

NAVIGATING THE ANNUAL MEETING

Explanation of Session Formats

Demonstration. The presenters demonstrate and explain the workings of an educational tool (e.g., software that aids research, a computer simulation, a teaching method).

Interactive Paper or Symposium. Presentation time is limited to no more than 10 minutes, so that at least half of the session is devoted to an extended dialogue among participants and audience members.

New Member Poster Session. Papers are presented in a 90-minute poster format during the first day of the meeting. This format also provides an opportunity for networking.

Off-Site Visit. Participants acquire site-specific learning (e.g., at a school, museum, or science lab) that could not be presented adequately through formats offered in onsite.

Panel Discussion. Presenters and discussants do not prepare papers. They make brief introductory remarks before engaging in ad hoc give-and-take for which they may have prepared themselves but which cannot be predicted or entirely controlled. Two types of panel discussions are PBS format and Town Meeting.

Paper Discussion Presentation Session. Formerly known as Roundtable Session, the discussion format allows maximum interaction with the presenters by eliminating the formal didactic presentation. Individual presenters are assigned numbered tables in a large meeting room where interested persons and discussants for selected sessions, gather for discussion with the presenters about their papers or projects. This format is particularly appropriate for papers addressing topics best pursued through extensive discussion. Authors are encouraged to bring copies of their papers or summaries and to remain available for discussion throughout the 40-minute session.

Paper Session. Each author has an opportunity to present an abbreviated version of his or her paper. A critique or discussion may follow each paper, or the papers may be critiqued and/or discussed as a group. Assigning four or five papers to a session allows approximately 5 minutes for the chair to introduce the session, 10 minutes per author presentation, 20 minutes of critique, and 15 minutes of discussion.

Performance. A portion of the session involves a live performance (e.g., dance, music, role playing), providing some crucial material or point of view that cannot be adequately presented through description alone.

Poster Fair. Graphic displays of materials are combined with individualized, informal discussion of the research throughout the 1 ½ - hour session. Presenters must set up the displays before the start of the session and remove them promptly at the end and must have copies of papers or summaries available. Each display should include a brief abstract of the paper, in large typescript.

Strand of Sessions. Two to four conceptually or developmentally linked sessions are scheduled in time blocks that closely follow each other. The expectation is that a core group of presenters and audience members will participate in the series for an extended interaction about a topic.

Structured Poster Session. Part of the session is devoted to brief oral presentations and group discussions. The remaining time allows the audience to visit poster stations.

Symposium. Specific problems or topics are examined from a variety of perspectives. Symposia may present alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on a specified subject or in relation to a common theme. A symposium may take the form of a panel discussion targeting a clearly delineated issue of idea. Panel members are expected to prepare a commentary paper addressing central questions regarding the issue under consideration.

Workshop. Didactic presentations are limited, and learning by doing occupies most of the session.

Meeting Facilities and Services

Registration

It is the policy of AERA that all persons, including participants who plan to attend one or more sessions at the 2007 AERA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, 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.

2007 On Site Registration Fees:

AERA Member	\$155
AERA Student Member	\$75
Non-Member	\$200
Non-Member Student	\$110
Guest	\$45
AERA & NCME	\$280
Student Member AERA & NCME	\$110
Attending Both Meetings	
Non-member Student AERA & NCME Attending Both Meetings	\$160

On Site Registration

On-site registration will take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall. Registration hours are:

Sunday, April 8	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 9	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10 – Thursday, April 12	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 13	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Refunds

AERA regrets that refunds for registration, tours and Professional Development courses are not made after March 2, 2007.

Non-members

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

Guest Registration

Guest registration is designed for the spouse or family of the registrant. Guests may visit the exhibits and attend the session in which the registrant is a participant. Guest registration is not applicable for professionals (including students) in the field 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 paid registrant.

Name Badges

Badges have been mailed to pre-registrants who registered by the March 2, 2007 advance registration deadline. 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 will be a \$5 replacement fee for lost badges.

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME)

NCME holds its Annual Meeting from April 10-12, 2007, in conjunction with that of AERA. It is possible to register for both Meetings by completing *only* the registration block marked JOINT. 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 program, containing a complete list of the 2007 AERA Annual Meeting events, will be available to all registered attendees at the Annual Meeting. Programs may be picked up starting Sunday, April 8th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall. There is a charge of \$15 for additional or replacement copies of the program. An online downloadable program is available.

Annual Meeting Program on the Internet

The 2007 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 searchable program.

Annual Meeting Program Supplement and Dining Guide

The Program Supplement contains important late changes, additions, cancellations, and corrections which were not included in the printed Annual Meeting Program. Please pick up the Program Supplement at the Onsite Registration area located at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall. In addition, registrants may also pick up a copy of the AERA Dining Guide. The Dining Guide provides a wide range of recommended restaurants representing the diverse culinary offerings in Chicago.

Exhibit Hall

AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2007 AERA Annual Meeting. All registrants are encouraged to visit the AERA Exhibit located at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Riverside Center Exhibition Hall. The AERA Exhibit Hall is open April 10-12 during the following hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A directory of exhibitors is provided in the back of this program on page 495.

On Site Services

Headquarters Office

The AERA Headquarters Office is in the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Parlor C. It is open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon. The Headquarters Office phone number is (312) 464-1000, ext. 7143.

Press Office

The AERA Press Office is located in the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Columbus Hall, Section G. The Press Office phone number is (312) 464-1000, ext. 7275.

Help Service Desk

The Help Service Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, provides information about the Annual Meeting. Also, attendees wishing to join AERA, renew or make additions to their AERA memberships, or seek other assistance may come to this Desk. The Help Service Desk is open during registration hours.

Message Center

Messages can be posted on bulletin boards in the AERA Registration Area at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall. 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.

CD Sales

CD recordings of selected sessions are sold at a booth at Onsite Registration at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall.

Child Care

Services are provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages from infants to adolescents at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Experienced staff includes an on-site supervisor, and the organization is licensed, bonded, and insured. Nutritious snacks and beverages along with age-appropriate toys, games, movies, and cartoons are 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 Child Care Center is open from 11:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. on April 9, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. on April 10-12, and from 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. on April 13. To ensure the center is properly staffed and to facilitate planning games and other activities for the children, advance registration is required. On-site registration may be possible on a space-available basis and at a slightly higher cost. Contact KiddieCorp directly at the following number: (858) 455-1718. Rates are included in the materials sent from Kiddie Corp. The deadline for advance child-care registration was March 2, 2007.

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 need generally to make these arrangements at the time of pre-registration. A Disability Assistance (ADA) Services Desk is also located in the Onsite Registration Hall located at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall that can help. Registrants needing special services such as readers’ escorts, sign language interpretation, or wheelchair repairs are strongly encouraged to visit the ADA Services Desk. During the convention, persons with disabilities who desire a place to relax may also visit the AERA comfort room located also at the Sheraton Hotel, Parlor A. The direct telephone number for the comfort room is (312) 464-1000, ext. 6900. Parlor A will be open during the following hours:

Monday, April 9	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday – Thursday, April 10-12	8:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday, April 13	8:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Career Center

The AERA Career Center is located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Centre Exhibition Hall. The AERA Career Center is available for all Annual Meeting registrants on payment of a nominal placement

registration fee. Employers and candidates are welcome. The Center offers on-site placement registration on Tuesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (reading room, message center, and appointment scheduling desk open 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.). All services are available Wednesday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Graduate Student Council Resource Center

The Resource Center is open Monday from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom, Section B. All graduate students are welcome to visit throughout the meeting.

Housing and Hotel Information

Meetings Facilities

This year, the primary meeting hotels are the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and the Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile. In addition, various functions also take place at the Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, the Fairmont Chicago, the Swissôtel Chicago, the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, and the Westin Chicago River North. Please check the text of the Annual Meeting Program for exact locations of all 2007 AERA Annual Meeting sessions and activities.

Hotels

(numbers refer to location on map provided on page 498 of this Program)

1. Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, 312-464-1000
2. Hyatt Regency Chicago (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, 312-565-1234
3. Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 312-836-0100
4. Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, 505 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 312-944-4100
5. The Fairmont Chicago, 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, 312-565-8000
6. Swissôtel Chicago, 323 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, 312-565-0565
7. Renaissance Chicago Hotel, 1 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, 312-372-7200
8. Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn, Chicago, 312-744-1900
9. Allerton Crowne Plaza Chicago Hotel, 701 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 312-440-1500
10. The Seneca Hotel & Suites, 200 East Chestnut, Chicago, 312-787-8900

Changes or Cancellations in Hotel Reservation

For changes and cancellations of hotel reservations, please contact the hotel directly. Cancellations of hotel reservations made within 72 hours of arrival will forfeit all deposits. For on-site assistance, please visit the Housing Bureau's booth located in the On-site Registration area at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.

Transportation and Tours

Local Transportation

AERA has arranged with AVIS Rent-a-Car to provide special conference discount rates for AERA Annual Meeting attendees. These rates are available from April 5-15, 2007. Reservations can be made by calling

1-800-331-1600 or online at www.avis.com. The AERA Annual Meeting AVIS Discount Number is: T456899.

AERA is pleased to announce a special service to Annual Meeting attendees flying into and out of Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway Airport. Continental Airport Express shuttle service is available to all the AERA Annual Conference hotels. Continental Airport Express provides affordable, reliable transportation services between O'Hare and Midway airports and all locations in downtown Chicago.

Their airport shuttles transport passengers to:

- Downtown Chicago hotels and door-to-door to business and residential locations
- McCormick Place
- Lincoln Park
- Suburbs - hotels and door-to-door business and residential locations

Reservations are required. Please call 888-2thevan or visit the website: <http://www.hudsonltd2.com/cgi-bin/cae1/res?USERIDENTRY=AERA&LOGON=GO> to make your reservations.

Tours

Once again, AERA is pleased to offer all meeting attendees a wonderful selection of tours for Chicago. Tours include Chicago at Night; Explore Historic Oak Park: Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio; Architectural Walking Tour; and Yoga Morning Workout. Tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Booth at On-site Registration located at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, River Exhibition Hall.

Emergency and Medical Assistance

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

From any location, the citywide emergency telephone number is 911. The nearest hospital emergency room, to the meeting hotels, is the Northwestern Hospital, 251 East Erie Street. **The Emergency Room Number is (312) 926-5188**; the Main Number is 312-926-2000.

Telephone Numbers

The following telephone numbers in the Chicago area may be useful for Annual Meeting attendees:

Emergency Service (for police, fire, ambulance)	
no area code required	911
Visitor Information Center	877-244-2246
Chicago CVB TDD/TTY	312-567-8500
Chicago O'Hare International Airport	
Ground Transportation	800-281-4466
Midway International Airport	
Ground Transportation	800-281-4466
Chicago Police Department with	
non-emergencies	311