

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 will be 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 on-site.

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 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 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 Session. 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.

Structured Poster Session. Similar format to a poster session with part of the session devoted to brief oral presentations and discussants to lead group discussions.

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 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 2008 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.

2008 On-Site Registration Fees:

AERA Member	\$205
AERA Student Member	\$110
Non-Member	\$320
Non-Member Student	\$145
Guest	\$ 60
AERA & NCME	\$370
Student Member AERA & NCME	\$165
Non-member Student AERA & NCME	\$245

On-site Registration

On-site registration will take place at the Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor. Registration hours are:

Sunday, March 23	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Monday, March 24	9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 25	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 26	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 27	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, March 28	8:00 am – 11:00 am

Refunds

AERA regrets that refunds for registration, tours, and Professional Development courses cannot be made after February 15, 2008. 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 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 February 15, 2008 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 March 23-27, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 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 AERA Annual Meeting Printed Program, containing a complete list of the 2008 AERA Annual Meeting events, is available to all registered attendees at the Annual Meeting. Programs may be picked up starting Sunday, March 23 at the Hilton New York. 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 2008 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 and Dining Guide

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 Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor. In addition, registrants may 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 New York.

Exhibit Hall

AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2008 AERA Annual Meeting. All registrants are encouraged to visit the AERA Exhibit located at the Hilton New York, Americas Hall I and II, 3rd and 4th Floors. The AERA Exhibit Hall will be open March 25-27 during the following hours:

Tuesday – Wednesday, March 25-26, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 27, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

A directory of exhibitors is provided in the back of this program on page 477.

On Site Services

Headquarters Office

The AERA Headquarters Office is in the Hilton New York, Madison Suite, 2nd Floor. 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 212-261-6071.

Press Office

The AERA Press Office is located in the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, Liberty Suite 1-2, 3rd Floor. The Press Office phone number is 212-830-6142.

Help Service Desk

The Help Service Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the Hilton New York, 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 AERA Registration Area at the Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor. 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

CDs of selected sessions are sold at a booth at On-site registration at the Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor.

Child Care

Services are provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages from infants to adolescents at the Hilton New York, Concourse A, Concourse Level. 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 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 Child Care Center is open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on the first day of the Annual Meeting, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on subsequent days except for the last day (Friday, March 28), when it closes at 3:45 p.m. 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: 858-455-1718. Rates are included in the materials sent from KiddieCorp. The deadline for child-care registration was February 25, 2008.

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. A Disability Assistance (ADA) Services Desk is located in the On-site Registration Hall at the Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor. 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 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 the Hilton New York, Clinton Suite, 2nd floor and the New York Marriott Marquis Times Square, Ziegfeld Room, 4th Floor. The direct telephone number for the Hilton comfort room is 212-261-6070. The comfort rooms will be open during the following hours:

Monday, March 24, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday–Thursday, March 25–27, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AERA is pleased to provide special van service for registrants with disabilities during the 2008 Annual Meeting. Detailed information may be obtained from the ADA Services Desk. The van service will stop at the following locations:

Hilton New York and Sheraton New York - 53rd Street door opposite Sheraton
New York Marriott Marquis - front entry under portico
Crowne Plaza - Broadway outside hotel

The vans will depart every half hour. The first van leaves the Hilton New York on the hour and half hour with stops at the Crowne Plaza and New York Marriott Marquis. A second van leaves the New York Marriott Marquis on the hour and half hour with stops at the Hilton New York and Crowne Plaza.

Disability van service will be operated during the following hours:

Monday	11:30 am – 7:30 pm.
Tuesday/Thursday	7:30 am – 6:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am – 7:00 pm
Friday	7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Career Center

The AERA Career Center is located in the Hilton New York, Mercury Ballroom and Rotunda, 3rd Floor. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25–26 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Job seekers and employers may register onsite at the 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 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 Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York Ballroom, New York Ballroom West, 3rd Floor. All graduate students are welcome to visit throughout the meeting.

Housing and Hotel Information

Meeting Facilities

This year, the headquarter facilities are the Crowne Plaza Times Square, the Hilton New York, the Marriott Marquis, and the Sheraton New York. Please check the text of the Annual Meeting Program for exact locations of all 2008 AERA Annual Meeting activities.

Hotels (numbers refer to location on map provided on page 481 of this Program)

1. 70 Park Avenue Hotel, 70 Park Avenue, New York, 212-973-2400
2. Affinia Hotel, 371 7th Ave, New York, 212-563-1800
3. Ameritania Hotel, 230 W 54th St, New York, 212-247-5000
4. Crowne Plaza Times Square (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 1605 Broadway, New York, 212-977-4000
5. Doubletree Metropolitan, 569 Lexington Avenue, New York, 212-752-7000
6. Flatotel New York, 135 W 52nd St, New York, 212-887-9400
7. Hilton Garden Inn Times Square, 790 Eighth Avenue, New York, 212-581-7000
8. Hudson Hotel, 356 West 58th Street, New York, 212-551-6000
9. Hilton New York (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, 212-586-7000
10. Milford Plaza Hotel, 270 W 45th St # 1, New York, 212-869-3600
11. New York Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 Seventh Avenue, New York, 212-736-5000
12. New York Marriott Marquis, (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 1535 Broadway, New York, 212-398-1900
13. New Yorker Hotel Ramada Inn & Plaza, 481 Eighth Avenue, New York, 212-971-0101
14. Novotel New York, 226 West 52nd Street, New York, 212-315-0100
15. Paramount Hotel, 235 W 46th St, New York, 212-764-5500
16. Park Central Hotel, 870 7th Ave, New York, 212-247-8000
17. Sheraton Manhattan, 790 Seventh Avenue at 51st Street, New York, 212-581-3300
18. Sheraton New York (Co-Headquarter Hotel), 811 Seventh Avenue at 52nd St, New York, 212-621-8500
19. The Muse Hotel, 130 West 46th St., New York, 212-485-2400
20. Warwick Hotel, 65 W 54th St, New York, 212-247-2700
21. Wellington Hotel, 871 Seventh Ave, New York, 212-247-3900

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 On-site Registration area at the Hilton New York.

Transportation and Tours

Local Transportation

AERA is pleased to announce a special discounted rate service for individuals and groups flying into and out of JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark airports. Airlink NY Airport van shuttle provides door-to-door shared-ride shuttle service between the airports and all the AERA Annual Meeting hotels. Reservations are required. Please call (212) 812- 9000 or go the Airlink website at: <http://www.hudsonltd4.com/cgi-bin/alnk1/res?USERIDENTRY=AERA&LOGON=GO>

Tours

AERA is pleased to offer all meeting attendees a wide selection of tours. Tours include Harlem Gospel Tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Boat Ride, and Tour of the United Nations. Tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Booth at On-site Registration located at the Hilton New York, Rhinelander Gallery, 2nd Floor.

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 St. Luke's – Roosevelt Emergency Department, 10th Ave and W 59th St. The Main Number is 212-523-4000.

Telephone Numbers

The following telephone numbers in the New York area may prove useful and helpful during your conference stay:

Emergency Service (for police, fire, ambulance) no area code required.....	911
Visitor Information Center.....	212-484-1222
New York CVB TDD/TTY	212-504-4115
John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) Ground Transportation.....	800-247-7433
LaGuardia Airport (LGA) Ground Transportation.....	800-247-7433
Newark International Airport (EWR) Ground Transportation.....	800-247-7433
New York Police Department with non-emergencies.....	311

**Special Technology Training Sessions for SIG Officers:
Chairs, Program Chairs, and Web Content Manager**



Important Training of All Academic Proposal Management System

All SIG Program Chairs for 2009 Annual Meeting are Requested to Attend One Session

All Academic Electronic Submission System: Demonstration and Training for Program Chairs and Proposal Submitters

25.004. Open Session 1. Tuesday, March 25, 10:35 am to 12:05 pm. Hilton New York, Concourse H, Concourse Level
55.001. Open Session 2. Thursday, March 27, 12:25 pm to 1:55 pm. Hilton New York, Concourse H, Concourse Level



Important Web Training in Use and Management of SIG Websites

Targeted to Current and Incoming SIG Chairs and Web Content Managers

AERA Content Management System Training for Division and SIG Web Content Managers

22.002. Open Session 1. Tuesday, 8:15 am to 9:45 am. Hilton New York, Concourse H, Concourse Level
50.003. Open Session 2. Thursday, 8:15 am to 9:45 am. Hilton New York, Concourse H, Concourse Level