



**International Society for Educational Biography (I.S.E.B.)  
39th Annual Conference**

**Life Stories Across Times and Spaces**

**Courtyard by Marriott Oklahoma City Downtown  
2 West Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102**

**October 5-7, 2023**



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**In partnership with  
The Society of Philosophy and History of Education (S.O.P.H.E.)**

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## Schedule of Events

### Please note:

- All **virtual sessions** will be held using Zoom. Presenters should please plan on logging in 15 minutes prior to their presentation to ensure they are familiar with the platform. [Join Zoom Meeting here!](#) ID: 949 0529 2463. Passcode: 406476.
- All times listed are North American Central Daylight Time (NACDT or CST).
- All I.S.E.B. sessions will be in the **Hefner Room** at Courtyard by Marriott Oklahoma City Downtown.
- All S.O.P.H.E. sessions will be in the Murray Room at Courtyard by Marriott Oklahoma City Downtown.

### Thursday, October 5, 2023

**9:00-10:30 Board Meeting (for board members only)**

**10:00-10:45 Welcome!  
Registration Open All Day**

**10:45-11:30 Session 1: (Virtual Presentations) Wandering Lives**

Chair: **Edward Janak**, University of Toledo

Presenters: **Chiehyu Wang**, Rashtriya Raksha University, India

“A Life Journey Through Changing Times - Dr. Yang Yunyuan's Footsteps in China, India, U.S. and Taiwan”

**Chinmayee Nanda**, KIIT Deemed University, India

“Voicing the Voiceless: Jayanta Mohapatra’s Parade of the Pitfalls of Patriarchy”

**11:30-1:00 Lunch Buffet (Hotel Restaurant)**

**1:30-3:00 Session 2: Changing and Educating the World through Actions, Aspirations, and Their Lives**

Chair: **Marcus Brown**, Tarleton State University

Presenters: **Marcus Brown and Lora Helvie-Mason**, Tarleton State University

“Communicating Student Support: Self-Advocacy and Educational Biography as Opportunities to Foster Belonging”

**Linda Morice**, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

“The Life and Influences of James B. Conant”

**Prairie Endres-Parnell**, Tarleton State University

“Letters to my Mother: A Generational Study of Motherhood and Identity development”

**3:00-3:15 Break: Coffee, tea, soft drinks**

**3:15-4:45**      **Session 3: Faith, Fate, Religion, and Beliefs in Our Lives**  
Chair:            **Jared Stallones**, University of Northern Colorado  
Presenters:     **Sharon Ross**, Texas A&M University-Commerce  
                      "Undercover Prophet: Retrospective Reflections on Servant Leadership and Spirituality"  
                      **Wendy Freebersyser**, Lindenwood University  
                      "My Second Awakening—A Pursuit of Freedom, Truth, and Authenticity"  
                      **Ricardo Lumbreras**, Tarleton State University  
                      "God Winks: My Unintentional and Spiritual Journey in Education"

**4:45-5:00**      **Break: refreshment**

**5:00-6:30**      **Session 4: Forming and Conforming to Social Norms in Life Narratives of Women**  
Chair:            **Susan Miller**, Rutgers University Camden  
Presenters:     **Susan Miller**, Rutgers University Camden  
                      "Half Lives of 'the Radium Woman': Juvenile Biographies of Marie Curie"  
                      **Lora Helvie-Mason**, Tarleton State University  
                      "Becoming 'Momma T' at a rural, Southern PWI: Communicating Identity in Varied Cultural Contexts"  
                      **Penny Craig**, Ball State University  
                      "What about the Wright Sister?"

**7:00-9:00**      **I.S.E.B. Presidential Address & Banquet for I.S.E.B./S.O.P.H.E. Members (Eufala Room)**  
                      **Jie Zhang**, Trinity University, I.S.E.B. President  
                      "Eileen Chang and the Literary Sojourner"  
                      [Live Stream on Zoom](#). ID: 949 0529 2463. Passcode: 406476.

### **Friday, October 6, 2023**

**8:30-9:30**      **Session 5: (Virtual Presentations) New Research in the Field—An Invited Panel**  
Chair:            **Sherry Mou**, DePauw University  
Presenters:     **Anisha Limbu**, Sikkim University, India  
                      "Locating the Spiritual Foundations in the Gandhian Philosophy of *Satyagraha*"  
                      **Yu Hsuan Yeh**, The University of Tokyo, Japan  
                      "Becoming Pedagogy: The Birth of Discourse of Xun Zi in Modern Era"  
                      **Huiqiao Yao**, University of Arizona/Trinity University  
                      "Sagehood and Biography: Narrating Wang Yangming's Life in Late Imperial China"

- 9:30-10:30**     **Session 6:** Biographical Engagements: What Are You Reading? (Roundtable)  
 Facilitator:     **Lucy Bailey**, Oklahoma State University  
 Panelist:        **Sherry Mou**, DePauw University
- 10:30-10:45**   **Break: Coffee, tea, soft drinks**
- 10:45-11:45**   **Session 7:** Roundtable-Workshop: Co-Witnessed, Co-Constructed Dialogues  
 (Roundtable on Zoom and in person)  
 Facilitators:    **Janine Joyce**, Edith Cowan University, Australia  
                       **Roy Tamashiro**, Webster University
- 11:45-1:30**     SOPHE Presidential Luncheon (Eufala Room)  
**Basiyr D. Rodney**, Department Chair, Teacher Education, Webster University  
 “Unmoored: The Case for and Confounding of Teaching Educational  
 Foundations in the Age of AI”
- 1:30-2:30**      **Session 8:** The Music in Me: Locating My Music Identity (Roundtable)  
 Facilitator:     **Paul Stafford**, Tarleton State University
- 2:30-3:30**      **Session 9:** The Role of AI in Life Writing (Roundtable)  
 Facilitator:     **Penny Craig**: Ball State University
- 3:30-3:45**      **Break: Coffee, tea, soft drinks**
- 3:45-5:15**      **Session 10:** Education, Educators, and Women’s Lives  
 Chair:            **Larry Prochner**, University of Alberta, Canada  
 Presenters:     **Larry Prochner**, University of Alberta, Canada  
                       “Becoming a Deweyan: Teacher Meridith Smith (1871-1956)”  
                       **Ivy Tyson**, The Ohio State University  
                       “In Her Own Voice: The Religious Life of Emma Willard”  
                       **Edward Janak**, University of Toledo  
                       “Little Song and Big Oil: Ataloa Stone McLendon and the GEB in Oklahoma”
- 5:15-6:15**      **Session 11:** Rethinking Autonomy & Social Interventions / Intersectionalities in  
 Life Writings  
 Chair:            **Amy Kochendoerfer**, University of Toledo  
 Presenters:     **Roy Tamashiro**, Webster University  
                       “‘When Hope and Doubt Sit Side-by-Side’: Narratives of Witnessing and  
 Intersectional Identity”  
                       **Amy Kochendoerfer, Edward Janak, and Susanna Hapgood**, University of  
 Toledo  
                       “Administrators Tasked with Implementing the District-Adopted Teacher  
 Performance Evaluation System Persevere Through the Challenges”

**6:15-7:00**     **ISEB Business Meeting:** All are invited and welcome!

**7:30-8:30**     **ISEB/SOPHE Joint Reception** (Eufala Room): Wine and Cheese

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**8:30-10:00**     **Session 12:** Women’s Embodied Lives: Autoethnographies of Reflection, Resistance and Renewal

Chair:            **Lucy Bailey**, Oklahoma State University

Panelists:      **Krystal Moore**, Oklahoma State University  
                     **Missy Bingham**, Oklahoma State University  
                     **Lindsey Abernathy**, Oklahoma State University

**10:00-10:15**     **Break**

**10:15-11:45**     **Session 13:** Space, Place, Placement, and Displacement

Chair:            **Ludovic Sourdod**, Texas Woman's University

Presenters:     **Becky Atkinson and Brad Toland**, University of Alabama  
                     “Women Stuck in the Margins: Child and Addams Made a Difference. . . or Did They?”  
                     **Susan Hany**, Owens Community College  
                     “Beyond Rural Code 4”  
                     **Ludovic Sourdod**, Texas Woman's University  
                     “Go Back to Where You Came from! Immigration, Education and Resilience: An Autobiographical Perspective”

## PARTICIPANTS WITH SESSION NUMBERS

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Atkinson, Becky, 13	Morice, Linda, 2
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Hapgood, Susanna, 11	Stafford, Paul, 8
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Helvie-Mason, Lora, 2, 4	Tamashiro, Roy, 7, 11
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Joyce, Janine, 7	Tyson, Ivy, 10
Kochendoerfer, Amy, 11	Wang, Chiehyu, 1
Limbu, Anisha, 5	Yao, Huiqiao, 5
Lumbreras, Ricardo, 3	Yeh, Yu Hsuan, 5
Miller, Susan, 4	Zhang, Jie, **

\* SOPHE Presidential Luncheon speaker (11:45 am-1:30 pm, Friday)

\*\* I.S.E.B. Presidential Address (7:00-9:00 pm, Thursday)



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