

## FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

2024 Gathering: June 3-6, 2024  
Malone University ~ Canton, Ohio

### VALIANT FOR THE TRUTH

#### Call for Papers, Presentations, and Workshops

In a 1656 letter to ministers written while he was in South Gate Prison in Cornwall, George Fox wrote: "Let all nations hear the word by sound or writing. Spare no place, spare not tongue nor pen, but be obedient to the Lord God and go through the world and be **valiant for the Truth** upon earth; tread and trample all that is contrary under. Keep in the wisdom of God that spreads over all the earth, the wisdom of the creation, that is pure. Live in it; that is the word of the Lord God to you all, do not abuse it; and keep down and low; and take heed of false joys that will change."

This year's conference will explore ways in which Quakers and Quaker theology and practice informs our endeavors to be valiant in the classroom, in our scholarly research, and in our institutions of higher learning, meetings, and churches. Queries to consider:

- How does Truth and truth telling show up in your classrooms and research?
- How does being valiant for the Truth inform your teaching, learning, and scholarship in the arts, sciences, and professions?
- How can Friends colleges, universities, and institutions be valiant for the Truth?
- In what areas have Friends been effective or lacking in being valiant for the Truth?
- What does it mean to be valiant for the Truth when teaching and learning in the age of AI?
- How can we find common ground as truth tellers within the larger Quaker community of scholars and academicians, specifically among our key constituencies within Evangelical Friends Churches International, Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, New Association of Friends, and other groupings of Friends?
- How might we integrate areas of Quaker concern - peace, equality, and stewardship - within and outside of our classrooms?
- What does it mean to be Valiant for Truth in areas of shifting meaning within our colleges and universities and beyond, such as the fields of science, education, library science, and other areas that have become contested and politicized nationally?

Please consider including elements of participation into your presentation. As always, we welcome any presentation, panel, or workshop that speaks to life-long learning, teaching, scholarship, and administration that reflect what is most genuine in each of us. Direct proposals and inquiries to Jacci Stuckey at [jstuckey@malone.edu](mailto:jstuckey@malone.edu). Proposals received by April 1 will receive first consideration. Thereafter, proposals will be considered as space permits.

We look forward to good reading!

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