

Eastern Educational Research Association

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Enlightening Education through Research



Happy New Year!

Message from the President

“To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts. Every man is tasked to make his life, even in its details, worthy of the contemplation of his most elevated and critical hour.”

-Henry David Thoreau – 1854



I remind myself of the responsibility and ability to reach and “affect” individuals in this field of academia, especially at my particular institution. I also am humbled to have had the opportunity to be your President of the Eastern Educational Research Association for the past two years. The Board has made some significant changes that have improved the efficiency and reduced costs upon the membership. Please thank the current Board members for their service beyond self; especially since we all are volunteers to the cause. I am looking forward towards seeing every one of you in Sarasota this February. The association is being left in great hands with your President-elect, Dr. Michele Parker who will take over the Presidency at the annual conference.

Lastly, I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy holiday period before returning back to our classrooms and individual institutions. I welcome your feedback towards creating a stronger, vibrant, yet inclusive organization for everyone to contribute towards our mission of providing “Education through Research”.

Respectfully,

Andy Shim

Message from the President Elect and Director of Conference Planning and Student Services



Hello Everyone,

I hope the fall semester went smoothly and that you have had a joyous holiday season. I look forward to interacting with you at the 2013 Annual conference. Now that EERA conference proposal acceptance notifications have been sent many of you are ready to make your travel and lodging arrangements. Here are some key details I want to highlight:

- EERA will provide overhead projectors for proposals accepted as Symposia and Paper presentations only; other audio-visual or equipment needs must be arranged by the participant.
- Paper and Symposia formats require that the presenter prepare a paper for distribution at the conference. You may distribute hardcopies or electronic copies to the individuals who attend your session.
- Those who are accepted for paper presentations are expected to email their completed papers to their session facilitator at least two weeks prior to the conference.
- For posters we recommend 2' by 3' posters that can be taped to the wall. Only masking tape can be used as adhesive.

Please remember to visit the on-line registration at <http://eeraonline.org/conference/registration.cfm>, as payment of dues and membership are required to be placed in the conference program, and complete this acceptance process before January 31, 2013.

Thanks for your support of the Eastern Educational Research Association.

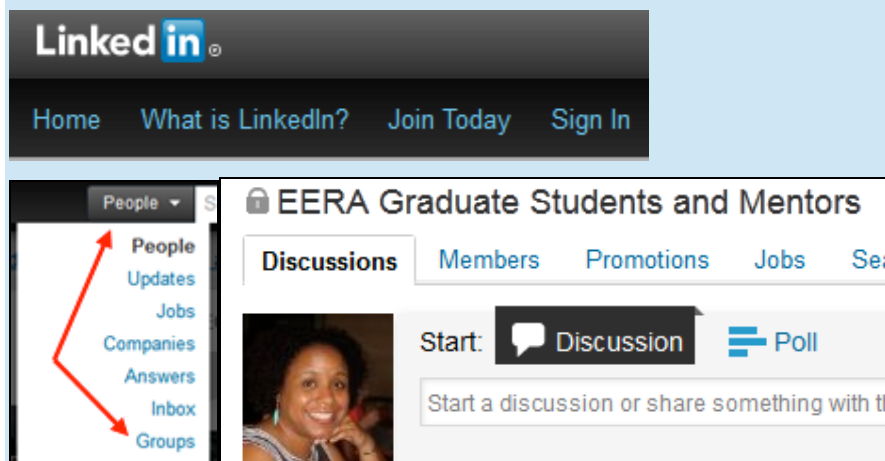
Respectfully,

Michele A. Parker

Hello Graduate Students and Members,

I look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Annual Conference in Sarasota, FL. Here are several items I want you to know:

1. Please join our LinkedIn group. This is a forum designed for EERA graduate students and mentors to converse throughout the year. To join the group sign-in to LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com then Select “Groups” and type “EERA Graduate Students and Mentors.” Here are screen captures to guide you.



2. We are looking for graduate students to work at the registration during the 2013 annual conference in exchange for having the conference registration fee waived. Students, please complete this survey to express your availability by January 20, 2013:

<http://appserv01.uncw.edu/SelectSurveyNET//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=722JI982>

You must pay membership dues for the upcoming year to be eligible. If selected, an EERA Board Member will confirm the time/date your assistance is needed.

3. The Hyatt Regency is not offering special rates for graduate students. If you already have a roommate you can contact the hotel directly to make your reservation. If you want to be matched with a roommate please complete this survey by January 20, 2013:

<http://appserv01.uncw.edu/SelectSurveyNET//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=722JI882>

I will inform roommate pairs of their match and pairs are responsible for making their reservation.

4. The Graduate Student Reception is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st from 5 – 6 pm. Look for additional details in the conference program. We will have a raffle again this year. Please attend this informative and fun event.

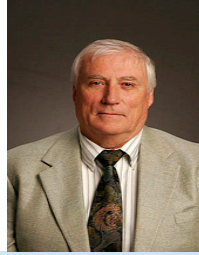
5. We are planning conference “Workshops” based on the suggestions provided last year.

6. There is a “Best Graduate Student Paper” Award. Look for details in the Award section of this Newsletter.

Respectfully,

Michele A. Parker

Message from the Past President



This next conference in Sarasota will be my last as Past President and as David Shannon suggested I will now be the Past, Past President. One of my last official acts was to arrange a Keynote speaker for the conference. One area that has blossomed since my short twenty years with EERA is the effect of technology on education. This year's speaker, Dr. Barbara Lockee, is presently a professor of education specializing in Instructional Design and Technology at Virginia Tech. She will address the issue ***Research 3.0: The Next Generation of Instructional Technology Inquiry***. The use of technology for learning has drawn tremendous interest from a variety of constituents hoping for promise of educational reform through its use. However, the history of research related to instructional technology has been well intentioned, but fraught with a variety of challenges related to focus and methodology. Examining the roots of inquiry in IT that began over a century ago, this presentation will trace the research trends in instructional technology, as well as draw from past experiences to propose productive areas of investigation for the future.

I also will have the privilege of introducing our EERA member who is being honored for his contributions to the organization and the field of education, Dr John Burton. When I asked a few individuals I know who are current members of EERA, I was amazed, but not surprised at the number of lives he has touched in the field of education. I received a list of the number of graduate committees he had served on at Virginia Tech which numbers more than 400. If you consider that many of these, like myself, have aided others to graduate, the influence that he has had is incredible. It will be my pleasure to introduce him as this year's recognition award winner for his contributions to EERA.

I called for nominations from the general membership to form a ballot to elect a new slate of EERA Board Members. We still need individuals to be nominated by others or self. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else please email me. Below the list of positions is a sample nomination. Positions and current nominees include:

President-Elect: The President-Elect will automatically succeed the President after the completion of a two-year-term. The President-Elect also has the responsibility for assembling the annual conference program. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President.

Michael T. Miller – University of Arkansas

Vice-President for Conference Planning: The Vice-President for Conference Planning is responsible for planning and managing the Annual Conference. The Conference Planning Vice-President will coordinate and supervise the conference activities.

Jennifer L. Brown – Columbus State University

Secretary: The Secretary shall issue notices of Council, Board of Directors, and business meetings of the Corporation and keep minutes thereafter.

Carol Watson – Kutztown University

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Corporation and shall keep regular books of the account. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving applications and payments for membership and conference registration, and managing conference registration at the Annual Conference.

Marcia V. Bolton – Widener University

Director of Communication: The Director of Communications will be responsible for monitoring all communications external to EERA, including the organization's web page and newsletter.

Kenda Grover – University of Arkansas

Director of Divisions: The Director of Divisions will be responsible for managing all Divisions and coordinating these activities at the Annual Conference as well as any special meetings. The Director is also responsible for making recommendations regarding the addition or deletion of Divisions or SIGs as per the organization's By-Laws.

Director of Membership: The Director of Membership will be responsible for developing membership programs and developing plans for increasing, involving, and retaining membership.

Dennis King – University of Maine

Director of Student Services – The Director of Student Services will be responsible for designing, implementing, and coordinating conference sessions and EERA activities that enhance the membership and professional development of students.

Parastou Mokri

Sample Nomination from the 2009 Election

Candidates for President Elect

Name: Andrew Shim

Andy received his doctorate in Technology Pedagogy with an emphasis in Health Promotion from Alliant International University/San Diego, CA in 2002. Dr. Shim is currently the Director for the Motor Behavior and Human Performance Lab at Dakota State University where he is also a faculty member in the Department of Exercise Science. Prior to joining the faculty at DSU this past year, Dr. Shim was an Assistant Professor in the Health, Physical Education Department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania since 2004.

Since receiving his doctorate, he has made 35 national and 5 international presentations at professional conferences, published eight manuscripts in referred journals, seventeen ancillary textbook publications through McGraw-Hill Publishers, and secured \$65,000 to support his research efforts.

Andy has been an active member of EERA since 2004. He has been a presenter, session facilitator, discussant, and newsletter editor of the Eastern Researcher. He is currently serving as the Communications Director and a member of the Journal of Research in Education Board. He strives to take these experiences to become President-Elect for EERA by improving the visibility and productivity of the organization to existing members and attracting more institutions to support the cause of Education through Research.

Respectfully,

Abbot Packard

Message from the Editor of the Journal of Research in Education

The Journal of Research in Education (JRE) provides a forum for sharing scholarship among researchers and practitioners in education. The Journal encourages the submission of empirical and methodological manuscripts. JRE accepts manuscripts for review and possible publication in all areas of education from faculty, graduate students, and professionals working in the field.

The next issue of the Journal will be online shortly in a format, which is expected to be easier to read online. Rather than the traditional two columns of printed text, we will be using a single column; eliminating the need to scroll from the bottom of the page to the top to finish a sentence. This issue will have articles from several disciplines including physical education, literacy, leadership, self-regulated learning, issues of classroom goals and math instruction.

The journal has gone through some organizational issues this year, which are expected to reduce delays. This process will be aided by the increase of many new reviewers from different areas. This will speed up the review process and not require that we ask the same individuals to review too many articles in one year. Thank you for your continued support of EERA and the Journal of Research in Education.

Respectfully,

Abbot Packard

Message from the Vice-President of Conference Planning



Sarasota Welcomes EERA

The 2013 EERA Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort from February 20 until February 23, 2013. The deadline to reserve your room at the EERA discounted rate of \$177 is Saturday, January 19, 2013. While in Sarasota, I hope that you will be able to visit some of the downtown restaurants and shops. In addition, you can visit the Ringling Museum of Art. This attraction includes a Circus Museum, Museum of Art, Ca'd'Zan (5-story Ringling Mansion), and Gardens. The Museum offers free admission on Mondays to the Circus Museum. Other attractions include Siesta Beach, which was voted the "Most Beautiful Beach" in 2011, Mote Aquarium and Marine Laboratory, and Selby Gardens. The Hyatt offers shuttle service to St. Armands Circle, which has upscale shops and many restaurants. It is within walking distance to the beach, too.

I look forward to seeing you in Sarasota.

Respectfully,

Jennifer L. Brown

Message from the Director of Membership



As you start making plans to attend the 2013 EERA Annual Conference in Sarasota, Florida, it would be nice of you to make a contribution to your profession by introducing a non-member (faculty member, graduate student, administrator, educational researcher, or anyone else) you feel might benefit from becoming involved in a professional organization. Encourage them to consider joining EERA so they have a new forum for disseminating the exiting results of their own original educational research in a relaxed setting with other educators interested in educational research. EERA's Annual Conference is a great opportunity for graduate students to present a poster session or a professional paper for the "first time" and engage in collegial discussions related to design, methodology, and publishing with other researchers at different stages in their careers. Building professional relationships and networking around a shared interest area are powerful and beneficial professional development activities to be involved in during the EERA annual conferences. Remember, all members are invited to submit their proposed manuscripts of their original research for consideration to EERA's Journal of Research in Education (JRE). Have a great conference.

Respectfully,

Dennis R. King

Message from the Director of Awards and Sponsorships



Awards

Last spring at the 2012 annual conference, we expanded our paper award to include recognition for both best professional paper and best graduate student paper awards. Please keep these in mind, as everyone who presents a paper at the conference can be eligible to win. To submit your paper for consideration, you may either give a hard copy to me (or anyone on the Board of Directors who will get it to me) or attach it to me electronically in an email after you have presented at the 2013 conference in Sarasota. Watch the website in January for details. We are hoping for a record number of submissions at the upcoming conference!

The Distinguished Mentor Award for 2013 will honor Dr. John Burton. 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 so many beginning scholars over the years, and many (including myself) continue to be actively involved with EERA in continuing that tradition of encouragement and challenge 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 next year!

We hope you will all join us for the presentation of all EERA awards, including both 2012 best paper awards at the reception by the pool on Friday night.

Sponsorships

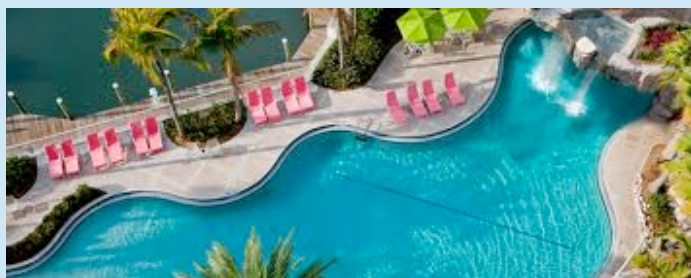
Sponsorships have been hard to come by over the past few years because of economic difficulty. If anyone has any connections with or ideas on companies that might be interested in advertising in the EERA program, sponsoring conference bags or a reception, or donating items for attendees, please contact me at watson@kutztown.edu

Respectfully,

Carol Watson

The 2013 EERA Conference Program is available online at:

http://eeraonline.org/conference/EERA_Conference_Program_2013.pdf



Looking forward to seeing you all in Sarasota in February!!

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