AERA Honors Education Research Scholars

SAN DIEGO, CA, April 15, 2009—The American Educational Research Association (AERA) today presents its Distinguished Contributions to Research in Education Award to Linda Darling-Hammond, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University. A nationally recognized educator and researcher, she is being honored for extraordinary contributions in the areas of school restructuring, teacher quality, and educational equity. Darling-Hammond launched the Stanford Educational Leadership Institute and the School Redesign Network and served as executive director of the National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future (1994-2001). Darling-Hammond is a Past President of AERA and was honored by the Association in 2006 with an invitation to deliver AERA Brown Lecture in Education Research.

Other awards presented at the 90th Annual Meeting include:


**E.F. Lindquist Award**: Wim J. van der Linden, CTB/McGraw-Hill. The E. F. Lindquist Award honors a distinguished scholar and researcher in recognition of outstanding research in the field of testing and measurement. The award is co-sponsored by AERA and ACT, Inc.

**Early Career Award**: Michele Moses, University of Colorado-Boulder, and Nell Duke, Michigan State University. The Early Career Award recognizes a scholar’s distinguished portfolio of cumulative education research within the first decade following the receipt of a doctoral degree.

**Outstanding Book Award**: Paul Attewell and David Lavin, The Graduate Center, CUNY. The Outstanding Book Award is given for an outstanding book-length publication in education research and development. The book selected this year is *Passing the Torch: Does Higher Education for the Disadvantaged Pay Off Across the Generations?*
The Committee on Scholars of Color in Education Awards recognize scholars in various stages in their careers who have contributed significantly to the understanding of issues that disproportionately affect minority populations, and minority scholars who have made a significant contribution to education research and development.

- **Scholars of Color Distinguished Career Contribution Award**: Caroline S. Turner, Arizona State University, and Cynthia Hudley, University of California-Santa Barbara.

- **Scholars of Color Early Career Contributions Award**: Bryan M. J. Brayboy, Arizona State University.

**Distinguished Contributions to Gender Equity in Education Research Award**: Sandra Harding, University of California-Los Angeles. This award recognizes distinguished research, professional practice, and activities that advance public understanding of gender and/or sexuality in the education community.

**Social Justice in Education Award**: Christine Sleeter, California State University-Monterey. The Social Justice in Education Award honors the recipient’s outstanding commitment to the advancement of social justice through education research.

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The AERA Pressroom will be located in the San Diego Convention Center, Room 1A, April 13 to 17. Press room telephone: (619) 525-6238. To request complimentary press registration, contact AERA Communications at outreach@aera.net.

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