92\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Meeting

\textbf{American Educational Research Association Convenes Meeting in New Orleans}

March 28, 2011, WASHINGTON, DC—At a time when education is under scrutiny on both federal and local agendas, more than 13,000 scholars will gather in New Orleans April 8 to 12 for the 92\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) to examine issues of education research and public policy. This annual event draws education researchers from diverse disciplines, across national boundaries, and from a spectrum of methodologies for a week of rich scholarship, significant symposia, and opportunities for learning and collegial discourse.

The theme of the 2011 meeting, selected by AERA President Kris D. Gutiérrez and Program Chair Joanne Larson, is “Inciting the Social Imagination: Education Research for the Public Good.” More than 2,000 peer-reviewed sessions emphasize innovative approaches to education research, particularly work that contributes to robust public policy and the public good, with the intent that the 2011 Annual Meeting will stimulate a new dialogue about the contributions that education research can make to the public sphere.

Gutiérrez will present the Presidential Address on \textit{Designing Resilient Ecologies: Towards a Human Science of Learning} on Sunday, April 10, at the New Orleans Marriott Mardi Gras Ballroom, following the 2011 AERA awards presentation ceremony (4:05 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.)

Other highlighted lectures include:

- Alfredo J. Artiles, Wallace Foundation Distinguished Lecture
- Allan A.J. Luke, AERA Distinguished Lecture
- P. David Pearson, Distinguished Contributions to Education Research Award (2010) Lecture
- Diane Ravitch, Opening Plenary Session
- William C. Ayers, Social Justice in Education Award (2011) Lecture
- Emerson J. Elliott, AERA Distinguished Public Service Award Lecture

As a lagniappe at the New Orleans meeting, attendees have the opportunity to contribute toward an AERA-sponsored house through the Make It Right Foundation. Traditionally, members donate to a deserving nonprofit organization—selected by the AERA president— in the meeting’s host city, and this year’s donation will support the effort to build an affordable, green, high-design home in a New Orleans neighborhood hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina.

\textbf{For complimentary press registration,} contact AERA Communications at outreach@aera.net.

\textbf{EMBARGO POLICY:} Contents of research papers being presented at the 2011 AERA Annual Meeting are embargoed until Sunday, April 3, at 12:01 a.m. (EDT), unless otherwise specified.
The 2011 Annual Meeting Program has been posted online at www.aera.net to supplement programs from 2004 through 2010, for year-round links to experts. The program is searchable by presenter name, affiliation, and session/presentation (keyword) and focuses on an array of education research topics.

A majority of sessions will take place in the headquarters hotels: New Orleans Marriott and Sheraton.

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