



## ***Border Justice and InterAmerican Cooperation:***

A Joint Conference of the **John Dewey Society**  
and the [Latin American Philosophy of Education Society](#)

With Alliance San Diego,  
American Friends Service Committee-San Diego,  
& Centro Cultural de la Raza

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

*with*

*Guided Border Tour, Thursday morning, April 21, 2022*

*Centro Cultural de la Raza*

2004 Park Boulevard (Balboa Park) San Diego, CA 92101

Please note that, as usual, there is no registration fee for participation in the John Dewey Society Meeting. However, please register [HERE](#) so we know whom to expect **and** please consider a voluntary contribution to a Land Tax that the Society has offered to Kumeyaay Community College. (The Society will subsidize voluntary contributions to reach a total Land Tax of \$1000.) In addition, if you choose to join us for the Thursday morning (4/21) Border Tour, please indicate your commitment [HERE](#) and pay the costs no later than April 1, 2022.

We do encourage those registering to consider joining the Society.  
(<http://www.johndeweyociety.org/join/>)

Please note: We advise all in attendance to bring proof of vaccination. We cannot be sure what will be required at the time of the conference, but it's best to be prepared. We will, of course, follow local guidance with respect to masking and vaccine requirements.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

8:30 -9:00 am      **Convening and coffee**

9:00 – 9:15 am      **Land Acknowledgment, Welcome and Land Tax  
Presentation/Acceptance**

Kyle Greenawalt, President, The John Dewey Society  
Jason Wozniak , President, Latin American Philosophy of Education Society  
Dr. Stanley Rodriguez (Kumeyaay). President of Board of Kumeyaay  
Community College

9:15 – 11:00 am      **Presidential Symposium: Education Movement-Building,  
Indigenous Sovereignty, & Black Relations in San  
Diego–Kumeyaay Territory**

K. Wayne Yang, University of California at San Diego, Convener and  
Facilitator  
David Morales, Stanford University  
Dr. Caroline Collins, University of California at San Diego, Breathable Streets  
Project  
Dr. Stanley Rodriguez, President of the Board of Kumeyaay Community  
College

11:15 – 12:30 pm      **Senses of Self and Identity at the Border(s) of Nation and  
Community: Navigating the Borders of MY  
Life/Neighborhood**

Chair and Discussant: Jason Wozniak, West Chester University

Working in the Tension: A Refugee Community Organizer's Attempt at a Deweyan  
Rapprochement of Non-Integration and Denationalization  
Matt Johnson, Church World Services and Millersville University  
Aspara Uprety, Refugee Youth Journalism Project and Millersville University

Reconstructing Ourselves, Reconfiguring Borders: John Dewey, the Spontaneous Community, and the Art of Moises Salazar

Gabriela Aruta, Filo Sofi Arts; Donovan Irven, Filo Sofi Arts, Glendale, AZ

12:30 – 1:30 pm **Light Lunch will be served.**

**Emerging Scholars Works in Process/Progress Session**

We Will Learn, *Inshallah*: A Hermeneutics of Hope in the Arabic Diaspora as an Education without Ends

Elias Hage, Teachers College, Columbia

Mentor: Barbara Stengel, Vanderbilt University (emérita)

1:30 – 2:30 pm **Paper Session: Deweyan Pedagogical Possibilities**

Chair and Discussant, Becky Noel-Smith

Reading Affects My Teaching Styles: Cultivating Teacher Reading with Pre-Service Teachers to Improve Instruction

Cara Furman, University of Maine at Farmington (tentative)

John Dewey on Play

Leonard Waks, Temple University (emeritus)

Continuing the Dialogue from the Centennial Encounter between Dewey and China: Pedagogical Possibilities for Democratic Education and Cosmopolitan Democracy

Sophy Cai, Xiamen University and Southern Illinois University

2:45 – 4:15 pm **Paper Session: Pragmatist Civic Education in and for Democracy**

Chair and Facilitator: Sarah Stitzlein, University of Cincinnati

Individuocracy: From Isolated to Integrated – Pragmatism and Participatory Public Politics in Dewey and Follett

Sunshine Williams, University of Texas at Dallas

A Questioned Democracy—School as a Space for Civic Literacy

Ninni Wahlstrom, Linnaeus University

Transforming the School into Civil Society Forum – An exploration of the perceptions of Greek teachers

Eleni Mousena, University of West Attica

A Deweyan Call for Honesty and Truth in US Democracy

Sarah Stitzlein, University of Cincinnati

4:15 – 4:30 pm     **Snack Time**

4:30 – 6:00 pm     **The John Dewey Memorial Lecture: *Spiritual Healing on the Border: Lessons in Art, Culture, and Education***

Professor [Christopher Tirres](#), a Vincent de Paul Professor of Religious Studies and the Inaugural Endowed Professor of Diplomacy and Interreligious Engagement in the Grace School of Applied Diplomacy at DePaul University.

Abstract: In many ways, John Dewey's 1934 *A Common Faith* was ahead of its time. Dewey's discussion of "the religious"—as distinct from traditional "religion"—opened new ways of thinking about the connection between spirituality and everyday forms of human action. But much has changed in the past nine decades. How might we read *A Common Faith* in light of far-reaching faith-based social movements that arose after its publication, such as the Civil Rights Movement and liberation theology, both of which were aided by institutional forms of religion? In what ways does our contemporary religious landscape invite us to re-think, re-imagine, and reconstruct Deweyan approaches to religion? This lecture addresses these questions by focusing on one community's exemplary response to racial hatred and violence. In August 2019, the predominantly Mexican-American community of El Paso, Texas experienced one of the worst racially-motivated mass shootings in recent history. Members of this remarkable community accompanied one another in a mutual process of healing that drew on various forms of spirituality and art. As we will see, the shared experiences that this community created corroborate key Deweyan insights, while also inviting us to stretch them further.

Introduction and Commentary by Kyle Greenawalt, JDS President

6:00 pm                    **Dinner reservations at The Prado in Balboa Park. Please join us if you are available.**

Please note that there will be no business meeting at this conference. The business meeting for 2022 will be held via zoom in September when we will include award recognition (Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Achievement, JDS/ET Outstanding Paper, and Outstanding Graduate Student Paper). Details to follow. Any member or attendee is welcome to bring issues of interest to the attention of President Kyle Greenawalt.

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm    **Guided border tour with discussion**

Participation in the border tour will be by prior reservation only. The border tour will be lead by Pedro Rios, American Friends Service Committee – San Diego. We will start from and return to Libélula Books & Co, 950 S 26th St, San Diego, CA 92113, <https://bookshop.org/shop/libelulabooksandco>. Please assemble at 9 am in the bookstore for a brief presentation on Barrio Logan and the bookstore. Bus departs at 9:30 am, with stops at MacDonal’d’s Massacre Site in San Ysidro, the Water Treatment Plant, and possibly Border Field State Park. To register for the border tour, please go [here](#): Charge to cover transportation and honorarium for our guide is \$50 for those who can contribute the full cost, with a sliding scale down to \$15 minimum payment, and should be paid prior to April 1, 2022, the reservation deadline. *The border tour is open to **all** on a first come, first served basis.* To make payment for the border tour, please go [here](#).

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