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February 5-6, 2026
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Message from the President

Welcome to another school year! With the newness and the welcoming of students and colleagues, much has to be done and it never feels like there is enough time. Your organization, the Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA), is moving forward with our annual conference preparations, as we have recently sent out the Call for Proposals. We will be returning to the popular location of Clearwater, Florida, where the grass isn't greener, it's sand! Yes, the beach in February is a splendid place to be.

Besides preparing for the conference, we are also offering webinars, welcoming new board members, and bettering the organization in ways that will provide members with opportunities and insights throughout the year. Our outreach has grown along with our ambitions, as we prepare for our 50th anniversary in 2027. I am proud to be a part of our organization and the history I have with it. Like many of our members, I first attended EERA as a graduate student, encouraged by my advisor, Mary Alice Barksdale, to attend. My first presentation was about my topic for my dissertation and I walked away with several ideas, but most importantly the feeling of support from colleagues more experienced than I, many of whom I never met before. It is my hope as the current president that we will continue to offer the support and encouragement needed to students and colleagues, and a productive environment for sharing research and ideas.

Join me in taking EERA into the future.

William (Willy) Williams
President of the Eastern Educational Research Association

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The JRE is accepting manuscripts to be considered for Volume 33, Issue 2. The deadline for submission is December 1st (Sunday), 11:59 pm EST. Your submission needs to include: (1) a separate cover page with the paper title, name/s of the author/s, and detailed contact information, and (2) a word file of your paper, removed from any information that could identify you, for blind review purposes.

Grace J. Liang, PhD
JRE Editor

Conference Update

We are excited to welcome you all to attend the upcoming annual conference in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort from February 5-6, 2026. Please save the date and we look forward to seeing you all in sunny Florida soon!

McKenzie Brittain
Vice President for Conference Planning



Call for Proposals

It is not too late to submit a proposal for the upcoming EERA Conference in Clearwater Beach, Florida. We invite submissions across a range of session formats, including paper presentations, roundtables, panels, posters, and our newest format: Research-to-Practice/Policy sessions.

The Research-to-Practice/Policy format has been introduced to highlight the ways in which educational research informs and impacts practice and policy in meaningful ways. These sessions are intended to show how educational research translates into real-world impact in classrooms, schools, communities or policy settings.

In addition, please note that each session type now includes guiding prompts and evaluation criteria. These prompts are intended to support proposers in aligning their submissions with the goals of the selected format, while also providing greater transparency regarding the review process.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to assembling a program that reflects the depth and diversity of scholarship and practice in education. Please use this link for more guidelines and to submit your proposal for review: <https://www.eeraorganization.org/proposal>

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to building a program that advances research, practice, and collaboration across the field of education.

Jessica Bucholz
President-Elect/ Program Chair