

The Policy of Persuasion*

Announcement for Policy Debate Class, Fall 2013

Register now for "The Policy of Persuasion"-- a class that focuses on the theories of policy debate in conjunction with a classical persuasion foundation.

Vital Information...

- Day:** Wednesday, weekly for Fall semester
- Time:** 10:30 – 12:00pm Fall semester; 21 hours of instruction, 14 classes
- Date:** Begins August 21st, 2012 and ends November 20th, 2013
- Place:** Trinity Point Church in Easley (1938 Brushy Creek Rd., Easley, SC 29642)
- Cost:** \$215 per student, plus a facility fee.[†]
- Text:** An Introduction to Policy Debate[‡] by Christy Shipe. Also, an electronic copy of the Ethos Sourcebook for 2013-2014 will be required once it is released. More information on how to purchase and download this resource will be given in class.
- Class:** For ages 14 and up (unless with older sibling or advanced 8th grader). Class size will be limited to 20 students.

About the Teacher...

Stephanielynn Būda was first introduced to debate in high school, where she competed in value debate through the National Forensics League. While in college, her debate experience shifted from value to policy debate. Stephanie graduated with her bachelor of arts in communication from Bob Jones University in 2005. After graduation, she decided to pursue a Master's degree in Performance Studies and became a teaching assistant to pay for this additional degree. This first "real" experience in the classroom ignited her love for teaching. During her time as a teaching assistant, she began assistant coaching and traveling with the BJU Intercollegiate debate team. She graduated with her post-grad degree in 2007 and stayed at Bob Jones University as full-time faculty for 3 years, during which she also acted as the faculty advisor for the BJU Debate Association. Fall 2013 begins her 8th year teaching; currently, Stephanie teaches at Greenville Technical College in addition to instructing high school courses in speech and debate (both value and policy) with a homeschool group in her community. In addition, she has the privilege of being the coach of the Upstate Area Debate Club in both the speech and debate capacities. Stephanie loves being married to her best friend, Brian, and being a momma to her baby girl, Ellise Caroline. In her "free time," Stephanie enjoys tutoring, writing, reading random books in random genres, and doing artsy-type things. ☺

* A Charis Communications course. For more information on other class offerings, visit www.chariscommunications.wordpress.com.

† The facility fee is based on (and divided by) the enrollment of total students/participants that typically register in the classes/clubs for the semester.

‡ A copy of this text can be purchased through The Home School Legal Defense Association at <http://store.hslda.org>.

About the Course...

The Policy of Persuasion course is designed to teach your student the format and theories of policy debate in context with the classical approach to persuasion.

The act of persuasive speaking, especially through debate, has proven to have several benefits ranging from research skills, critical thinking, to academic excellence in other subjects. These skills are wonderful in and of themselves, but I believe they become invaluable when they are combined with our faith. Those skills serve the Christian the best, I believe, as they are used to practice 1 Peter 3:15-16...

- by learning to “honor Christ as holy” through our words
- by always “being prepared to anyone who asks... a reason for the hope that is in [us]”
- by giving those reasons “with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience”

The class itself will be taught according to the rules of The National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (www.ncfca.org), which “believes that formal speech and debate can provide a means for homeschooled students to learn and exercise analytical and oratorical skills, addressing life issues from a Biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God.”

The Policy of Persuasion semester course can be counted as ½ high school credit, if you choose to do so. Also, once a student completes The Policy of Persuasion debate course, he/she becomes eligible to participate in the Upstate Area Debate Club for additional credit. The Upstate Area Debate Club, through its participation in the NCFCA, is geared for “live” debate through practice rounds (in club) and competition (through tournaments).

About Registration...

Complete the registration form (page 3) mail now with your \$35 facility fee to secure a spot for your child in the class. The balance of \$215 will be due by June 20. All fees are nonrefundable.

Send a check made payable and mail to:

Stephanie Būda
104 Baldwin Circle,
Mauldin, SC, 29662.

For any questions about registration or the class, please contact me at communicatecharis@gmail.com.

The Policy of Persuasion: Registration Form

Please fill out a separate form for each student you are registering. Mail form and check to the address below.

Student's full name _____

Preferred nickname _____

Age _____ Birthdate ____/____/____ Grade in Fall 2013 _____

Student's email address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Parents' names _____

Parents' email address _____

Parents' Cell Phone _____

Students and parents are asked to read all emails (and respond, if prompted) concerning the class throughout the semester.

Signed,

Student _____ Date _____

"We, the parents of _____, assume full responsibility for any accident/medical insurance needed to cover our child in the case of accidental injury, or the like, while our child is attending The Policy of Persuasion debate class. We will not hold the class or the facility Trinity Point Church responsible in any manner for injury. Furthermore, I or my spouse agree to read all emails concerning the The Policy of Persuasion course and to reply promptly when asked."

Signed,

Parent _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

Mail the completed form with your nonrefundable facility fee of \$35. The balance of \$215 will be due by **June 20**. Refunds will not be issued at any time should your child decide to drop out of the class. Make check payable to Stephanie Bűda and mail to:

Stephanie Bűda, 104 Baldwin Circle, Mauldin, SC 29662