

Research on human brain function has had a growing influence on those involved in higher education. Recently, a number of research studies focusing on the adolescent brain have raised questions concerning the decision-making capacity of teenagers and possible implications for the practice of youth ministry. This year's annual meeting of the Association of Youth Ministry Educators will feature one of the leading experts in the field of adolescent brain science. This will prove to be a Forum worth making every effort to attend.

Dr. Fraser Mustard

has had a diverse career in the health sciences, research and the private sector. After earning his M.D. from the University of Toronto, and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, Dr. Mustard moved from the medical faculty of the University of Toronto to help establish the new school of Medicine and Health Sciences at McMaster University. Dr. Mustard currently leads The Founders' Network



Nick Palermo

is the dynamic founder and director of Young Life Capernaum Ministries, a faith-based outreach to kids with disabilities.



Dr. Kelly Schwartz

completed his Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Calgary (2002). His dissertation focused on attachments and social provisions to adolescent psycho social development.



AYME's History and Mission

The Association of Youth Ministry Educators is North America's only professional organization for those who teach Youth Ministry at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Our first gathering in 1994 saw 20 of us meeting to compare notes. Last year at Denver, CO more than 90 of us gathered from over 40 different institutions.

We are serious about scholarship and at the same time, serious about encouragement, support, and even fun!

We gather to foster...

- critical thinking
- creative teaching
- contextual engagement

Our annual Forum also includes professional development sessions for those who are just beginning their teaching careers.

Special Event with NAPCE

AYME members are encouraged to come a day early (\$65) and benefit from the North American Professors of Christian Education program. Several in-depth seminars on technology in education will be offered Friday afternoon.

There are research presentations and a final plenary presentation by Dr. Marva Dawn on Saturday morning. Any NAPCE conference meals after noon on Friday are included. Indicate on your AYME registration if you wish to participate.

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**Association of
Youth Ministry
Educators**

**14th
Annual Forum**

**San Jose,
California**

**October 20-22
2007**



INSIDE THE TEENAGE BRAIN

**Implications for
Youth Ministry Education**



This year's forum will be held in sunny San Jose, CA on October 20-22 and has the potential to be one of our richest AYME programs yet. The conference features Dr. Fraser Mustard, one of the world's leading experts in the area of brain research—particularly as it relates to children and adolescents. Nick Palermo of Young Life Capernaum Ministries, and Dr. Kelly Schwartz of the University of Calgary, will be adding their expertise by drawing out implications for youth ministry and our job in teaching youth ministry. We are excited to have these three as our keynote speakers.

Our Sunday night “fun” event will be a group cruise out in the Bay with spectacular views of the surrounding cities and the Golden Gate bridge. The highlight each year is the opportunity to spend significant time with fellow youth ministry leaders from all over North America. You will not want to miss a single minute of the conference—and we've scheduled an early ending time on Monday so you have plenty of time to catch your flight home. We hope to see you in San Jose this October!



Schedule

Saturday, October 20

- 12 – 2 p.m. Welcome
- 1:30 p.m. New Members' reception
- 2:30 p.m. Welcome and Plenary session #1 (Fraser Mustard)
- 4:30 p.m. Breakout Session #1
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner (off-site)
- 7:45 p.m. Plenary Session #2 (Nick Palermo–Capernaum Ministries)
- 9:30 p.m. Doctoral students support network

Sunday, October 21

- 9:15 a.m. Worship
- 10 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session #3 (Fraser Mustard)
- 12 p.m. Lunch (hotel)
- 1 p.m. Business Session
- 2 p.m. Breakout Session #2
- 3 p.m. Breakout Session #3
- 4:30 p.m. DINNER AND A CRUISE!



Monday, October 22

- 8:30 a.m. Plenary Session #4 (Kelly Schwartz)
- 10 a.m. Conference ends

Making It Happen

1. **Send in the registration panel** with fee (checks payable to AYME) to:
 Len Kageler, AYME Administrator
 Nyack College
 1 South Blvd.
 Nyack, New York 10960
 (Registration deadline is Oct. 5)

2. **Make your San Jose Marriott reservation**

by calling 408.280.1300 or 800.228.9290 and ask for the “NAPCE/AYME room block” at the San Jose Marriott for the rate of \$100 for a single or double. Cut off date is September 17, 2007.



Need a Roomate?

Email Jana Sundene (Jsundene@tiu.edu). She will reply with the name of another attendee. When you call the hotel give your name and also that of the other person. (It is assumed you are staying at the hotel both Saturday & Sunday nights.) The hotel's website is: sanjosemarriott.com.

Want to make hotel reservations on line?

Go to: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/sjcsj?groupCode=napnapa&app=re> and follow the specific instructions there.

3. **Airport Transportation**

The San Jose airport is less than four miles from the hotel. Taxis are plentiful.

Spouse Coming Too?

No cost for registration. Meal costs and payment procedures can be found at aymeducators.org.

Refund Policy

Due to meal contracts at the hotel, we may not offer refunds after October 5.

AYME FORUM REGISTRATION

Register online (aymeducators.org) or complete and mail the form below with your payment.

Name: (incl. Dr. Mr. Ms. etc) _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Additional Registrants from this organization:

Registration Deadline is October 5, 2007
Registration Fee includes \$80 AYME
Membership for 2008.

____ Registrations @ \$210 = _____

- If have not yet officially joined AYME and wish to for 2007, you may enclose an additional \$80. _____
- If you can't attend San Jose but wish to be a paid 2008 member enclose \$80. _____
- NAPCE Extra Session –Registration \$65 _____
- Contribution to conference scholarship fund _____

TOTAL: _____

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