



“Educating for Intellectual Virtues”

a conference for educational theorists, psychologists, philosophers, and teachers

June 21-22, 2013

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

Intellectual virtues are the character traits of a good thinker or learner. They include traits like curiosity, open-mindedness, attentiveness, creativity, intellectual humility, and intellectual perseverance. This conference will bring together scholars and teachers from several fields to explore what intellectual virtues are, why they are important to education, and what it looks like to educate for intellectual virtues.

Plenary speakers will be Shari Tishman (Harvard University), Marvin Berkowitz (University of Missouri), Harvey Siegel (University of Miami), and Linda Zagzebski (University of Oklahoma). Papers topics will address the following or related questions:

- What is intellectual character? How is intellectual character related to moral, civic, performance, or other dimensions of character?
- Which intellectual virtues are most relevant to teaching or learning? Why?
- How does the goal of fostering intellectual virtues compare with similar educational goals like critical thinking, metacognition, education of the whole person, or lifelong learning?
- What might it look like to educate for intellectual virtues? What policies might schools adopt? What sorts of strategies or techniques might teachers use?
- How might growth in intellectual virtues be measured or assessed?

The program will also include several “best practices” sessions aimed at helping teachers from all levels learn how to integrate a focus on intellectual virtues into their teaching. Complete drafts of papers or abstracts of at least 1000 words are due by **February 15, 2013**. They should be emailed to jbaehr@lmu.edu or mailed to Intellectual Virtues and Education Project, attn: Jason Baehr, Philosophy Department, Loyola Marymount University, One LMU Drive, 90045. For more information about the conference, please visit <http://intellectualvirtues.org>.