

# 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 2009 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.

### 2009 On-Site Registration Fees:

AERA Member	\$205
AERA Student Member	\$115
Non-Member	\$320
Non-Member Student	\$145
Guest	\$ 60
AERA & NCME	\$370
Student Member AERA & NCME	\$170
Non-member Student AERA & NCME	\$245

### On-site Registration

On-site registration will take place at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level. Registration hours are:

Sunday, April 12	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Monday, April 13	9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 16	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, April 17	8:00 am – 11:00 am

### Refunds

AERA regrets that refunds for registration, tours, and Professional Development courses cannot be made after March 6, 2009. 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 March 6, 2009 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 April 13-17, 2009, at the Hard Rock 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](http://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 2009 AERA Annual Meeting events, is available to all registered attendees at the Annual Meeting. Programs may be picked up starting Sunday, April 12 at the San Diego Convention Center. 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 2009 AERA Annual Meeting Program in PDF and online searchable formats is available on the AERA website ([www.aera.net](http://www.aera.net)). For complete up-to-date program information, please access the online program.

### Annual Meeting Program Supplement

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 San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level.

## Exhibit Hall

AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2009 AERA Annual Meeting. All registrants are encouraged to visit the AERA Exhibit located at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level. The AERA Exhibit Hall will be open as follows:

Tuesday, April 14	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 16	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

A directory of exhibitors is provided in the back of this program on page 442.

## On Site Services

### Headquarters Office

The AERA Headquarters Office is in the San Diego Convention Center, Room 5B, Upper Level. 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 619-525-6209.

### Press Office

The AERA Press Office is located in the San Diego Convention Center, Room 1A, Upper Level. The Press Office phone number is 619-525-6238.

### Help Service Desk

The Help Service Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level, 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 San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level. 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 audiotaped sessions can be ordered at a booth at On-site registration at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level.

### Child Care

Services are provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages from infants to adolescents at the San Diego Convention Center, Room 17B, Upper 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 Monday, April 13, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on subsequent days except for the last day (Friday, April 17), 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 March 16, 2009.

## 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. An Accessibility Services Desk is located in the On-site Registration Hall at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level. Registrants needing special services such as readers' escorts, sign language interpretation, or wheelchair repairs are strongly encouraged to visit. The direct telephone number for the Accessibility Service Desk is 619-525-6240.

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 San Diego Convention Center, Room 11B, Upper Level and the San Diego Marriot Hotel & Marina, Manchester 2, Lobby Level. The direct telephone number for the San Diego Convention Center comfort room is 619-525-6241, and the number for the Marriot Hotel comfort room is 619-645-6960. The comfort rooms will be open during the following hours:

Monday, April 13, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday–Thursday, April 14 - 16, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AERA is pleased to provide special van service for registrants with disabilities during the 2009 Annual Meeting. Detailed information may be obtained from the Accessibility Services Desk. The van service will stop at the following locations:

Manchester Grand Hyatt – Front Entrance  
 Omni Hotel – Front Entrance  
 San Diego Convention Center – Front Entrance at C  
 San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina – Marriott Drive

The vans will depart every half hour. The first van leaves the Manchester Grand Hyatt on the hour and half hour with stops at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina and San Diego Convention Center. A second van leaves the Omni Hotel on the hour and half hour with stops at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina and San Diego Convention Center.

Accessibility 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 San Diego Convention Center, Room 6B, Upper Level. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14-15 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 16 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Job seekers and employers may register onsite at the Career 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 San Diego Convention Center, Room 2, Upper Level. All graduate students are welcome to visit throughout the meeting.

## Housing and Hotel Information

### Meeting Facilities

This year, the headquarter facilities are the Manchester Grand Hyatt, Omni Hotel, San Diego Convention Center and San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. Please check the text of the Annual Meeting Program for exact locations of all 2009 AERA Annual Meeting activities.

**Hotels** (numbers refer to location on map provided on page 445 of this Program)

1. Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Street, 619-232-6141
2. Courtyard by Marriott San Diego, 530 Broadway, 619-446-3000
3. Embassy Suites, 601 Pacific Highway, 619-239-2400
4. Hard Rock Hotel, 207 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 619-702-3000
5. Hilton Gaslamp, 401 K Street, 619-231-4040
6. Horton Grand, 311 Island Avenue, 619-544-1886
7. Hotel Solamar, 435 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 619-819-9500
8. Ivy Hotel, 600 F Street, 619-814-1000
9. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, 619-232-1234
10. Omni San Diego, 675 L Street, 619-231-6664
11. San Diego Marriott Gaslamp, 660 K Street, 619-696-0234
12. San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, 619-234-1500
13. Sofia Hotel, 150 W Broadway, 619-234-9200
14. The US Grant, 326 Broadway, 619-232-3121
15. W San Diego, 421 West B Street, 619-398-3100
16. Westgate Hotel, 1055 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 619-238-1818
17. Westin Gaslamp Hotel, 910 Broadway Circle, 619-239-2200
18. Westin San Diego, 400 West Broadway, 619-239-4500

### 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 San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level.

## Off-Site Visits and Tours

### Off-Site Visits

Please consider these substantive off-site sessions as alternative opportunities as you plan your schedule for the Meeting. Space is limited for these visits, and interested attendees are encouraged to register in advance. Tickets may also be purchased at the Ticket Booth at On-site Registration located at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level. Off-Site visits include Presidential Session Visits to Detracked Schools for Low-Income Students (The Preuss School and the Gompers Charter Middle School); and Division G: Working for the Community: Supporting Activism Through Academic Work.

### Tours

AERA is pleased to offer all meeting attendees a wide selection of tours. Tours include Classic Coronado with Free Time for Dinner, San Diego by Land & Sea, Balboa Park – A Cultural Experience, Gaslamp Quarter Historical Walking Tour, and Tour of Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. Space is limited for these tours, and interested attendees are encouraged to register in advance. Tickets may also be purchased at the Ticket Booth at On-site Registration located at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion, Upper Level.

## Emergency and Medical Assistance

If medical assistance is required, please contact the operator, by dialing "0" from your hotel 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.

If medical assistance is required at the San Diego Convention Center, please dial 5911 from any white courtesy phone located throughout the building.

The nearest hospital emergency room, to the meeting hotels, is the Alvarado Hospital – 6665 Alvarado Road, San Diego, CA 92120. The Main Number is 619-287-3270.

## Telephone Numbers

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

Emergency Service (for police, fire, ambulance) no area code required.....	911
Visitor Information Center.....	619-236-1212
San Diego CVB TDD/TTY.....	619-615-6111
San Diego International Airport – Lindbergh Field Ground Transportation.....	619-400-2400
San Diego Police Department with non-emergencies.....	311

### *Message to Annual Meeting Attendees*

The leadership of the American Educational Research Association regrets that private donations in support of Proposition 8 in California by Mr. Douglas Manchester, owner of the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, have affected the Association's ability to hold Annual Meeting events at the hotel free of controversy. Proposition 8 sought to amend the state Constitution to limit marriage by defining it as a union between a man and a woman; it was approved in 2008, and its constitutionality is now under review by the California State Supreme Court. The action taken by Mr. Manchester as an individual does not reflect the views of the Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, which independently operates the hotel under a long-term contractual arrangement.

In deference to the strong beliefs of many AERA attendees regarding Proposition 8 and with the knowledge of the Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, AERA decided last October to relocate many of its Association-wide sessions and events to the San Diego Convention Center and to other headquarter hotels. Also, in keeping with the Association's mission as a research society and its commitment to social justice in education research, the 2009 Program includes several important symposia that address GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender) issues and education. AERA's aim in implementing these measures was not to take a political stand on behalf of the Association, but rather to ensure that as a scholarly society, we show respect for all members and ensure that the free flow of ideas is not inhibited by fear or intolerance.