

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS **Deadline: 1 November 2023**

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES FORUM

2024 Conference

EDUCATION



Dates: 4-6 April 2024

Location: Atlanta, GA, USA

Atlanta/Downtown Decatur/Emory Courtyard Marriott and Decatur Conference Center
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The American Philosophies Forum invites abstracts for its 2024 Conference on “Education.”

Submissions are invited on any aspect of this topic, and authors should make clear what dimension(s) of this topic they propose to address. In this context, submissions may focus on any of the following non-exhaustive list of topics:

- The **nature, aims, and value** of education:
- The **examined life**: The relation of education to self-knowledge, self-creation, self-fulfillment, meaning-making, and flourishing

- **Democracy** and education: education in, and for, a pluralistic democracy, and the nature of education that serves and promotes democratic life
- **Intelligence** and education: the nature of intelligence, multiple kinds of intelligence, and their development; education as knowing, as feeling, and as doing
- **Liberal arts** education: the nature and significance of liberal arts education in general and education in the humanities more specifically, as well as the difference, if any, between education and vocational or pre-professional training
- **Life-long-learning**: the meaning and value of continuing education, and the policies and structures that promote ongoing growth; the value and place of learning how to learn in a rapidly changing world
- **Justice**, injustice, and education: Education as a tool of injustice and inequality, and as an instrument of more just and more equitable societies
- **Meritocracy** and education: merit as efficiency, myth, or class tyranny
- The **business** of education: education as credentialing, as opportunity creator (for some) and opportunity roadblock (for others)
- **Critical thinking**, media literacy, misinformation, disinformation, propaganda and deep fakes, truth
- Contemporary **schooling** issues including but not limited to: government funding for education; class size and school crowding; school safety and school violence and bullying; teacher salaries; student debt; voucher programs, charter schools, and private and home schooling; curriculum, common core, canons and challenges to them, and the banning of particular books, subject-matters, and theories; learning and standardized testing; local parental control of schooling and admissions policies, diversity, and affirmative action
- The **art** of teaching and the art of learning, **pedagogy** and education
- **Communication**, community, and education
- **Technology** and education: the role of technology in education, the place of remote instruction, and opportunities and problems posed by rapidly developing artificial intelligence
- **Culture** and education: education as broader than schooling, the sites and processes of the cultural formation and renewal of habits of attention, perception, conception, outlook, action, and values

All submissions selected for presentation at the conference will reflect the broad mission of the American Philosophies Forum: “to contribute to the critical development, imaginative growth, and shared understanding of American philosophical traditions; and, to bring the resources of these multiple philosophies to bear on the reconstruction of contemporary culture and the amelioration of its problems.” Submissions and presentations may take, or include, any medium and media. Submissions which are primarily textual explications or exclusively historical in focus will not be accepted. Authors are very strongly encouraged to speak in their own voices.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline:

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is **1 November 2023**. Submissions received after midnight USA Eastern Daylight Savings Time on this date will not be considered.

Electronic Submission:

All submissions must be received in electronic form as a .DOC or .RTF attachment (no other format) to an e-mail message sent to: americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com

Eligibility:

Persons who submit an abstract must be APF Associates. To become an Associate—there is no cost—, simply e-mail name, address, institutional affiliation (if any), and preferred e-address to: americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com (Note: The APF is not an academic “society.” There are no membership dues, registration fees, business meetings, or similar bureaucratic structures.)

Single Submission:

Only one submission per person is allowed. All multiple submissions will be rejected.

Anonymous Review:

Author information should be provided in the e-mail message to which the submission is attached. The submission itself must be ready for anonymous review: References, proper names, specific content, endnotes, or anything else that makes possible author identification are not allowed and will disqualify a submission. All submissions will be anonymously reviewed: persons who submit and persons who review will not know each other’s identity.

General Formatting:

All submissions must be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1” top, bottom, and side margins. Do not include any other special formatting.

Submissions:

Submissions length: 350-650 words. Shorter or longer submissions may be disqualified. **Authors of accepted abstracts must submit final essay drafts of no more than 15 pages (including any notes, images, or other content, all formatted as above) by 1 March 2024. Conference papers are expected to be polished drafts that profitably may be revised in light of conference discussions.** All papers will be made available electronically to participants a month in advance. At the conference, authors will be provided 10-12 minutes (only) to summarize, emphasize, or develop further the contents of the full essay--allowing significant time for questions, discussion, and genuine exchange.

Technology Needs:

Please indicate any AV/technology needs in the e-mail to which the abstract submission is attached.

Confirmations:

All who submit an abstract will receive confirmation of receipt--sent as a reply to the e-mail message to which the submission is attached. Confirmations will be sent by **8 November 2023**. Anyone who has not received confirmation by this date should e-mail a follow-up inquiry.

Decision Date:

Final selections will be made by **21 November 2023**. Anyone who has submitted an abstract but has not received notice of a final decision by this date should send a follow-up inquiry by e-mail.

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