

Plenary Session Presenters

James Hampton, Ph. D.

Professor of Youth Ministry,
Asbury Theological Seminary

"For Such a Time As This: The
Convergence of Youth Ministry and
Practical Theology"



Paul Shrier, Ph.D.

Professor of Practical Theology,
Azusa Pacific University

"Can Theology Really Be
Practical For Youth Ministry?"



Cheryl Crawford, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry,
Department of Practical Theology
Azusa Pacific University

"Practical Theology: A Rudder for
Youth Ministry?"



S. Steve Kang, Ph.D.

Professor of Educational Ministries
and Interdisciplinary Studies,
Gordon-Conwell Theological
Seminary

"Your Kingdom Come": Practical
Theology as Living Out Three Great
Pillars of Christianity"



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 members represent a variety of institutions including universities, liberal arts colleges, seminaries, and Bible colleges. As well, they hail from multiple faith traditions.

Our first gathering in 1994 saw 20 of us meeting to compare notes. Last year in Louisville more than 100 gathered from over 50 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 and scholarship
- creative teaching
- contextual engagement
- cooperative networking
- collegial mentoring

Our annual Forum includes plenary sessions, research-related breakout sessions, professional development workshops, and affinity group meetings. Both those who are early in their teaching careers and those with multiple years of experience will find something to challenge, instruct, and encourage.

Call for Papers

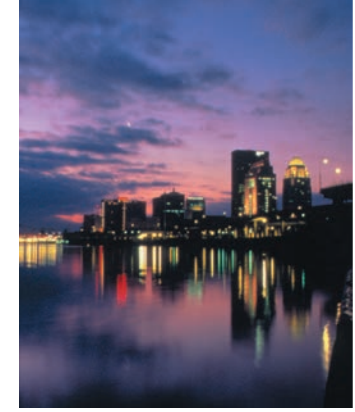
See the details under Conference:
Call for Papers at aymeducators.org.
Send proposals to
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Please send your submission to both
no later than June 30, 2010.

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17th
Annual Forum

Louisville,
Kentucky

October 23-25,
2010



Youth Ministry as Practical Theology?



We are living in an increasingly pluralistic and complex context. At the same time, the youth workers' challenge is to articulate the Christian faith to youth rooted in that context. These three components, the context, the Gospel and adolescents, come together in the practice of Youth Ministry. It is vital for youth ministers and youth ministry educators to develop the ability to think theologically in a way that brings these three components together. This theological articulation must lead to personal praxis in the classroom and in working with adolescents. First we need to ask ourselves How/Where do youth ministry and practical theology intersect. And then, ask ourselves how we transfer this dialogue to the classroom.

This year's forum will be held in Louisville, KY from October 23-25. Plenary speakers Dr. James Hampton, Dr. Paul Shrier and Dr. Cheryl Crawford will help us to consider the convergence of practical theology and youth ministry. The two disciplines in dialogue may give us an understanding of our work in reaching the youth. On Monday, Dr. S. Steve Kang will close the circle by considering doing theology in context.

As last year, the forum will be held at the historic The Brown Hotel. As Southern Living Magazine has noted, The Brown "... has been setting the standard for elegance for more than 80 years. Celebrities and royalty have slept at The Brown, it has been in the movies, and songs have been written about it. This kind of place isn't easily forgotten – or reproduced. You'll feel welcome the minute you step foot in the opulent lobby. Once in your guest room, you'll find lots of space (a surprising feature for a historic hotel)." We hope that you will join us at The Brown this year; you won't want to miss it!

Schedule

Saturday, October 23

- 12-2 p.m. Arrival and Registration
 1-2 p.m. Breakout Session #1
Doctoral session
Professional development
 1:30-2:30 p.m. New Members' Reception
 2:30-4:30 p.m. Plenary Session #1
"For Such a Time as This: The Convergence of Youth Ministry and Practical Theology"
Speaker: Jim Hampton
Responder: Mark Senter
 4:45-5:30 p.m. Breakout Session #2
 5:45-7:45 p.m. Hotel Banquet
 8-9:15 p.m. Affinity Groups and Poster Sessions

Sunday, October 24

- 8 a.m. Worship
 8:45 a.m. Continental Break
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Breakout Session #3
 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Plenary Session #2
"Meaning of Practical Theology"
Paul Shier, Azusa Pacific University
Responder: Andy Root
 12:15-12:30 p.m. Business Meeting
 12:30-5:15 p.m. Lunch on your own, enjoy Louisville.
 5:15-6:30 p.m. Pizza Supper at Hotel
 6:30-8 p.m. Plenary Session #3
"Practical Theology and Youth Ministry"
Speaker: Cheryl Crawford
Responder: Mark Cannister
 8:30-9:45 p.m. Affinity Groups and Poster Sessions

Monday, October 25

- 8:30-9:15 a.m. Breakout Session #4
 9:30-11 a.m. Plenary Session #4
"Theology and Context"
Speaker: S. Stephen Kang
Responder: Amy Jacober
 11 a.m. Conference ends

Making It Happen

1. Register online (www.aymeducators.org) or send in the registration panel with fee (checks payable to AYME) to:
 Len Kageler, AYME Administrator
 Nyack College, 1 South Blvd.,
 Nyack, NY 10960
 (Registration deadline is October 8.)

2. Make your Brown Hotel reservation

by calling 888.888.525 or 502.583.1234 and ask for Reservations. Ask for the "NAPCE/AYME room block" to receive the rate of \$125 (\$143 with tax) for single or double occupancy per night. The cut-off date is September 15. The price includes internet access and hotel shuttle. Or online at: http://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=430824&hotelID=13721. The hotel website is <http://www.brownhotel.com>



Need a Roomate? Email Barrett McRay (barrett.w.mcray@wheaton.edu). He will reply with the name of another person. When you call the hotel, also give the name of this other person. It is assumed you are staying at the hotel both Saturday and Sunday nights.

3. Airport Transportation: Louisville International Airport is just six miles away and hotel guests enjoy complimentary van shuttle service to and from the airport 24 hours a day. When you are ready to be picked up call the hotel (502.583.1234). Stand at the door outside of baggage claim. Their shuttle is black with "The Brown" in gold letters. For those coming to The Brown Hotel by car, parking is available in an attached enclosed garage. Overnight self-parking is \$8/night.

Spouse Coming Too? There is 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 cannot offer refunds after October 8.

AYME FORUM REGISTRATION

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

Name: (include Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Additional registrants from this organization: _____

Registration deadline is October 8, 2010.
Registration fee includes \$90
AYME membership for 2011.

_____ Registrations @ \$250 = _____

- If you have not yet officially joined AYME and wish to for 2010, you may enclose an additional \$90. _____
- If you can't attend Louisville but wish to be a paid 2011 member, enclose \$90. _____
- Contribution to Conference Assistance Fund _____

TOTAL: _____

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