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Message from the President



*“Yes we'll walk with a walk that is measured and slow,
and we'll go where the chalk-white arrows go,
for the children, they mark, and the children, they know,
the place where the sidewalk ends” - Shel Silverstein, 1974*

Another academic year has started and your EERA Board already met this past summer at Widener University to plan for another successful year. We took your suggestions very seriously and made adjustments to the website, conference planning and events, future sites, and other items of need to foster a collegial environment for our membership.

This year, we will return to the “place where the sidewalk ends” the Sarasota Hyatt Regency Hotel where we have walked the “walk that is measured and slow”. The familiarity of the site will provide an advantage for the upcoming conference planners. Their goal is to provide a better venue from past conferences held at this familiar locale and will set the tone for a new upcoming Board to take over in February 2013.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy year as well as mention several of our long-time EERA members are currently on medical leave. I hope you will keep these people in your prayers for a speedy recovery. I want to thank everyone for supporting me during my two years as your President and will continue as your Past-President of providing “Education through Research”.

Respectfully,
Andy Shim

Message from the President Elect and Director of Conference Planning



(photo taken at UNCW commencement May 2012)

Hello,

We will be in Sarasota, Florida February 20-23, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota for another invigorating annual conference. We look forward to receiving your conference proposals. This year there is a 2000 word maximum for Proposal Abstracts. The deadline for conference proposals is **Monday, November 5th**. As part of the proposal submission process you can specify preferred days and times for presentation(s). Currently, I am investigating ways to facilitate sharing conference papers electronically. Once more information is available I will share these details.

Respectfully,

Michele A. Parker



Message from the Vice-President of Conference Planning

EERA Returns to Sunny Sarasota

The 2013 EERA Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort from February 20 until February 23, 2013. It is recommended that you register early in order to ensure the EERA discounted rate of \$177 plus tax for single and double occupancy. Here is the link for reservations: [Hyatt in Sarasota](#)

The resort in Sarasota has undergone a \$22 million renovation from head to toe. Each spacious guest room includes typical hotel furnishings and has a view of the inlet. The resort amenities include shuttles to the airport and beach as well as a pool and fitness center. In addition, there is shopping and dining within a short walking or driving distance.

I look forward to seeing you in sunny Sarasota.

Respectfully,

Jennifer L. Brown

Message from the Director of Student Services

I hope you had a great summer and that your academic year is off to a great start. Over the summer, our LinkedIn group “EERA Graduate Students” took off. This link will take you to our LinkedIn group: [EERA Graduate Student LinkedIn Group](#)

Currently, 25 students and faculty have joined this online forum designed to expand our communication beyond the annual conference. I hope that you will network and share resources with each other throughout the year. All EERA members are welcome to join and contribute to the LinkedIn group.

Congratulations to Theodore Carey the student co-author who won the Best Paper Award for the 2012 EERA Annual Conference. Students, is there a professional event that you participated in or an honor that you received recently? If so, please send details. I would like to share this kind of information with other EERA student members!

I hope that you are composing your proposal for the 2013 annual conference in Sarasota, FL. The submission process is currently open. The deadline for proposals is Monday, November 5th.

Warm Regards,

Respectfully,

Michele A. Parker



Message from the Past President

As past president, one of my tasks is to come up with a keynote speaker as you may remember. This year I believe that we have a speaker of interest to all members. Our keynote speaker will be Herbert W. Garrett who is executive director of the Georgia School Superintendents Association. He reports and addresses education groups across the state of Georgia. What is of interest to us as educators is as Herb states "How education policy is made!". This is not my field but hearing him address a group of superintendents I learned more about the working educational policy than I had ever thought was important to me as a higher education faculty member. Join us to hear his keynote on Thursday morning of the EERA annual conference.



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Respectfully,
Abbot L. Packard

Message from the Journal of Educational Research (JRE) Editor and Associate Editor

While the Spring Journal went out without a hitch, the next issue has been slowed with end of Spring term and summer vacations. Reviewers and editors alike have been slow to piece together the next issue of the journal. We have more than 40 submissions which are reviewed or are being reviewed for the next issue.

I am appreciative of all those reviews who found the time in busy schedules to return their reviews. I am still looking for a few more good people to review so I don't have to ask the same people too often. As the number of submissions increases so does the strain on those editorial volunteers. It is exciting to read some of the new research being conducted and I

am hoping a few more individuals will join me in looking carefully at what others are doing so we can publish more articles for the benefit to all.

We would like to publish best articles from the conference from both profession and student presenters.

Hope to see you in Sarasota!!!

Respectfully,

Abbot L. Packard, editor

and

Jessica L. Bucholz, associate editor



Message from the Director of Awards and Sponsorships

This year, we expanded our best conference paper award to include both best professional paper and best graduate student paper. We are hoping for a record number of submissions at the 2013 conference!



I am happy to report that we will be celebrating Dr. John Burton as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2013 EERA Conference. Dr. Burton is a professor of education specializing in Instructional Design and Technology at Virginia Tech. He has been a positive and supportive influence on many beginning scholars over the years, and many (including myself) continue to be actively involved with EERA to continue that tradition of providing encouragement and challenges to future generations of graduate students and colleagues. Please be sure to join us in honoring one of our own at the designated evening reception in February 2013!

Respectfully,

Carol Watson



Message from the Director of Membership

As the current EERA Director of Membership, I look forward to meeting all professional and student members, especially those who are 'first-time' EERA conference attendees at the 2013 EERA Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota in Sarasota, FL during February 20-23, 2013. This next annual conference is another milestone for our professional educational research organization and collectively the membership will make this a highly productive and enjoyable experience. With the usual numerous scheduled quality papers, symposia, posters, and professional development sessions, the annual conference will be a fantastic opportunity to share and discuss the research methodology and results of original educational research.

Visit the EERA website: <http://www.eeraonline.org> to become a member (Professional membership is \$50.00; Student membership is \$30.00), submit a paper proposal, register, and make hotel reservations for this exciting annual conference.

Respectfully,

Dennis King

Message from the Director of Communications



(photo taken at commencement UWG 2011)

Hello Everyone,

I hope the fall semester has started off well for you. You may recall from the last newsletter that I had hoped to start generating and distributing the newsletter through Mail Chimp. Well, I am still learning and so, for the time being, I am using the traditional email method of distribution. I hope you are all working on your research proposals for EERA this February. I look forward to seeing you all soon in sunny Sarasota.

Respectfully,

Jessica Bucholz

SAVE THE DATES – Future Conference Dates and Locations

2013: Sarasota, Florida 2/20-2/23

2014: Jacksonville, Florida 2/19-2/22

2015: Sarasota, Florida 2/25 – 2/28

2016: Hilton Head, South Carolina 2/17 – 2/20

Call for Papers/Proposals for the 2013 EERA Conference



February 20-23

<http://www.eeraonline.org>

Hyatt Regency Sarasota

<http://sarasota.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

Educational researchers may submit for consideration original proposals that have not been published or presented at another professional meeting. Proposals may be submitted for any EERA Division. If the proposal is accepted all presenters must pay the conference fees. All formats require that the presenter prepare a paper for distribution at the conference. Those who are accepted for a paper presentation

are expected to mail their completed papers to their session facilitator at least two weeks prior to the conference.

Original proposed research presentations are to be based on completed work or work to be completed before the annual conference. The program will consist of papers and other formats for educational research presentations that have been accepted by the review committee. All submissions will be reviewed by at least two scholars or practitioners in the field of education. Submissions will be accepted from September 1 – November 5, 2012. The deadline for proposal submissions is **November 5, 2012**. Notification of acceptance will be sent to the lead author by **Saturday November 24, 2012**.

How to Submit a Proposal

A proposal may be submitted only once. Each proposal will be reviewed by individuals with experience that closely matches the topic of the paper/poster/symposium/roundtable. An individual may participate in a **maximum of three sessions**, excluding invited addresses, business meetings, and award activities. EERA will provide overhead projectors for proposals accepted as Symposia and Paper presentations; other audio-visual or equipment needs must be arranged by the participant.

Submitted proposals should be an abstract of 2000 characters or less and should summarize the major objectives or focus, the theoretical perspective, research methods or techniques, data sources, results, conclusions, and educational or scientific significance of the work. Electronic copies of the proposal must be submitted using key words for peer review. Each submission should include the title of the proposal and author's name, institutional affiliation, and mailing address as you want it to appear in the program and on the Web version of the program (including zip code). Please also include a phone number (including area code) and e-mail address (if any). The online submission process is activated. You can access the link to online submission by using the following link: [Submit a Proposal](#) (scroll to the bottom for the link to submit your proposal)

Session Formats

Papers

Description: Research paper proposals are structured synopses or completed data-based studies that utilize any variety of quantitative or qualitative methodological approaches. Theoretical papers are acceptable. Papers not meeting these criteria (e.g. literature reviews) should be submitted under another format. The proposed paper should be appropriate for submission to a referred journal. **How it works:** Paper sessions provide an opportunity for an author to present an abbreviated version of his or her paper. A facilitator will promote discussion of the papers after the papers are presented. The order of presentation will follow the order printed in

the program. EERA believes the dialogue and discussion of papers is a critical component of our conference. To facilitate interaction among participants, sessions generally will have a smaller number of papers than is traditional at other conferences. Paper sessions, therefore, often have less than 4 papers. However, in cases where 4 papers are assigned to a session, for example, the paper session format allows approximately 5 minutes for the facilitator to introduce the session, approximately 10 minutes for each paper presenter, 15 minutes for the facilitated discussion, and 20 minutes for open discussion. Paper sessions will have an assigned facilitator. Evaluation Criteria: Paper proposals will be evaluated according to (a) the significance of the problem or issue to the field; (b) the originality of the work; (c) the adequacy of the theoretical/conceptual framework; (d) appropriateness of the mode of inquiry; (e) the rigor and accuracy of the analysis of the data; (f) clarity of the written exposition of ideas, analyses, and arguments; and (g) reasonableness of stated conclusions and implications in light of findings and previous research.

Symposia

Description: Symposia are thematic, integrated dialogues between session participants about a clearly identified theme or topic. This format allows a team of researchers or practitioners to present or review scholarly perspectives on issues. The format is not intended as an opportunity to present papers that have not gone through a review process. Rather, symposia should provide attendees with an opportunity to hear presenters engage in dialogue amongst themselves, as well as with attendees, about cutting-edge research, practice, theory building, or policy development. How it Works: The organizer of the session will act as the facilitator of the program. This person will introduce each member of the symposia and identify each one's particular perspective on the topic of the session. The time for presentations will be divided among the participants. The panel members are expected to prepare a commentary paper addressing central questions regarding the issue under consideration. The facilitator will divide the session to include sufficient time for the facilitator to integrate themes or identify questions for further discussion and for the attendees to contribute to the discussion. Evaluation Criteria: Symposia proposals will be evaluated on (a) originality; (b) clarity of topic; (c) significance of topic and/or relevance to EERA members; (d) organization and coherence of individual presentations; (e) range of knowledge and points of view represented by presenters; and (f) opportunities for audience presentation.

Roundtable Discussions

Description: Roundtables may be proposed on any topic, but are best suited for small group discussions intended to advance, enhance, or share information about research projects that are still in progress. Roundtables are also a useful format for discussion of sharply or narrowly focused topics of policy, practice, professional, or theoretical concerns. Proposals may be submitted that are for one roundtable only or for a group of related roundtables. How it Works: Individual presenters are

assigned numbered tables in a large meeting room where interested persons may gather with the presenter about his or her paper or project. Authors are expected to bring copies of their full papers or summaries and to remain available for discussion throughout the session. Roundtables are not appropriate forums for formal paper presentations or for topics that would engage large groups of people. The presenter will act as the facilitator of the session. Facilitators are not assigned to roundtable sessions. Audiovisual equipment is not available for roundtable sessions.

Evaluation Criteria: Roundtable proposals will be evaluated on (a) the significance of the topic/issue/problem to the field; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for stimulating scholarly discussion; (d) originality; and (e) methods planned to engage participants.

Poster Sessions

Description: Poster sessions combine the graphic display of materials with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion of the research throughout the session. How it works: Presenters must set up their displays prior to the start of the session and remove them promptly at the end, as well as have copies of papers or summaries available. A brief abstract of the paper in large typescript should form part of the display. Also, displays often include visual aids in the form of graphs or charts. Posters should be 36" x 48" and be placed with tape (no pins). Evaluation Criteria: Poster sessions will be evaluated on (a) the significance of the topic/issue/problem to the field; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for stimulating scholarly discussion; (d) originality; and (e) methods planned to engage participants.

We look forward to seeing you at the EERA 2013 Conference in Sarasota, Florida. Please make your plans early to assure your reservation at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota.

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