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Studies of early adolescents’ perspectives on social relationships in middle school contexts: Integrating developmental, cultural, and contextual Analyses
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Studies of the assessment of high school aged adolescents’ informed social reflection
Dennis Barr¹, Andres Molano², Michelle Bellino³ & Robert L. Selman²
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A study of coping and self-compassion in college-aged girls’ relational aggression
Emily Weinstein, Dawn E. Schrader & Jess Matthews; Cornell University, Ithaca NY

Discussant: Sigrun Adalbjarnardottir, University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Symposium 6.3
Room: Waterman
Youth Purpose and its Civic Expressions
Jennifer Menon Mariano, Organizer and Chair

Symposium Abstract: This symposium presents research that examines youth purpose, or intentions to contribute to self and other (see Damon, Menon, & Bronk, 2003) from a civic perspective. Mariano examines the social supports of purpose among minority girls, including three young civic purpose exemplars. Dorner employs ethnographic methods to explore how language brokering is associated with the development of civic purpose in a longitudinal sample of adolescent and young adult children of Hispanic immigrants. Barber draws upon data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to study personal, experiential, and contextual predictors of civic purpose. Implications of these studies are discussed.

Perceived social supports of civic and other expressions of purpose among minority adolescent girls
Jennifer Menon Mariano, University of South Florida, Sarasota FL

The adolescent children of immigrants, language brokering, and civic purpose
Lisa Dorner, University of Missouri--St-Louis

Volunteerism as purpose: Examining predictors of long-term service involvement
Carolyn Barber, University of Missouri--Kansas City

Thematic Panel 6.1
Room: Maryland
"Praxis, not Pontification. Moral actions speak louder than words” - Theory into Practice within the Just Community School
David Rowse, Organizer