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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is warm and safe! Like you I was looking forward to our conference being held in Savannah this year and enjoying warmer weather for a few days. This conference will be a new experience for all of us, as this will be the first time the conference has ever been held virtually. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Gilbert, President of Marshall University, who will talk about leadership during COVID-19. Almost 220 presentations are scheduled for February 18th and 19th, so no matter your research interests, there should be something for you. Registration rates for this year's conference are \$125 for professional and \$50 for students and, if you have not registered, it's not too late, just go to <http://eeraorganization.org/registration>.

See you next week!

Sincerely,

George Watson, President-EERA



JOURNAL JRE

The *Journal of Research in Education* is currently accepting manuscripts at <https://www.eeraorganization.org/journal>. The deadline for consideration for the next issue is April 12, 2021. The editors would like to thank all authors, reviewers and EERA members for their continued support and interest in disseminating peer-reviewed scholarly work.





Scan here to see the 2021 conference program !



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING



Hello EERA Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you all virtually in . While I'm disappointed that we will not be meeting in person in the wonderful city of Savannah this year I am glad that we will still be able to meet to share our research, learn new things, and just reconnect a bit. Be well and I'll see you soon!

Jessica Bucholz

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

While attendees won't get the chance to meet and mingle in person this year, join us for next best thing - the virtual social hour! On Thursday, February 18th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Eastern), pull up a chair and bring your favorite beverage and talk with EERA board members and fellow attendees through the Microsoft Teams platform. No agenda, no presentation, just a nice relaxing time to mix and mingle.

Grace Liang



**Virtual Social
Hour**

**Thursday,
Feb. 18th**

**7:00-8:00 PM
(Eastern Time)**

We are proud to announce these award winning members from the 2020 EERA Conference.



Best Graduate Student Paper Award:

Dr. Karen Loach, Auburn Middle School, MA

Paper Title: Factors that Influence Elementary Teachers' Teaching Self-efficacy: The Case of Apex Elementary School

Best Professional Paper Award:

Dr.Zafer Unal and Dr. Aslihan Unal, Georgia Southern University, GA

Paper Title: Preparing Teachers for Diverse Schools -An Online Tool for Calculating School Diversity for Field Placements

2021 Distinguished Service Award Recipient:

This year the Eastern Educational Research Association is proud to announce that Dr. Robert "Bob" Perkins is the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Perkins was a long-time faculty member at the College of Charleston and is now semi-retired, serving as an instructor at Western Carolina University. He attended his first EERA conference in 1988 and has served in many official capacities with the association over the years. When notified of his award he said, "I always enjoyed EERA and all the people I met there since my first meeting in Savannah in 1988. It is a great group and I have a lot of great friends as a result. I enjoyed mentoring the new group of students each year and seeing their bright new ideas." Congratulations on your well-deserved award, Dr. Perkins!

To submit a paper for either the Best Professional Paper Award or the Best Graduate Student Paper Award, email two copies of the paper to Inman Chahine, Director of Awards (Iman_Chahine@uml.edu). One copy should have contact information for all authors of the paper. The other should be a blind copy to share with the reviewers. Please indicate if the paper is being submitted for the Best Professional Paper Award competition or the Best Graduate Student Paper Award competition. Papers submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed. The deadline to submit papers is February 22, 2021. More details can be found on the website at <https://www.eeraorganization.org/awards>.