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.

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.
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

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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 |
| 9:15 p.m.            | Affinity Groups |

Monday, October 21

| 8 a.m.               | Buffet Breakfast |
| 9 a.m.               | Plenary Session #3 |
| 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
   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.)

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.

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  AYME, Len Kageler
  c/o Nyack College
  1 South Blvd.
  Nyack, NY 10960
  Make Checks Payable to "AYME"

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