

# ***SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION***

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE  
2009 ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 7, 2009  
SHERATON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BEACH HOTEL  
SOUTH PADRE, TEXAS**

## **Program Chair:**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association will be held  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**  
at the Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel, 310 Padre Boulevard · South Padre Island, Texas 78597.  
[Ph.: 979/845-8227].

### **Driving Directions to the Hotel:**

#### **From North**

Take U.S. 77/83 southeast to Exit Highway 100. Travel east to the end of Isabella Causeway, and the hotel is 1 block south on Padre Boulevard.

#### **From West**

Take U.S. 77/83 southeast to Exit Highway 100. Travel east to the end of Queen Isabella Causeway and proceed south 1 block on Padre Boulevard.

#### **From South**

Take Highway 48 northeast to Junction Highway 100. Travel east to the end of Queen Isabella Causeway and proceed south 1 block on Padre Boulevard.

Both members and non-members may submit proposals for consideration. Proposals for papers, tutorials, symposia, innovative format sessions, and graduate student seminars will be considered for inclusion in the program and should be submitted electronically to SERA website at:

<http://www.sera-edresearch.org>

by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**. Proposals are invited on topics from all disciplines related to education.

**PLEASE NOTE** that conference registration and payment ARE \*\*\*STRICTLY REQUIRED\*\*\*  
within one month (i.e., by Monday, OCTOBER 13, 2008) of the proposal submission deadline.

**First**, registration must be completed on-line using the SERA website: <http://www.sera-edresearch.org>

**Second**, payment may be made either using the web site and its Pay Pal features, or by postal mailing a check or purchase order to the address indicated on the conference registration form.

Any persons who have all of their proposals rejected may request a conference registration refund. The **proposals of any persons not completing both conference registration and payment BY OCTOBER 13th, 2008 will be rejected**. Payment of registration is a precondition for proposal review, and payments ARE NOT under any circumstances refundable unless all a proposer's submissions are rejected.

Persons submitting proposals will be notified of the disposition of their proposals by the end of November. The DRAFT program will be posted on the SERA website in early December, and the final program will be posted in January.

**THE FIRST SESSION WILL START ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT NOON.**

### **General Regulations for Participation**

**Principal authors are expected to register for the annual meeting and present their papers in person.** If circumstances prevent principal authors from doing so, they must designate a substitute to make their presentations. Each contributor may participate as principal author in no more than three (3) sessions. *All persons making presentations must register for the annual meeting.* **All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an LCD projector. Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment.**

### **PROPOSALS**

**ALL PROPOSALS** for inclusion in the program must be submitted electronically using the SERA website. <http://www.sera-edresearch.org>. Proposals should be no more than two (2) pages in length. Make sure your abstract is descriptive of your session since it will be used in the program.

#### **1. Proposals for Paper Sessions**

Paper sessions are organized around topic areas selected by the Program Committee. Participants will each be given approximately 12 minutes to present papers in summary fashion. To propose a paper for a paper session, authors should prepare a summary including (a) a statement of the problem, (b) perspective(s) or theoretical framework, (c) methods and procedures, (d) results and conclusions, and (e) the educational or scientific importance of the study. Where feasible, sessions will be organized around themes to promote discussion and audience interaction. Session Chairs are typically one of the presenters from that session, so please be sure to check the program ahead of time. An asterisk (\*) next to a presenter's name indicates selection as the session chair.

#### **2. Tutorials**

Tutorials provide an opportunity to provide instruction and/or information on a specific topic to the audience in a paper-type format of approximately 12 minutes. Like the paper session format, sessions will be organized around specific topic areas selected by the Program Committee. To propose a paper for a tutorial session, authors should prepare a summary to include (a) a statement of the topic, (b) perspective(s) or importance of the topic, (c) information about the topic, and (d) how it might be applied to a research project.

#### **3. Proposals for Symposia**

A symposium provides an opportunity to address a specific problem or a complex topic from a variety of perspectives. It is the responsibility of symposia organizers to identify topics, solicit speakers, and, if appropriate, provide discussants for symposia sessions. Organizers must designate a chairperson in the proposal (typically the organizer). Being a presenter does not preclude a person from also serving as chair. The organizer is also responsible for notifying other symposium presenters of the disposition of the proposal.

The summary should include the following information: (a) objectives of the symposium; (b) summaries of the point

of view or conclusion(s) to be drawn from each presenter; (c) a statement regarding the scientific or educational importance of the symposium; and (d) a list, on a separate page, of the symposium presenters (including a discussant, if appropriate) and their institutional affiliations.

#### **4. Proposals for Innovative Format Sessions**

Proposals for sessions employing innovative formats are welcomed. Proposals for structured debates on specific, controversial issues are particularly encouraged. Persons wishing to submit a proposal for an innovative format presentation should explain how the format will be structured and what topics or issues will be discussed. A list of presenters should be included on the cover sheet. The organizer is responsible for notifying all presenters of the disposition of the proposal.

#### **5. Graduate Student Seminars for RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (Submit to Division VI only)**

To encourage participation by graduate students, seminars will be scheduled to allow graduate students to summarize research proposals, including theses or dissertations still in the developmental stage that have not yet been defended. (NOTE: Completed research by graduate students is *not* appropriate for these seminars.) A distinguished researcher will lead session discussions. Students who wish to submit a proposal for a graduate student seminar should prepare 3 copies of a 2-page, typed (size 12 font), single-spaced summary. The summary should include (a) a statement of the problem, (b) the significance of the study, and (c) a description of the proposed methods and procedures. Please be sure to indicate that the submission is research in progress.

Graduate students are encouraged to submit **ALL RESEARCH EXCEPT Thesis or Dissertation Research In Progress TO ONE OF THE OTHER DIVISIONS, I through V**. Division VI is (a) only for graduate students and (b) only for thesis or dissertation research in progress (i.e., not completed), while Divisions I through V are for **BOTH** faculty and students presenting all other research.

Students whose seminar presentation proposals are accepted should send a copy of their seminar paper to the session discussant so that the copy is **RECEIVED on or before Monday, January 19, 2009**.

*Conference registration and payment is required within one month of proposal submission.*

*All presenters must register for the annual meeting.*

#### **Remember:**

- There is a limit of **3 submissions** by a principal author.
- **All authors** and workshop, symposia, and innovative session presenters must register for the annual meeting.
- The Program Committee may exclude any proposal that does not meet the guidelines specified in this publication.
- Presenters are expected to bring 15-20 copies of their papers to the annual meeting for distribution to the audience.
- All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an LCD Projector but you must bring your own laptops. Presenters are encouraged to put their presentations on a flash drive and all the presenters load their presentation onto one laptop before the session begins. **Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that conference registration and payment are required within one month (i.e., **BY OCTOBER 13, 2008**) of the proposal submission deadline. The **proposals of any persons not completing both conference registration and payment BY OCTOBER 13th, 2008 will be rejected.**

**SUBMIT PROPOSALS ONLINE AT: [HTTP://WWW.SERA-EDRESEARCH.ORG/](http://www.sera-edresearch.org/)**

**Proposals should be submitted to only one division.** The program committee reserves the right to reject proposals that appear to be “duplicate” submissions by the same author(s). Please feel free to contact one of the following division chairs with queries.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Division Chairs</b>	
<b>I. Educational Administration, Policy, Leadership, &amp; Program Evaluation</b>	Sandra Harris <a href="mailto:drsandy@flash.net">drsandy@flash.net</a>	Judith Ann Adkison <a href="mailto:adkison@unt.edu">adkison@unt.edu</a>
<b>II. Instruction, Learning &amp; Cognition</b>	G. Don Allen <a href="mailto:dallen@math.tamu.edu">dallen@math.tamu.edu</a>	Dianne Goldsby <a href="mailto:dgoldsby@neo.tamu.edu">dgoldsby@neo.tamu.edu</a>
<b>III. Methodology, Measurement &amp; Evaluation</b>	Jason King <a href="mailto:jasonk@bcm.tmc.edu">jasonk@bcm.tmc.edu</a>	Tommy De Vaney <a href="mailto:tdevaney@selu.edu">tdevaney@selu.edu</a>
<b>IV. Teachers &amp; Teacher Education</b>	Shirley Matteson <a href="mailto:matteshi@earthlink.net">matteshi@earthlink.net</a>	Patricia Watson <a href="mailto:patricia.watson@ttu.edu">patricia.watson@ttu.edu</a>
<b>V. Special Populations &amp; Counseling</b>	Sonya Carr <a href="mailto:scarr@selu.edu">scarr@selu.edu</a>	Elsa Cantu-Ruiz <a href="mailto:ecruiz@utsa.edu">ecruiz@utsa.edu</a>
<b>VI. Graduate Student Seminars for Work in Progress</b>	LaVonne Williams <a href="mailto:kflick00@tamuk.edu">kflick00@tamuk.edu</a>	Martha L. Tapia <a href="mailto:mtapia@berry.edu">mtapia@berry.edu</a>

### **POSSIBLE DESCRIPTORS**

Following is a list of *suggested* terms you may use to describe your proposal:

Achievement	Early Childhood	Learning	Reading
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Adult Education	Education	Learning Styles	Reflective Thinking
Arts	Educational Reform	Mathematics Education	Research Methods
At-Risk Students	Effective Schools	Minority Recruitment	Schools
Attitudes	Efficacy	Minority Retention	School Environment
Classroom Management	English Education	Multicultural Education	School Improvement
Clinical Issues	Evaluation	Novice/Expert Studies	School Restructuring
Cognition	Exceptional Education	Parent Education	Science Education
College Students	Field Experience	Parent Involvement	Self Perception
Computer Education	Finance	Performance Assessment	Social Sciences
Constructivism	Gender Issues	Policy	Statistics
Critical Thinking	Gifted Education	Post Secondary	Student Motivation
Culture	Higher Education	Education	Student
Curriculum	In-service Education	Preschool Education	Violence/Conflict
Development	Instruction	Preservice Education	Teacher Characteristics
Discipline	International Education	Principals	Technology
Drug Education	Language	Private Schools Professional	Tests
		Development	Vocational Education

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- All authors and workshop, symposia, and innovative session presenters must register for the annual meeting.
- The Program Committee may exclude any proposal that does not meet the guidelines specified in this publication.
- Presenters are expected to bring 10-15 copies of their papers to the annual meeting for distribution to the audience.
- All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an **LCD projector and screen. Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment.**

**Submit all materials electronically (to be received by September 15, 2008)**  
**using the SERA website at: <http://www.sera-edresearch.org>**

## 2009 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

Authors are encouraged to revise and submit five (5) copies of the paper submitted for presentation at the 2009 annual meeting to the SERA Executive Director, Bruce Thompson, for **RECEIPT by noon on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009**. The winner of the OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD will be announced in the newsletter, present the paper at one of the sessions of Outstanding Papers from the State and Regional Research Associations at the annual meeting of the 2009 American Educational Research Association. A stipend of \$500 to help defray the costs involved in attending the 2009 AERA meeting will be awarded to the winner.

### *Rules for Outstanding Paper Award Competition:*

- Papers presented at the annual meeting may be revised before being submitted for the competition.
- Five (5) hard copies of the presented paper must be submitted to the Executive Director for consideration. E-mailed digital copies are NOT accepted.
- The Executive Director must **receive** completed papers on or before the deadline. Late papers are **not** eligible for consideration. At the discretion of the Executive Board, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- **Active officers of the SERA Executive Council, including appointed officers, are not eligible for this competition.**

*Send completed papers for the 2009 SERA Outstanding Paper Award competition by POSTAL/COURRIER SERVICE ONLY to:*

**BRUCE THOMPSON, SERA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**2009 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD**

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## 2009 SERA OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

An award of \$250 and a certificate will be given for the best paper presented by a graduate student member at the annual meeting. For a paper to be eligible, **the work must be completed before the annual meeting and presented in a paper** or symposium session. Student authors should electronically submit completed copies of their papers to the Program Chair to be **RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009**. The award winner will be announced at the SERA luncheon on Thursday, February 5, 2009. Please note that the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award competition is for **completed** graduate student research (i.e., **ONLY** Division I-V papers), and may include theses or dissertations, as well as other graduate student research. Students who present thesis or dissertation research should submit a **condensed version** of the work, not the full thesis or dissertation. **Work in progress** presented in graduate student seminars (Division VI) is **not** eligible for this award, nor are preliminary works, such as literature reviews or class projects and proposals.

### *Rules for Graduate Student Paper Award Competition:*

- The Program Chair must **receive** completed papers on or before the **January 16, 2009**, deadline. Late papers are **not** eligible for consideration.
- If multiple authors write the paper, the first author must be a graduate student.
- At the discretion of the award committee, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- Graduate students must indicate their student status on the title page of the paper.
- The Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award competition is **ONLY** for **completed** graduate student research.

*Send completed papers for the 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award competition by **E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY** to:*

**Robert M. Capraro, Ph.D.**

**E-mail: rcapraro@tamu.edu**

## **2009 SERA DEANS' AWARDS FOR EXCEPTIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH**

Fourteen \$100 awards and certificates will be given for graduate student research papers based on their contribution to educational research.

Two awards will be given to students from each of the following universities should these universities again choose to participate: *Texas Tech University, the University of North Texas, Sam Houston State University, Lamar University, Texas A & M Kingsville, the University of Houston, and Texas A&M University*. The respective Dean of the College of Education for each university sponsors these awards.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, a student must be from one of the universities listed above and must attend the 2009 SERA annual meeting. Student authors should **electronically submit** completed papers to the SERA graduate student representative. Papers must be

**RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. CST, FRIDAY, December 19, 2008.**

**Submission Criterion:** These awards are for completed graduate student research (i.e., papers submitted to **any** division, I through V) **or** research work in progress (i.e., papers submitted to division VI). Papers can be in any form (i.e., literature review, explanation of statistical concepts, case studies) and will be judged from the perspective of how the paper will further the theory of educational research.

The awards will be announced at the SERA luncheon on Thursday, February 5, 2009.

**Rules for the Deans' Awards Competition:**

- The SERA graduate student representative **must receive** completed papers on or before the December 19, 2008 deadline. Late papers are not eligible for consideration.
- The paper must **only** be authored by a graduate student or students.
- If multiple authors write the papers, the choice can be made for the award to be given to the first author or split among all the authors.
- At the discretion of the awards committee, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition from that university. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- If you do not receive a receipt confirmation via E-mail by 5:00 P.M. CST, Friday, December 19, 2008, please contact the graduate student representative immediately by email.

*Send completed papers for the 2009 Deans' Awards by E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY to:*

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