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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his 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 fea-
tures Dr. Fraser Mustard, one of the world’s
leading experts in the area of brain re-
search—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 spectacu-
lar 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 confer-
ence—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 Kugler, AYME Administrator
   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 (j sundeno@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/
sjcs?groupCode=napnapa&app= 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.

TOTAL: ________

______ Registrations @ $210 = ________
• If you 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
  a paid 2008 member enclose $80. ________
• NAPCE Extra Session
  –Registration $65 ________
• Contribution to conference
  scholarship fund ________

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San Jose, CA 95111

Contribution to Scholarship Fund

TOTAL: ________