

Plenary Session Presenters

Lisa Pearce

Associate Professor of Sociology,
University of North Carolina, Chapel
Hill. Co-author of *A Faith of Their
Own: Stability and Change in the
Religiosity of America's Adolescents.*



Saturday, 7 p.m.

"What are the Religious Lives of Emerging Adult
Youth Ministry Students Really Like?"

Respondent: Jana Sundene, Trinity International
University, Co-author of *Shaping the Journey of
Emerging Adults: Life-Giving Rhythms for Spiritual
Transformation.*

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

"Failure to Launch: Understanding the Difficult
Transition to Adulthood"

Response: Theological Discussion Groups

David Setran

Associate Professor of Christian
Formation and Ministry, Wheaton
College. Co-author of *Spiritual
Formation in Emerging Adulthood:
A Practical Theology for College and
Young Adult Ministry.*



Monday, 9 a.m.

"Mentoring at the Hinge: Navigating the Pathways to
Adult Faith"

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 Christian faith traditions.

Our first gathering in 1994 saw 20 of us
meeting to compare notes. Last year in Dallas
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.

Contact Mike Severe or Ron Belsterling
with any additional questions.



Association of Youth Ministry Educators

20th
Annual Forum

Chicago,
Illinois

October 19-21,
2013



Emerging Adulthood and Youth Ministry Education



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Recent research has demonstrated that emerging adulthood is a challenging stage of life characterized by difficult transitions. When it comes to religion, emerging adults are all over the map, but even the most highly religious are often not well connected to the church. And the transition to adulthood has become more extended and more difficult. What do these and other findings about the lives of emerging adults have to say to our work as youth ministry educators? What should be our theological and educational responses to these challenges as we seek to equip emerging adults to be youth ministers? Our plenary speakers, respondents, and discussions will push us to consider deeper responses to these questions than we have considered before.

This year's conference will be held at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare from October 19-21. As always we will gather for meals, relationship building, intellectual engagement, and ministry equipping. Youth Specialties is generously sponsoring our outing to Navy Pier and Chicago style pizza dinner.

Please make your plans now to join us in Chicago in October!

Schedule

Saturday, October 19

12-2 p.m.	Arrival and Registration
2 p.m.	Welcome Reception and Conference Opening
2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session #1
3:45 p.m.	Breakout Session #2
5 p.m.	Syllabus Sharing
6 p.m.	Breakout Session #3
7 p.m.	Dinner and Plenary #1 Lisa Pearce, "What are the Religious Lives of Emerging Adult Youth Ministry Students Really Like?" Respondent: Jana Sundene
9:15 p.m.	Affinity Groups

Sunday, October 20

8 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
9 a.m.	Worship
10 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:45 a.m.	Breakout Session #4
12 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m.	Breakout Session #5
2:30 p.m.	Depart for Outing: Navy Pier and Chicago style pizza
7:30 p.m.	Plenary Session #2 Lisa Pearce, "Failure to Launch: Understanding the Difficult Transition to Adulthood" Response: Theological Discussion Groups

Monday, October 21

8 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
9 a.m.	Plenary Session #3 David Setran, "Mentoring at the Hinge: Navigating the Pathways to Adult Faith"
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 9)

2. Make your Intercontinental Chicago-O'Hare Reservation

At aymeducators.org you will find the direct on-line registration link. Or, reserve by calling 800-496-7621. Ask for group code PCE, which will give you the SPCE/AYME room block and the rate of \$129 (plus tax) for single to triple. The cut-off date is Oct. 1. (Price includes in room internet and airport shuttle.)



Need a Roomate?

Email Brenda Snailum (bsnailum@yahoo.com). She 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 & Sunday nights.)

3. Airport Transportation

Free, departs every 20 minutes for the 15 minute ride to the hotel. (See AYME website for complete info.)

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 we cannot offer refunds after October 9.

AYME Forum Registration

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

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

Institution: _____

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Registration deadline is October 9, 2013.
Registration fee includes \$90
AYME membership for 2014.

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- If you have not yet officially joined AYME and wish to for 2013, you may enclose an additional \$90. _____
- If you can't attend Chicago but wish to be a paid 2014 member, enclose \$90. _____

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If you need assistance toward the registration cost, limited funds are now available.
See aymeducators.org.