2019 Biennium Update
Ashville, NC
January 30 – February 2, 2019
SPEAKER ANNOUNCED!

The Steering Committee is delighted to announce that Frank Yamada, the new Executive Director of ATS, will be our plenary speaker. Dr. Yamada will bring us news of changing trends in theological education and update us on revisions to the ATS accrediting standards that affect our work as field educators.

With rooms at $119.00 per night, this setting offers us great amenities in a retreat-like atmosphere at an affordable price (see more at http://ashevillecp.com/). We’ll let you know when a block of rooms is available for booking!

The Local Arrangements Committee is working on a budget to present to the Steering Committee soon. They are working hard to provide an economical but value packed conference.

The biennium will be held January 30 – February 2. This is a date change, so please make a note on your calendars! Make plans to join us in Asheville and stay tuned for more information soon!

Biennium Break-Out Sessions

The Steering Committee is revising the process of soliciting proposals for break-out sessions at the 2019 Biennium. We’ll send more details about that soon. In the meantime, please take a moment to email Tracy at thartman@btsr.edu with suggestions about topics that would benefit your work and ministry. Know someone that has a great session already developed? Let us know that too.

Everybody loves a book sale (but this one is running out)!!

Engage: A Theological Field Education Toolkit. is available for 35% off through the end of September. Click the link below to order and use the code 17SUMSALE when checking out online or ordering by phone):

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__rowman.com_page_17sumsale&d=DwIFAg&c=imBPVzF25OnBgMvo1cFeqHoG1i6YHLR0Sj_gZ4adc&r=AavqU_xnKcU0s3JvKsTt5tQW3oE7Lz6vfAHHZXXhHZY&m=aawG39beN9pKHLDPIENLsex0e2dgyGG7zZPMEVOULs&s=HzOy9X0my2JzwPrtUJZfaNYVTaE4ZIgiON8sem8FPdg&e=

ATFE on Facebook

Do you have a question or problem you’d like help with from your colleagues? We now have a Facebook Page – it’s called ATFE (original we know). Send a friend request to Tracy Kemp Hartman and she’ll add you to the group.
UPCOMING CAUCUS MEETINGS

A number of our caucus groups will meet early in 2018. Click on the one of the links listed below if you are interested in joining one of the caucus meetings.

2018 EATFE Biennial Consultation

Theological Reflection: The Role of Field Education in Preparing Ministers To Think Theologically

Training students to think and to act theologically is a key objective for most schools engaged in preparing ministry leaders. Students typically receive substantial instruction in the biblical, theological, historical, and ethical disciplines via their coursework, including matters of theological methodology. However, developing the capacity and skill for theological reflection as an essential discipline of faithful Christian leadership is a task that largely falls to theological field educators. How can we fulfill that responsibility most effectively? What are some best practices for this dimension of our work? In what ways should our convictions and commitments as evangelicals inform and uniquely shape our approach to theological reflection? How can we work more collaboratively with our faculty colleagues, ministry mentors, and others to achieve this objective? These and other questions will be the subject of our upcoming biennial consultation. Join us in Birmingham on January 16-18, 2018.

- Beeson Divinity School | 800 Lakeshore Drive | Birmingham, AL 35229
- Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM - Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:00 PM (CST)
- Details regarding the EATFE 2018 Biennial: https://eatfe.wordpress.com/
- To let us know that you are planning to attend: https://eatfe2018biennial.eventbrite.com

2018 United Methodist Theological Field Educators

- Denver, Colorado, January 24-26.
- Here is a link to the registration form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4_6PegPqFwpkZyPcy19jmeVeyBwoJGiizEJT2OaP0CwU6BA/viewform?c=0&w=1

2018 Presbyterian/Reformed Theological Field Educators

- Duke Divinity School- retreat and professional development
- January 24-26, 2018.
- Contact Matt Floding at mfloding@div.duke.edu for more information

Membership Recruitment Update

The Steering Committee is continuing to reach out to field educators at ATS schools with an invitation to join ATFE. Thanks to Barbara Blodgett who has gone above and beyond in identifying potential members. Our efforts have yielded several inquiries about membership. We will continue to keep you posted on the results of this outreach effort.

But wait, there’s more…….
LOOK WHO'S PUBLISHING!

Congratulations to our colleagues who have published books and articles this year:


Congratulations to **Andrew Dyck**, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies at MB Biblical Seminar, for the successful defense of his Ph.D. dissertation: “Praying Like the Catholics? Enriching Canadian Mennonite Brethren Spirituality through Spiritual Direction, Lectio Divina, and the Taizé Community.”

**Sung Hee Chang** (Union Presbyterian--Charlotte), **Faye Taylor** (New Brunswick Theological Seminary), **John Senior** (Wake Forest Divinity) and **Matthew Floding** (Duke Divinity School) are collaborating, with the support of an ATFE grant, to explore "Mentoring, Pastoral Imagination and the Power of Formational Stories." They plan to share the fruit of their work with a submission to our professional journal Reflective Practice and in workshop at the 2019 Biennial Consultation in Asheville, NC.

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**Continuing Education Opportunities**

**Upcoming Opportunities**: Jenny Whitcher will offer our next continuing education seminar on honoring and respecting diversity in our schools and ministry settings. Stay tuned for details!

Future topics in the planning stages include:

- **Training Supervisors** led by Allison St. Louis
- **Field Ed Online** led by Stephanie Crowder
- **Peer Reflection at a Distance** led by Barbara Blodgett
- **Student Portfolios** led by Barbara Sutton
- **Sharing Collective Wisdom** led by Lee Beach

Stay tuned for more information and registration details. If you have a seminar or workshop that you would like to offer virtually, please contact Tracy Hartman at thartman@btsr.edu