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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The fall semester is well underway and I am happy to report that your EERA Board has been hard at work planning for this year's conference in Clearwater Beach. Long-time members will likely recall our upcoming venue as a place that has something for everyone---with multiple restaurants onsite, and more within walking distance, a private beach perfectly positioned for picturesque sunsets, and a conference layout perfect for presentations and collegial conversation, we expect this year's conference to be just the right venue for those looking to develop their professional networks and reunite with colleagues and former mentors.

On behalf of the EERA Board of Directors, I encourage you to consider joining us in Clearwater Beach to share your discoveries and expertise!

Look forward to seeing you in Clearwater,

Dr. Shawn M. Fitzgerald

President, EERA



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals are now being accepted for our 41st Annual Conference, to be held at the Sheraton Sands Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida, on February 7-10, 2018. The EERA conference has been held each spring and brings together the leading scholars from the eastern United States. The refereed conference typically hosts over 300 scholars, meaning that the conference is small enough to network and connect with colleagues, but is large enough to offer a wide range of ideas, research methods, and topics.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **November 15, 2017!** Visit the following website for more information: <https://www.eeraorganization.org/proposal>



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

From the EERA Conference Desk

Hello everyone! We are excited about the upcoming EERA conference in Clearwater Florida February 7-10. The Sand Key Resort offers plenty of sunshine, sand, and amenities for everyone!

You can submit your proposal for review through the conference web site (<https://www.eeraorganization.org/proposal>) and the submission acceptance runs through November 15th. In addition, you may now register for the conference and reserve your hotel at <http://www.cvent.com/d/rvqvjh>. The conference hotel room rate is \$190 per night plus taxes. Early bird registration for both faculty and students runs through January 26th, with regular registration running through the Friday of the conference.

Please be sure to register for the keynote speakers and social events, all of which are included for free as part of your registration. Advance registration helps us accommodate the expected number of participants, and you can change your registration settings at any time.

Finally, we are looking for student volunteers to help at the conference. Volunteers help participants register, pick up their conference materials, and help guide attendees to the various sessions and events. This year, we are offering a special discounted room rate of \$119 per night for student volunteers. If interested please contact George Watson (watson@marshall.edu).

George Watson, President-Elect

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING



Pack your sunglasses and your research papers – we are heading to Florida! The 2018 EERA Annual Conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Florida from February 7 – February 10. It is recommended that you book early in order to ensure the EERA discounted rate of \$190 plus tax for single or double occupancy. This cost includes parking and Internet. The deadline to reserve your room within the group's block is January 6, 2018. Please use this link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1710178885&key=1BB65079> to make your reservations.

Looking forward to seeing you in Clearwater! Jessica Bucholz

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



Clearwater Beach is one of my favorite stops on the EERA conference circuit! The sun always seems to be shining, the seafood is fantastic, and for those hours after the conference, I always enjoy some of the great places to explore in the area. A couple of years ago I visited the Dali Museum and the Florida Holocaust Museum, and both were fantastic!

Of course what I really enjoy about heading to the warm weather in Clearwater is the time spent visiting with colleagues and friends. After attending EERA for 27 years, I find that many of these 'colleagues' are actually 'friends.' And the times we spend visiting in the hotel lobby or exploring the area are always dotted with conversations about research methods and projects, family members, our respective universities and students, and by the time the conference ends, I always feel a little bit more grounded in who I am, where I am, and what I have in front of me.

The conference program this year is as fantastic as usual, with a broad array of speakers and conference sessions. The research papers, one of my favorites, always reminds me of power-reading through a journal! I have to confess that I also really enjoy the round-table sessions, where you have an opportunity to just talk, sometimes one-on-one, with an expert in some area that I want to learn more about.

I certainly hope to see you in Florida to explore a great location with some great colleagues!

Michael T. Miller, Past President of EERA

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING

Happy Fall, EERA members!!

As the leaves turn beautiful color (and then cover my yard waiting to be raked up!), don't forget to plan ahead for a great experience in Clearwater, FL with all of your EERA colleagues! This year, I will have ribbons for first-timers and grad students, so bring some with you. As always, I will have the drink tickets handy for both of the evening receptions! If you have any other ideas for making the conference the best it can be, don't hesitate to share with me: watson@kutztown.edu. See you all February 7-10, 2018!

Here are some handy direct links:

EERA main website (beautiful pics of Clearwater and previous conference years)

<https://www.eeraorganization.org/>

Call for Proposals (due 11/15)

<https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/c6099984-1646-4e67-b845-4a983dc01539>

Carol Watson, Director of Conference Experiences and Hospitality

