News Release

AERA Honors 31 New Fellows for Outstanding Education Research Accomplishments

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 3, 2011 – The American Educational Research Association (AERA) announces the selection of 31 scholars to be AERA Fellows in recognition of their exceptional scientific or scholarly contributions to education research or significant contributions to the field through the development of research opportunities and settings.

The AERA Fellows are known both nationally and internationally for their outstanding contributions to education research. Through the Fellows Program, the Association aims to convey its commitment to excellence in research and to underscore to new scholars the importance of sustained research contributions in the field.

In announcing the new Fellows, AERA Executive Director Felice J. Levine applauded these education researchers for their substantive and sustaining scholarship. "The Class of 2011 Fellows continues this professional society’s strong commitment to sound and rigorous research on education and learning that advances knowledge and thereby serves the public good."

These Fellows will be inducted on Saturday, April 9, 2011, during AERA’s 92nd Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. It is the Association’s expectation that Fellows will be visibly engaged in important AERA programs and activities and that they will serve as models and mentors to the next generation of scholars long into the future for the field.

The Fellows designation is a high honor of the Association. Nominated by peers, selected by the Fellows Program Committee, and approved by the AERA Council, the new AERA Fellows are:

Michael Apple, University of Wisconsin, Madison

W. Steven Barnett, Rutgers University

Muriel Bebeau, University of Minnesota

Estela Bensimon, University of Southern California

David Bloome, The Ohio State University

Dominic Brewer, University of Southern California

Cheryl Craig, University of Houston

Christopher Dede, Harvard University

Mary Futrell, The George Washington University

Patricia Gandara, University of California, Los

Henry Levin, Teachers College, Columbia University

Barbara Means, SRI International

Anna Neumann, Teachers College, Columbia University

Sonia Nieto, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Michael Olivas, University of Houston

Randall Penfield, University of Miami

Robert Pianta, University of Virginia

Viviane Robinson, University of Auckland

Karen Seashore Louis, University of Minnesota

The call for nominations for 2012 Fellows will open in summer 2011. For details and a complete list of fellows, please visit the AERA Web site, www.aera.net

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The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is the national interdisciplinary research association for approximately 25,000 scholars who undertake research in education. Founded in 1916, AERA aims to advance knowledge about education, to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good.