Navigating the Annual Meeting

**Explanation of Session Formats**

**Business Meeting**
All Divisions and SIGs must hold a business meeting to conduct the business of their unit, present awards, or feature a special speaker to lead a discussion of a timely topic for the field.

**Demonstration/Performance**
Demonstration/Performance sessions are directed to using, showing, or illustrating a particular technique, tool, or method in order to convey the value of the approach for research or to illustrate or present understandings or findings through such a method.

**Off-Site Visit**
Off-site visits offer participants site-specific learning opportunities, such as observation of a school in session. This format takes advantage of the unique attributes of the city in which the Annual Meeting is occurring and connects researchers with concrete examples of relevant work. Visits are to be spent at a site other than the Annual Meeting venues, such as a school, museum, science lab, or community agency.

**Paper Session**
In paper sessions, authors present abbreviated versions of their papers, followed by comments/critique, if there is a discussant, and audience discussion. A typical structure for a session with four or five papers is approximately 5 minutes for the chair’s introduction to the session, 10 minutes per author presentation, 20 minutes of critique, and 15 minutes of discussion. Session chairs may adjust the timing based on the number of presentations and discussants scheduled for the session. Individuals must be attentive to the time allocation for presenting their work in paper sessions. In the case of multiple-authored papers, more than one person may present, but multiple presenters are urged to be attentive to the total time available to them and to take steps to ensure that more than one speaker does not detract from the overall presentation of the work or others presenting their work.

**Poster Session**
Poster sessions combine the graphic display of materials with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion of the research throughout a 90-minute session. Individual presenters set up displays representing their papers in a large area with other presenters. Each poster session has roughly (60) posters with multiple poster boards.

**Roundtable Session**
Roundtable sessions allow maximum interaction among presenters and with attendees. Each table will have three to five researchers of accepted papers clustered around shared interests. Each roundtable at a roundtable session will have a designated Chair who is knowledgeable about the research area to facilitate interaction and participation. Because the emphasis is on interaction, there will be no discussants. Each roundtable session will be scheduled for a 90-minute timeslot. Each roundtable session will have roughly (20) roundtables.

**Symposium**
A symposium provides an opportunity to examine specific research issues, problems, or topics from a variety of perspectives. Participants may present alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on a specified subject or in relation to a common theme. Symposia may also use a panel discussion format targeted at a clearly delineated research issue or idea. Symposia may also be quite interactive where a large portion of the session is devoted to activities such as discussion among the presenters and discussants, questions and discussion among all those present at the session, or small-group interaction.

**Structured Poster Session**
These sessions begin with attendees viewing poster presentations, then move into brief oral presentations to the audience gathered as a group followed by discussion with poster presenters. Posters are conceptually linked in terms of education research issues, problems, settings, methods, analytic questions, or themes.

**Working Group Roundtable**
Working group roundtables encourage substantive exchange and interaction among researchers working on a common set of research issues, problems, or themes. Participants in these sessions discuss areas that are cross-cutting, where there are shared research problems or issues that would benefit from cooperation and exchange, or where researchers with complementary interests would benefit from new, synergistic discussions.

**Workshop**
A workshop provides an opportunity to exchange information or work on a common problem, project, or shared interest. Presentations are brief, allowing adequate time for reflective discussion and interaction. Didactic presentations are limited, and learning by doing occupies most of the session.

**Meeting Services and Facilities**

**Registration**

*It is the policy of AERA that all persons, including participants who plan to attend one or more sessions at the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting, are required to register. Registration is not transferable.*

Badges should be worn at all times, not only as a courtesy to other registrants but also as an indication that registration has been completed before participation in any scheduled event. Badges must be worn to gain admission to the Exhibit Hall and Career Center. In addition, badge wearing is monitored at selected sessions.

**2010 On-Site Registration Fees:**

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On-site registration will take place at the Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level.

**Hours:**

- **Thursday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, April 30, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**
Refunds
AERA regrets that refunds for registration, tours, and Professional Development courses cannot be made after March 19, 2010. It is the policy of AERA that registration is not transferable.

Non-members
Non-members, who have not preregistered, register at the On-site Registration rates above. Non-members who wish to become AERA members may register at the member rates if a membership application and dues payment accompanies the registration on-site.

Guest Registration
Guest registration is designed for the spouse, partner, or family members of the registrant. Guests may visit the exhibits and attend the sessions in which the registrant is presenting. Guest registration is not applicable for professionals (including students) in the field of education research who will be attending sessions or presenting papers. Guest registration must be included as part of the registration of another individual. Only one guest is allowed per registrant. Guest badges will not include the guest’s institutional affiliation and “Guest” will be clearly noted on the badge.

Name Badges
Badges have been mailed to pre-registrants who registered by the March 19, 2010 advance registration deadline only. If you have received confirmation of your registration, but did not receive your badge, a new badge can be printed for you at the registration desk on site. Please bring your badge to the meeting. There is a $5 replacement fee for lost badges.

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME)
NCME is a professional organization that will hold its Annual Meeting from April 30–May 4, 2010 at the Sheraton Denver, in conjunction with that of AERA. For additional information on the NCME meeting, please visit their web site at: www.ncme.org

Annual Meeting Program and Supplement

Annual Meeting Program Books
The official AERA Annual Meeting Printed Program, containing a complete list of the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting events, is available to all registered attendees at the Annual Meeting. Programs may be picked up starting Thursday, April 29 at the Colorado Convention Center. There is a charge of $15 for additional or replacement copies of the program. An online downloadable program is also available.

Annual Meeting Program on the Internet
The 2010 AERA Annual Meeting Program in PDF and online searchable formats is available on the AERA website (www.aera.net). For complete up-to-date program information, please access the online program.

Annual Meeting Program Supplement
The Program Supplement contains important late changes, additions, and corrections which were not included in the printed Annual Meeting Program. Please pick up the Program Supplement at the On-site Registration area located at the Colorado Convention Center.

Exhibit Hall
AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting. All registrants are encouraged to visit the AERA Exhibit located at the Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level. The AERA Exhibit Hall will be open May 1-3 during the following hours:

| Saturday, May 1 | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| Monday, May 3  | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |

A directory of exhibitors is provided in the back of this program on page 434.

On Site Services

AERA Headquarters Office
The AERA Headquarters Office is in the Colorado Convention Center, Room 301, Street Level. It is open Friday - Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - noon. The Headquarters Office phone number is 303-228-8397.

Press Office
The AERA Press Office is located in the Colorado Convention Center, Room 302, Street Level. The Press Office phone number is 303-228-8402.

Help Service Desk
The Help Service Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level, enables you to join the Association and obtain information about the Association and the Annual Meeting. The Help Service Desk is open during registration hours.

Message Center
Attendees can post and retrieve messages on bulletin boards in the On-Site Registration Hall at the Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level. Please note that this service is primarily for use by attendees who are not staying in the meeting hotels. Please use the hotel message services whenever possible.

Internet Availability at Meeting Venues

Hyatt Regency – $9.95 in all areas but the 3rd and 4th Floor.
Sheraton – Free wireless in the lobby. $10.72 in guest rooms.
Convention Center – $12.95 for 24 hours

Child Care
Child-care services will be provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, at the Hyatt Regency Denver, Mineral Hall DEFG, Third Level. The Child Care Center’s experienced staff will include an on-site supervisor. KiddieCorp is licensed, bonded, and insured. Nutritious snacks and beverages along with age-appropriate toys, games, movies, and cartoons will be provided. Ratios of staff to children are 1 to 2 for infants, 1 to 3 for toddlers, and 1 to 5 for school-age children. The fee for this service is $10 per hour per child.

The Child Care Center will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on the first day of the Annual Meeting (Friday, April 30), and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on subsequent days except for the last day (Tuesday, May 4), when it will close at 3:45 p.m. To ensure that the center is properly staffed and to facilitate planning of games and other activities for the children, advance registration is required. On-site registration may be possible, at a slightly higher cost, if space is available. The deadline for advance child-care registration is March 18, 2010. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Resources for Registrants with Disabilities
The American Educational Research Association is committed to offering an accessible environment for persons with disabilities. The Association strives to support persons with special needs while they are attending the Annual Meeting. Attendees generally need to make these arrangements at the time of pre-registration. An Accessibility Services Desk is located in the On-site Registration Hall at the
Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level. The direct line for the Accessibility Services Desk is 303-228-8400. Registrants needing special services such as readers’ escorts, sign language interpretation, or wheelchair repairs are strongly encouraged to contact the Accessibility Services Desk upon arrival in Denver.

During the Annual Meeting, persons with disabilities who desire a quiet place to relax or prepare for a presentation may visit the AERA Comfort Rooms located at Colorado Convention Center, Room 202 and the Sheraton Denver, Director’s Row E, Plaza Building Street Level. The direct telephone number for the Colorado Convention Center comfort room is 303-228-8395. The comfort rooms will be open during the following hours:

- Friday, April 30, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday through Monday, May 1-3, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AERA is pleased to provide special van service for registrants with disabilities during the 2010 Annual Meeting. Detailed information may be obtained from the Accessibility Services Desk. Shuttles will travel between the Denver Convention Center/Hyatt Regency Denver and the Sheraton Denver Downtown. Shuttles will depart every thirty minutes. AERA signs will be posted at all boarding sites identifying the location as an AERA Access Shuttle pick-up and drop-off site. Pick-up and drop-off locations are:

- Denver Convention Center/Hyatt Regency Denver – South Shuttle Drop off… Outside of the Convention Center Lobby A, underneath the electronic marquis along 14th street
- Sheraton – Front Entrance

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### Career Center

The AERA Career Center is located in the Colorado Convention Center, Grand Ballroom 1, Tower Building Second Level. Hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday, May 1–2, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Monday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Job seekers and employers may register onsite at the Career Center for a nominal fee. Stop by to register and meet with your perspective employers or employees during this unique event.

### Graduate Student Council Resource Center

The Resource Center is open Friday, April 30, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday to Monday, May 1–3, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Colorado Convention Center, Room 207. All graduate students are welcome to visit and network with fellow students throughout the meeting.

### Housing and Hotel Information

#### Meeting Facilities

This year, the headquarter facilities are the Hyatt Regency, Colorado Convention Center, and the Sheraton Denver. Please check the text of the Annual Meeting Program for exact locations of all 2010 AERA Annual Meeting activities.

#### Hotels (numbers refer to location on map provided on page 442 of this Program)

1. Brown Palace Hotel and Spa, 321 17th Street, 303-297-3111
2. Comfort Inn Denver Downtown, 401 17th St, 303-296-0400
3. Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Denver, 934 16th Street, 303-571-1114
4. Crowne Plaza Denver, 1450 Glenarm Pl, 303-573-1450
5. Curtis, 1405 Curtis Street, 303-571-0300
6. Grand Hyatt Denver, 1750 Welton Street, 303-295-1234
7. Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown, 1845 Sherman Street, 303-864-8000
8. Hilton Garden Inn Denver Downtown, 1400 Welton Street, 303-603-8000
9. Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, 650 15th Street, 303-436-1234
10. Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, 7800 East Tufts Avenue, 303-779-1234 / 1-800-233-1234
11. Magnolia Hotel Denver, 818 17th Street, 303-607-9000
12. Marriott City Center Denver, 1701 California Street, 303-297-1300
13. Marriott Denver Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse Street, 303-779-1100
14. Monaco, 1717 Champa Street, PH: 303-296-1717
15. Residence Inn City Center, 1725 Champa Street, 303-296-3444
16. Ritz- Carlton Denver, 1881 Curtis Street, 303-312-3800
17. Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, 1550 Court Place, 303-893-3333
18. Teatro, 1100 14th Street, 303-228-1100
19. Warwick Hotel, 1776 Grant Street, 303-861-2000
20. Westin Tabor Center, 1672 Lawrence Street, 303-572-9100

### Changes or Cancellations in Hotel Reservation

For changes and cancellations of hotel reservations, please contact the hotel directly. Hotel reservation cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will forfeit all deposits. For on-site assistance please visit the Housing Bureau’s booth located in the Onsite Registration Hall, Colorado Convention Center, Hall F, Upper Level.

### Emergency and Medical Assistance

If medical assistance is required at your hotel, please contact the operator, by dialing “0” from your hotel room or any hotel house phone. The hotel can provide the names of physicians on call, or get you emergency assistance.

If medical assistance is required at the Convention Center, please dial 88030 from any white courtesy phone located throughout the building.

From any location, the citywide emergency telephone number is 911. The nearest hospital emergency room, to the meeting hotels, is the St Joseph Hospital – 1835 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80218 Main Number is (303) 837-7043. The closest Urgent Care is Concentra Urgent Care - 1730 Blake Street, Ste. 100, Denver, CO 80202. The main number is (303) 296-2273

### Telephone Numbers

The following telephone numbers in the Denver area may be useful during your conference stay:

- Emergency Service (for police, fire, ambulance) no area code required.....................................................911
- Visitor Information Center..................................................303-892-1112
- Denver International Airport
  - Ground Transportation.............................................303-342-4059
- Denver Police Department with non-emergencies..........................................................311