



## Complex Social Justice Problems in Education: Remembering SPE's Roots and Founders

The 2022 Society of Professors of Education Conference Call for Proposals  
Daylong Live Synchronous Virtual Conference on Zoom  
Saturday, April 23, 2022 (8am-5pm EDT)

**Proposals Due February 16, 2022: etboyles@vt.edu**  
~ Ball State University, Conference Host ~

Professors of education, students, and practitioners—you are invited to consider complex social justice problems in education. The Society of Professors of Education's (SPE) roots and founders will also be remembered through reflections on the Society's historical dimensions. We are keen to think, write, teach, and lead educationally in social movements and educational institutions. For the 2022 April conference, we will gather online as a force for justice in response to the national swell of anti-Blackness, conspiracy theory, and the concurrent attacks on science. Advocating for a socially, racially, and ecologically just democracy, we will interact as engaged scholars while sharing early influences on the organization. John Dewey, Charles DeGarmo, and Walter Jacobs were founding members. Noteworthy early members also included William Kilpatrick, George Counts, Elwood Cubberley, Harold Rugg, Edward Thorndike, and George Herbert Mead. The membership and leadership have been diversifying over time, a value of the Society's.

From all educational disciplines, we invite proposals for presentation at SPE's annual conference to be held **virtually via Zoom on April 23, 2022** focused on the theme "Complex Social Justice Problems in Education: Remembering SPE's Roots and Founders." Proposals addressing SPE's goal (below) are also welcome. Abstracts accepted for presentation will appear in SPE's conference proceedings; select papers may be published in *Professing Education*, SPE's journal.

Founded in 1902, the SPE (also "Society") is a professional and academic association open to all persons engaged in teacher preparation, curriculum studies, educational foundations, and related activities. The Society's primary goal is to provide a forum for consideration of major issues, tasks, problems, and challenges confronting professional educators. SPE is an interdisciplinary organization whose members include both scholars and practitioners in education.

Presenters are limited to ONE proposal submission. To be included in the program, presenters of accepted proposals must be (come) paying members of the Society. Membership fees are managed by SPE Secretary-Treasurer Robert C. Morris: rmorris@westga.edu. The fees are very reasonable—join at your earliest convenience. Membership forms (2021-2022 and 2022-2023) are posted: <https://societyofprofessorsofeducation.com/2013/07/30/spe-membership>.

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### PROPOSALS

**Submission:** By **February 16, 2022**, email your Word-formatted proposal to the SPE Program Committee Coordinator Emily Boyles: etboyles@vt.edu. The subject line of your email message must read: "**SPE 2022 Proposal.**"

**Length:** Proposals should be 350 to 500 words (excluding the cover page). Your proposal should (a) state the title of the presentation, (b) describe its contents, (c) discuss its significance, and (d) address the conference theme or Society's goals.

**Cover Sheet:** Proposals should have a separate cover page: (a) state "SPE 2022 proposal"; (b) give the title of your paper; (c) list names, affiliations, work or home addresses, emails, and phone numbers; include short bios of ALL proposal submitters; (d) identify the corresponding presenter. (The cover page will not be sent to proposal reviewers.) Except for the cover page, the proposal must NOT identify the submitters of the proposal.

**Notification:** The proposal review outcome will be emailed to the proposal submitter, along with conference details.

**Reviewers:** Proposal submitters may be tapped as reviewers. Volunteer reviewers, please email: etboyles@vt.edu.

*Join us—we hope you'll submit a proposal and join us online for another exciting event!*  
~ Carol A. Mullen, Professor, Virginia Tech; SPE President 2021 and 2022