grants tab on amenetwork.org/2020. Receivers of a travel grant are expected to attend the entire conference. If you are eligible and want to apply you must submit a Travel Grant Application Form by May 3rd, 2020.

Proposal formats

Paper presentation: Oral presentations by one or several authors typically of 15-20 minutes length. This may be an individual presentation that is grouped together with other presentations into a paper session by the conference organization committee, or it may be a paper that is part of a symposium.

Symposium: Symposium proposals include 3-4 papers organized around one common theme. The symposium organizer is typically the symposium chair. Discussants are optional. Important note: Symposium organizers submit an overall summary of the symposium that lists all individual presentations. In addition, each presenter is required to submit their presentation individually.

Poster Presentation: Posters will be displayed during poster sessions. Presenters will be available to discuss their work informally and answer questions.

Media Presentation: A media presentation allows presenters go outside the normal paper or poster format. You might have a documentary video, a discussion of media materials for use in teaching or in advocacy, a presentation of photographs or other artworks. When submitting a proposal it is important to indicate what AV, space or other resources you will need. The presentation, or combinations of linked presentations, should be within a 75 minutes time frame.

Round table discussion: Round table discussions offer a flexible format for discussing any topic relevant to moral development and education. This may be a long-standing controversy, a new trend, a specific theory or a recent book. Roundtable discussions provide an informal forum for AME members to exchange ideas about issues that matter to them. They are typically scheduled during lunch breaks (lunch is not provided).

Pre-Conference Workshop: These sessions take place outside of the main conference period on Wednesday afternoon, Oct 28. Pre-conference workshops offer an interactive format to discuss and learn about applied aspects of moral education. An additional fee is charged for participation (for details about the fee structure contact the conference organizers).

For specific inquiries about your submission contact the conference organizers at ame2020ottawa@gmail.com