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Keynote Speakers: A Key to Theological Field Education

By Abigail Johnson, Emmanuel College, Toronto, Canada

emilie m. townes, Union Theological Seminary - *Theological*

Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, Brooklyn College - *Field*

Jeanette Rodriguez-Holquin, Seattle University - *Education*

Key-note: Among many meanings, a key is something that offers access or insight toward understanding. At the 2001 Biennial Consultation, there was great energy and interest in the Wabash Seminars that focused on *identity*, *context* and *methods* of field education. These seminars not only provided a key to understanding our work as theological field educators, they also challenged the whole theological education enterprise. This complex and basic conversation has helped focus the upcoming Biennial meeting in Chicago. We have invited three keynote speakers, Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, emilie m. townes and Jeanette Rodriguez-Holquin, to help us refresh our understanding of our vocation by looking at the three words that define our association:

Theological

In the midst of a theological education enterprise that was shaped by systematic theology and has blossomed with a global awareness of contextual theologies, field educators are

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Why Come to Chicago?

By Dudley Rose, Harvard Divinity School,
Chair of ATFE Steering Committee



If you are a field educator, you know what you will be doing January 22-26, 2003. You will be in Chicago for the ATFE Biennial Consultation! There exists no greater opportunity than the ATFE Biennial Consultation for enriching your professional development and education.

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**ATFE Biennial
Consultation**
January 22—26, 2003

Registration and Lodging for Chicago



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Chicago*

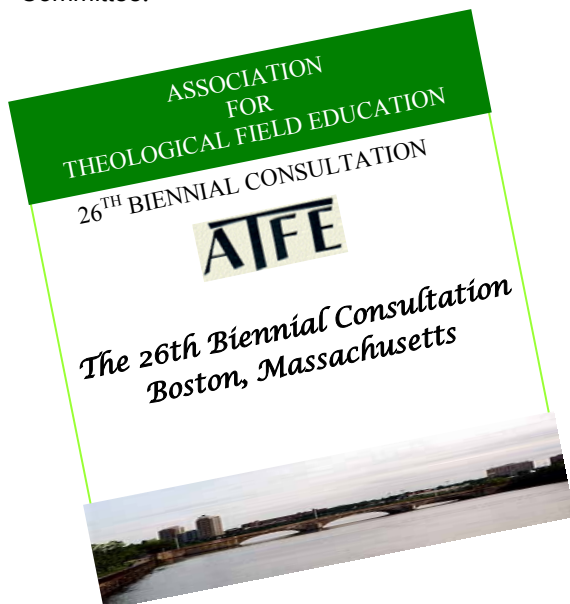
The Local Arrangements Committee is excited about sharing the richness of our city with you! By August you should receive the Registration Brochure for the January 2003 ATFE Biennial Consultation. But you do not have to wait until then to book your rooms. You can reserve your rooms at the Palmer House Hilton now!! Simply call 312/726-7500, identify our meeting, The Association for Theological Field Education, January 22-26, 2003. Room rates are \$125 per night.

Start making your plans now for the ATFE Biennial. This will be a great opportunity of learning and reconnecting with friends and colleagues as we challenge one another to greater faithfulness in our ministry of preparing men and women as effective leaders in the church and the world.

Please direct any questions to Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Joanne Lindstrom, jlindstrom@mccormick.edu; 773-947-6335, and Connie Kleingartner, ckleinga@LSTC.edu; 773-256-0747

PROCEEDINGS of the 26th Biennial Consultation:

ATFE members should have received by now a copy of the ATFE Proceedings, the official record of the January 17-21, 2001, Biennial Consultation. You may also find an electronic copy of the Proceedings posted at www.atfe.org. Our thanks to Sue Zabel of Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C., for compiling, editing, and publishing this essential record. Sue served as the Communications Coordinator for the 1999-2001 ATFE Steering Committee. Had health permitted, she would have chaired the 2001-2002 Steering Committee.



ATFE Membership and Dues

By now you should have received a mailed invoice for 2002 dues and any 2001 dues in arrears. Invoices were mailed to the primary member listed for institutions and to independent and emeritus members. If you have not received an invoice, please contact:

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ATFE dues are now payable annually on the following schedule:
Institutional Membership (includes up to 3 individuals)

U. S. Members	\$100.00 U.S.
Canadian and other members outside the U.S.	\$ 80.00 U.S.

Independent Membership

U. S. Members	\$ 75.00 U.S.
Canadian and other members outside the U.S.	\$ 65.00 U.S.

Emeritus Membership

U.S. members	\$ 25.00 U.S.
Canadian and other members outside the U.S.	\$ 20.00 U.S.

Why Come to Chicago? *(Continued from page 1)*

Here are some of the outstanding resources and opportunities awaiting you in Chicago:

- Using a participatory format, **three highly regarded leaders** in theological education will help us parse the terms of our Association’s designation – Theological, Field, and Education.

- Thirty-five **workshops, seminars, clinics, and colloquies**. A sample of topics:

- ~ New Directors Clinic
- ~ Education at a Distance Seminar and Working Group
- ~ “Hidden students” in field ed
- ~ Cultural Diversity Seminar
- ~ Matching students with sites
- ~ Theological Reflection
- ~ Issues for Asian students and sites
- ~ Using Case Studies
- ~ Cross-cultural supervision
- ~ Leadership
- ~ Grant Opportunities
- ~ Legal Issues in Field Education
- ~ Faithful ministry in a post-Christendom world
- ~ Mental health issues and formation for ministry
- ~ Revisiting of themes from the highly popular 2001 Wabash Teaching and Learning offerings

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- **Immersion and fishbowl** visits to Chicago area field education sites. You may select from among the following:

- ~ Jesus People USA
- ~ St. Sabina Church
- ~ Roseland Christian Ministries
- ~ Trinity United Church of Christ
- ~ Lawndale Christian Health Center
- ~ Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
- ~ Institute of Islamic Education and Information
- ~ Chicago Urban Reconciliation Enterprise
- ~ 8th Day Center for Justice
- ~ Emmaus Ministries
- ~ Willow Creek Community Church
- ~ Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly

- Denominational and regional **Caucus Meetings**.
- Opportunities to meet, **network** and share ideas with field education colleagues from all over the U.S., Canada and the rest of the world.
- A **Consultation bookstore** with titles related to the plenary offerings and of interest to field educators generally.
- A **Ministry Fair** gathering representatives from ministry programs throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- **Recreational and cultural opportunities** to enjoy yourself, your colleagues and have a bit of a winter breather.

Watch for further details in the Registration Brochure that will be mailed in August. See you in Chicago next January.



Lakeside Center – Chicago

Keynote Speakers: A Key to Theological Field Education

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called to the discipline of theological reflection. While most of us have a conscious methodology for the process of theological reflection, it is often challenged by the need to stay current with theological reading and to develop greater awareness of our methodology.

The temptation to solve the pastoral problem or psychologize the people and context may remove us from biblical and theological frameworks that have something important to say to us in our contextual ministry. emilie m. townes, Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, displays that ability to stay grounded in the biblical story as a challenge to the social and ethical questions of today. townes article in *Theological Education* (Volume 37, Number 1, Autumn 2000) lends witness to this ability. She poetically offers "A Womanist Perspective on Spirituality in Leadership" that calls us to discover anew what leadership can and must mean when it is grounded in grace rather than solely on the latest harvard or wharton business model of success." Her writing, teaching and activism have centered on a concern for African American women in the church as she draws linkages among race, gender, class and other forms of oppression.

Field/Context

We grapple with multi-layered contexts, both within our theological schools as well as the fast-paced and ever-shifting contexts of our student's placements. These contexts challenge us to be open learners, ready to be surprised, teacher-learners. Anthony Stevens-Arroyo will offer keys to access the contexts in which we find ourselves. Stevens-Arroyo has been grappling with context particularly in Latino communities through his work in Puerto-Rican and Latin American studies at Brooklyn College as well as the Program for Analysis of Religion Among Latinos (PARAL). In addition to extensive publication, he was named by President Jimmy Carter to

the New York Advisory Committee for the United States Civil Rights Commission and has testified before the United Nations Decolonization Committee and the Congress of the United States on matters of human and civil rights. His thoughts will enable us to become more aware of our contexts and more articulate in contextual analysis.

Education

The Wabash seminars raised the issue of identity for field educators. Often billed as administrators in our institutional settings, we lose our sense of identity as educators. While we need to fulfill the necessary functions of administering a program for contextual learning off-campus, we cannot separate teaching from administration. Kathy Talvacchia states "Administration is at the service of the teaching task, which is *primary*." (ATFE Proceedings, p. 20) We do not simply send students out into a setting to accumulate experiences. We invite them into an action-reflection process where they can draw forth awareness, insight and meaning from their experiences.

**These
keynote speakers
will help us to rethink
the basics of
field education
in today's
multi-layered
contexts.**

As an educator, Jeanette Rodriguez-Holguin brings a wealth of research interests in U. S. Hispanic theology, Christology, theologies of liberation, religion and culture, theological anthropology and feminist theology and spirituality. She is Associate Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion, at Seattle University, combining a rigorous teaching position with a background as a Licensed Marriage, Child and Family Therapist and extensive publications. Rodriguez-Holguin will offer keys to our identity as educators in the midst of theological education and contextual challenges.

An Invitation

The Steering Committee of ATFE has great excitement about our upcoming Biennial Consultation as another opportunity for reflection upon our context, method and identity as theological field educators. Our three speakers bring a diversity of experiences, contexts and perspectives that will enliven our discussions, offering keys to unlock further insights and growth. Please bring your energy and inspiration to our ongoing discussion.

ATFE and the IRS: An Update

By Dick Cunningham, Seattle University, ATFE Treasurer

During the 1999-2001 ATFE Biennium, it was discovered that ATFE was a non-entity to the IRS. Obviously, there are serious tax implications. Based on legal counsel the ATFE Steering Committee, as reported in the business meeting in Boston, filed incorporation papers in the State of Delaware. At the end of the 2001 biennium, ATFE still needed to file a more comprehensive set of Articles of Incorporation to comply with governmental agencies and the tax codes of the IRS.

At the close of the Boston Consultation, the incoming Steering Committee (SC) hired Matthew O'Connor, a Seattle lawyer with expertise in non-profit law, to lead us through these strange waters. He advised the SC to revise the ATFE Articles of Incorporation and By-laws so that they would comply with

the State of Delaware and the IRS requirements. This process continues to take longer because the steering committee is scattered across the United States and Canada.

Acting within its scope of responsibility, the Steering Committee added to the Articles of Incorporation language to meet those corporate law and IRS standards. The By-Laws, which state how ATFE manages its work, were also updated. The Steering Committee has operated under the amendment procedures and policies for altering these documents. At the October, 2001, ATFE Steering Committee meeting, the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were approved. These documents have

been filed with the Secretary of State in the State of Delaware. The revised Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will be presented to the ATFE members for ratification at the Chicago Consultation in 2003.

The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws are posted on the ATFE web site for your review prior to the January 2003 ATFE Consultation.

The next step will be to complete the Internal Revenue Services process for requesting status as a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. This step could take six to nine months to complete and receive non-profit status with the IRS.

Please direct any questions you have to Dick Cunningham or Dudley Rose



ATFE Association for
Theological Field Education

Welcome to the official ATFE website!

Theological field education's home base
Field education resources, news, forums, caucuses, membership and more

ATFE is your professional association.
It is the source of resources, relationships and education for theological field educators.

The ATFE Web Site – www.atfe.org

We hope you continue to find the ATFE Web Site a valuable resource. The site offers you opportunity to:

- Contact ATFE colleagues (and make sure your own contact information is correct)
- Check the status of your membership and dues payments.
- Check breaking news developments of import to ATFE members (or post your own news bulletin!)
- Access outstanding resources like:

-Handbook on Legal Issues

- An Annotated Bibliography for Field Educators
- A Guide to Field Education Resources on the Internet
- Current and recent editions of the ATFE News letter
- Theological Field Education Abstracts
- Proceedings from the 2001 ATFE Biennial Consultation
- Current ATFE Bylaws and Proposed Revisions
- A History of ATFE

- Establish or participate in a discussion group with your ATFE Caucus or other members of ATFE
- Offer your suggestions for improving the ATFE Web site.



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The ATFE Steering Committee met in New Orleans, March 2-4 to continue planning for the January 2003 Consultation in Chicago. The next meeting will be in Chicago, October 24-27. Please contact any member of the Steering Committee with suggestions or questions.



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Steering Committee members meeting in New Orleans (left to right): Connie Kleingartner, Dick Cunningham, Dudley Rose, Joanne Lindstrom, Abigail Johnson, Ira Frazier, Mary Pat Mulligan, Mick Smith



News From ATFE Caucuses

The United Methodist Caucus

The United Methodist Caucus of ATFE visited Cuban church leadership and the Seminario Evangelico de Teologia (Matazas, Cuba) in March. Seven U.S. seminaries were represented in conversation about theological education and its role in Cuba. Dialogue with the President, Dean of Academic Affairs, faculty and students regarding curriculum and Field Education placements at the Seminario included the role of the church in Cuba, the role of the seminary in training ministers and the role of the faculty in integration. There is potential for further conversation about North American students having a cross-cultural field education experience in Cuba. Further discussion will occur within the new few years to develop inter-cultural approaches to the place of Field Education within Theological Education. Please feel free to direct questions to the United Methodist Caucus.

Catholic Caucus

The CATFE Caucus had a wonderful meeting in New Orleans, LA this past January. Although Mardi Gras had not yet begun, all in attendance managed to find a way to have fun. There was food, food, and more food,. Oh yeah, there were workshops and discussions about field education, too. Keynoters included Bishop Gregory Aymond, a former field educator himself, and currently the Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, Texas. The second keynote was an uplifting combination of Gospel music, dance and preaching provided by The Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Many thanks to Hampton Davis, Bob Lassalle-Klein, Jean Liddell-Donovan and Beth Fitzpatrick for their hospitality and organization of our time together.

In New Orleans three new members were elected to the CATFE steering committee. They are Mickey Corso (Boston College), Mike Connors (Notre Dame), and Mary Lange (St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, CA). All CATFE members hope Mickey and Mike can set aside the BC vs. ND rivalry long enough to work together. Mary promises to bring a whistle to all meetings just in case. The CATFE Caucus has decided that CATFE 2004 will be held in San Francisco.

EATFE

The Evangelical Association of Theological Field Educators met for its biennium this past January in warm Southern California. Our next Biennium will be January 22-24, 2004, at Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, Alabama. For more information, see our caucus page on the ATFE web site, or contact with:

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EATFE will meet during the caucus time at the Chicago ATFE meetings next January.

CCATFE

The Canadian Caucus of the Association of Theological Field Educators (CCATFE) reports that their Biennial Conference was held April 18-21, 2002 at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Their theme was "Cultivating Capacities for Ministry: Helping Form People for Ministry in the Church" For further information about their conference, contact Arnie Weigel at aweigel@wlu.ca

Presbyterian

The Presbyterian Field Educators met for their annual consultation on December 6-8 2001, at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Donna Duensing and Stephanie Croom of SFTS hosted the group, and Barry Jackson of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary moderated.

Basis issues addressed included:

- Consideration of participation in a grant proposal to develop a national clearing house for Supervised Ministry for Presbyterian Church (USA) students in "New Church Developments."
- Exploring what our teaching might be like if theological field education were in a more central place in the curriculum of our schools.
- Consulting with representative of San Francisco Theological Seminary who are leading a review of their current program in field education and integrative studies.
- Comparing and contrasting current practices of PCUSA schools with regard to staffing, academic requirements, funding internships and other basic field education issues.

The next meeting of PTFE is January 26-27, 2003 in Chicago, following the ATFE consultation. Convener is Harry Freebairn of Princeton Theological Seminary. The agenda will include comparing mission statements of each school's Office of Field Education, and revisiting the 1989 OPTFE document entitled, "Guidelines for Theological Field Education in PCUSA Schools."

News about or for YOUR caucus?

The ATFE Website is a handy place to gather and share information regarding your caucus. Any ATFE member may post a message for all of ATFE or for her/his caucus.

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