JOHN DEWEY MEMORIAL CONFERENCE | October 8th & 9th 2021

Conference Headquarters:
The University of Vermont
Old Mill Building
94 University Place
Burlington, VT 05405

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Please note that we will strictly adhere to all UVM health and safety regulations as well as all CDC recommendations. All conference participants will mask while indoors. Vaccination is strongly urged for all visitors to UVM’s campus.

Thursday, 10/7/21

6pm-8pm
Cocktail party at John Dewey house, hosted by Eric & Robin Gershman
186 South Willard
Burlington, VT 05401


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**Cooking to Learn: The John Dewey Kitchen Institute**

*An Invitation Among Cynthia Belliveau, Lisa Heldke and Raymond Boisvert*

The John Dewey Kitchen Institute is a teach-the-teachers approach to democratic education that draws together Deweyan educational philosophy and the practices of the kitchen--specifically, cooking and eating together. Built upon ten “Tenets of Deweyan Inquiry,” the JDKI invites teachers at all levels from preschool through graduate school, within and outside of formal educational institutions, to explore the ways in which cooking and eating can be used in their teaching to cultivate in their students the capacity for curious, playful, open-ended inquiry that equips them to be participants in democratic community making.

In this presentation, Belliveau and Heldke will explain the JDKI through a series of questions they pose to each other. Boisvert will offer a reflection and critique of the model, its possibilities and its limitations. Audience discussion will further explore and expand the potential (and limits) of this Deweyan educational approach.
3:10pm-4:40pm
   Fourth Concurrent Paper Sessions
3:10pm-4:40pm
   School & Society Forum (John Dewey Lounge)
4:45pm-5:45pm
   NEPES Keynote Address and Coffee Reception (John Dewey Lounge)
      Mariana Souto-Manning
5:45pm-6:45pm
   NEPES Business Meeting (John Dewey Lounge)
Saturday, 10/9

8am-9:00am  Fellowship Walk of Dewey Sites with Sarah Stitzlein and Cara Furman (Requires approximately two miles of walking total. Meet at Dewey’s gravesite beside Ira Allen Chapel on University Place for a prompt departure at 8:00am.)

9am-9:45am  Presentation on the UVM Library Dewey Collection (John Dewey Lounge)

10:00am-12noon  Fifth Paper Session (John Dewey Lounge)

12noon-1:00pm  Lunch Break (on your own)

1pm-2:45pm  John Dewey Memorial Lecture and John Dewey Society Awards Ceremony (John Dewey Lounge)

  Meira Levinson, Distilling the Spirit of Ethical Democratic Education: New Craft Cocktails of Challenges, or Old Politics in New Bottles?

  In this talk, Meira Levinson will explore contemporary challenges in educational ethics, including conflicts over history and civic education, whether (and if so how) to measure COVID-related learning loss, and who should decide if (and if so, when) children and teachers should be required to attend schools in-person rather than remotely. She will argue that each of these challenges poses ethical questions that are specific to the current moment, but that they also collectively activate longer-term concerns about democratic decision-making and the distribution of power in a diverse polity. In the spirit of inclusive and Deweyan collaboration, Levinson will invite audience members to deliberate together about some of these dilemmas, in addition to offering her own ideas.

3pm-5:30pm  John Dewey Society Emerging Scholars Forum (John Dewey Lounge)

6:30pm-7:30pm  John Dewey Society Business Meeting & Reception (John Dewey Lounge)

8:00pm  Dinner and Drinks at local restaurant for those interested
Experiential Learning Opportunities
Saturday, 10/9

*Must Pre-Register with Kyle Greenwalt, greenwlt@msu.edu. Thanks to the generosity of our conference partners, all experiential sessions are free for participants.

John Dewey Kitchen Institute Kitchen Sessions
10am-12noon, or 4pm-6pm, Marsh Life Sciences Building, 109 Carrigan Drive, Burlington, VT 05405

These two-hour workshops give conference attendees the opportunity to take part in a classroom inquiry activity of the sort that JDKI participants would do. We will cook, taste and eat together, and in the process, explore the tenets upon which the JDKI is built. The session takes place in the “kitchenroom”--a combination kitchen-classroom space that physically manifests the inseparability of theory and practice that characterizes the model.

Number of Participants: 16 per session under current COVID protocols. Pre-registration is first come, first serve.

A Day on the Farm: Experiencing Place and Sustainability in Teacher Education
3:30pm-6:00pm, 1611 Harbor Rd, Shelburne, VT 05482

Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire and cultivate learning for a sustainable future. Together, Shelburne Farms and the University of Vermont are working to envision a new kind of teacher education that is place-based and attuned to global sustainability. In this workshop you will learn about the principles, pedagogies, and protocols that guide this work as we engage with the complexity of the Shelburne Farms landscape together. Dewey knew this landscape well as a child exploring the farms, forests, and mountains surrounding Lake Champlain.

*Families are invited to walk and explore the Farm during the workshop.

Number of Participants: 25 under current COVID protocols; 12 if more strict social-distancing is required. Pre-registration is first come, first serve. Participants must have their own transportation (though JDS can help with carpooling).

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“If we teach today’s students as we taught yesterday’s, we rob them of tomorrow.”  —John Dewey

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