

ECCSSA
East Coast Colleges Social Science Association



2013 39th Annual Conference Roundtable

Open to All Institutions of Higher Education and Related Professional Organizations

***The Way of Return: Ushering in the Renaissance of the 21st
Century
Models for Teaching, Leadership and Creativity***

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(Friday, 9am to 6:00pm & Saturday, 9am to 12:30pm)

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**CALL FOR RESEARCH, PAPERS AND PROPOSALS!
ROUND 1 DUE: NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

Overview

In 2012, the ECCSSA call for proposals sought research, commentaries and presentations on challenges, visions and strategies to renew a fragmented society, nation and world. The Great Renewal called for remembrance and recapturing of the human spirit, rebuilding, revitalization, access, advancement and transformation. This included transformational governance and rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure; development of human potential and the creation of opportunities for growth; and, transformational paradigm shifts at all levels of higher education.

For 2013, ECCSSA continues the dialogue. We call for

proposals and research to usher in a renaissance—an age of intellectual enlightenment, visionary discoveries, productive thinking and strategies and models for implementation. The primary objective should be aimed at defining a new framework for teaching and leadership; and, promotion and development of a creative class of learners, thinkers, and professionals.

Thus, ECCSSA calls for identifying mechanisms for our way of return. This includes tapping into the human spirit and moving into an era that leads to creative ideas and visionary constructs for educational and societal reforms, resulting in enlightened and carefully crafted transformations. Among these are: strategies for recovery, renewal and growth; a new science of mind; transformed curricula; and, new models, strategies and tools that can result in a thriving, reconnected nation and world.

There are lessons to be learned from the European renaissance of the historical past which emerged after the late middle ages. The zenith of this period was that society, economy, culture and consciousness was transformed and refashioned by the upheavals that beset this region of the world, leading to assessment and renewal near the onset of modernity. This resulted in a transition from a dark time to the reawakening of spirit and intellect that led to a period of high productivity and revitalization.

Such a period is called for now in our nation to lead us fully equipped into this 21st century. The 2013 ECCSSA conference roundtable calls for reforms in higher education and the social sciences; as well as in economic, public and social policy. We hope to usher in a period of positive and creative intellectual productivity, the advancement of learning, and the implementation of visionary paradigms and strategies to promote positive human development and a healthy, thriving nation and world for all. It is hoped that the ultimate outcome will be a flourishing nation and world with a sustainable future.

This upcoming 2013 conference continues our new roundtable format that was so successful last year. The roundtable dialogue will comprise one and one-half days. We ask that all members and participants in attendance make the commitment and plans to stay for the duration. For the first time, this year, we are also inviting virtual sessions for those that may not be able to attend. We invite you to join us in dialogue.

Suggested Themes

Possible broad themes for discussion at this roundtable include (but are not solely limited to) the following:

Overall

- Historical and Geographical Perspectives

Teaching

- Learning from the Great Books
- The Positive Psychology Paradigm
- Lessons Learned
- Global Humanity
- Creativity
- New Strategies for Teaching and Learning
- Using Constructivist Theory in Teaching
- Teaching for Understanding
- Teaching Responsibility
- Teaching Civic Responsibility
- Teaching for Sustainability
- Moral Reasoning, Ethics and Character Education
- Teaching for the Seeking of the Salvation of Self
- Teaching for Self Development
- Transformations in Higher Education
- New Instructional Strategies in Teaching and Learning
- Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century
- Student Centered Pedagogy
- Learning Beyond the Classroom
- New Paradigms for Assessment

Leadership

- Promoting Creativity
- Creating Cultural Leaders
- Creating Opportunities for Growth, Inclusion and Access
- Finding Shared Values
- Transformational Governance
- Redefining Values
- Innovative Leadership in the 21st Century
- Building a Creative Class vs. the Service Class

Creativity

- The Need for Creativity
- Enhancing Creativity
- The Role of Teachers and Higher Education
- Creative Scientists, Mathematicians, Artists, Inventors, and Entrepreneurs
- Creativity and the Developmental Domains

Technology

- The Pivotal Role of Technology
- Technology Enhanced Learning
- New Strategies for Social Media
- Role of the Media

Making Global Connections

- Building World Peace
- The Roots of Conflict
- Strategies for Conflict Resolution
- Trends in Global Higher Education

Special Call for Student Papers and Presentations

ECCSSA traditionally and historically has been an organization that supports student scholarship. We strongly recommend Association members and teaching faculty to encourage student participation in the conference.

We encourage student submission of papers and poster presentations. Poster presentations will remain on display through the duration of the conference and students are asked to be present at their poster during morning breakfast and lunch. Guidelines for student and faculty papers and poster presentations can be found on the ECCSSA website at: www.eccssa.org.

Special Virtual Sessions

This year ECCSSA offers the opportunity for a virtual presentation of your paper in video format on the conference theme. We will review your proposal for a virtual session and if selected will upload your talk to our conference channel for viewing by registered participants and members. Virtual presenters must pay the conference fee in order to be featured. Instructions for preparing virtual sessions can be found on the ECCSSA website.



Ushering in the Renaissance

For more information on the 2013 ECCSSA conference, please contact:

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To complete the proposal form and conference registration form visit our website at: www.eccssa.org.

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