



# 2008 AERA Annual Meeting and Exhibition

## March 24–28, New York City

### Register Online

**Register Online!** Visit <http://www.aera.net> and click on “Registration Information” under “2008 AERA Annual Meeting.” Online registration is strongly encouraged.

### **REGISTER EARLY!**

Advance registration provides several advantages, such as a discount on registration fees, assured housing at special guaranteed rates, and no delay or inconvenience on site (you’ll only need to pick up your Program, Program Supplement, and badge holder). **Advance registration closes on February 15, 2008.**

### The Meeting

#### **Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility**

The 2008 Annual Meeting is fast approaching, and it is not too soon to register, make hotel reservations, and plan your travel for what promises to be a Meeting of breadth and depth across the fields of inquiry that constitute education research. This year, we anticipate once again participants who specialize in the study of education and learning and those from other fields and disciplines whose research intersects with education. We also anticipate large attendance from around the world. What better location to present work and share ideas than in New York, the melting pot, where the population, issues, and communities are so diverse.

The Meeting theme, “Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility,” provides an intellectual space for scholarship focused on schools, neighborhoods, and communities. Examples of relevant research topics include but are not limited to (1) higher education and community development, (2) education and social service partnerships, (3) community-based teacher education, (4) project-based learning in metropolitan settings, (5) juvenile justice and opportunity to learn, (6) fiscal policy and planning, and (7) educational role of the professions (e.g., health, law, and engineering).

New York City is considered by many to symbolize the gateway of opportunity in the United States. The history of immigrant families and communities in this metropolitan region is well documented and an important part of the American Dream. Yet the geography of opportunity has become a local, national,

and global challenge. Cities and metropolitan regions are experiencing intensified city/suburban fiscal disparities. The trend toward increased class- and race-based geospatial polarization has implications for schools, neighborhoods, and related social institutions and groups. The resulting local, state, and federal government responses often create new problems. There has been an expansion of the policing functions of government, for example, while the demand for many key social services continues to grow (e.g., housing, schools, health, and transportation). Thus local, state, and federal funding remains an important policy consideration and research opportunity.

Funding is only one of the many challenges facing communities within and across social and spatial boundaries. Many scholars have found that metropolitan education does not share the level of civic capacity that is available for other local ventures (e.g., sport stadiums). The term *civic* refers to actions and strategic plans conceived to support the goal of advancing the well-being of the entire community. Some scholars have argued that the term *civic capacity* captures the extent to which multiple sectors of a region have constructed formal and informal structures to create common objectives and advance common goals (e.g., the Civic Capacity and Urban Education project). Civic capacity requires communities to move beyond immediate relationships and specific occupational roles toward the acceptance of their interdependence and civic responsibility. Civic responsibility in education requires that multiple sectors of the community—individuals, governments, and nongovernmental organizations—accept the charge of creating high-quality educational opportunities irrespective of neighborhood or other geospatial considerations.

While in New York, the AERA community will have an opportunity to explore research, historical writings, and moral arguments. An overarching purpose is to define, frame, contextualize, explain, and debate solutions to the ongoing challenge of linking research on schools, neighborhoods, and communities to matters of civic responsibility and capacity-building opportunities. Please consider participating in this important intellectual endeavor.

### **New York: The City That Never Sleeps**

Beyond the formal and informal programs of the Annual Meeting, there is much to taste and enjoy in New York City. For the true New York experience, it is worth emphasizing that the city consists of five boroughs: the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. With more than 8.1 million residents

in an area of 322 square miles, New York has the highest population density of any major city in North America. Nearly 36% of its residents are foreign born, and more than 170 languages are spoken. New York boasts museums of history and art, television and radio, science, air and space, natural history, tenements, transit, and much, much more. The city is home to more than two thousand arts and cultural organizations and more than five hundred art galleries of varying size and scope. The metropolitan area, with a population over 18.8 million, ranks among the largest in the world.

The AERA Annual Meeting will be held on the island of Manhattan—where opportunities and options abound at any time of night or day. Always moving, vibrant, and of the moment, the city will tempt Meeting attendees to forsake sleep in a valiant effort to experience it all!

The essence of New York can readily be found outside the doors of any of the AERA Meeting hotels. Take a look around at the people who work, live, and play in the city. If you want to explore, ride the subway—New York’s 24-hour public transportation system is like no other. Times Square borders the east side of the Marriott Marquis (one of the headquarter hotels) and is well worth exploring. You may want to take in a Broadway show near the hotel. . At any hour, you can find a variety of street food; beyond the usual hot dogs, coffee, and pretzels, look for falafel, sausage sandwiches, tacos, soft-serve ice cream, and dosas. And keep in mind that New York is the U.S. fashion capital, with a range of department stores, boutiques, and specialty shops unmatched anywhere.

First-time visitors will surely want to see landmarks such as the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Central Park, the Staten Island Ferry, and the Brooklyn Bridge. Other attractions not to be missed are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and the Bronx Zoo. If you are pressed for time, check out the Museum of Modern Art, just a block from the Hilton New York and Sheraton New York hotels.

For those with some time for exploration, there is always another New York neighborhood to see, another restaurant to try, a just-opened Broadway show to see. As suggested by the 2008 Annual Meeting theme, the city’s true character lies in its diverse neighborhoods—from Chinatown to Wall Street, from chic Soho to funky Greenwich Village, from youthful Union Square to artsy Chelsea, from Koreatown to aromatic Curry Hill. Experience Herald Square’s consumer heaven, Koreatown’s otherworldly noodles, the elegance of Columbus Circle, the respite of Central Park, Harlem’s historic restoration, and beyond. In every neighborhood there is much to absorb and learn.

Attendees are encouraged to enjoy New York in all facets. Its food culture, influenced by the city’s manifold immigrants and large number of dining patrons, is both expansive and diverse. The city is home to many of the finest haute cuisine restaurants in the United States. No matter what your taste or budget, you are sure to find the right fit. New York also plays host to an endless variety of concerts, film festivals, poetry slams, and more. Visit the elegant Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, home of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Ballet, and Jazz at Lincoln Center. For a lighter mood, explore a comedy club, sit in on a talk show or late-night TV taping, or step out to a world-class dance club, bar, or lounge.

The history of attendance and the level of engagement at AERA Annual Meetings suggest that participants are serious of purpose. As attendees present their research and examine the most challenging issues in education, which require a strong base of knowledge, it is worth experiencing the contexts and culture that are part of the framework for education research.

### Registration

*It is the policy of AERA that all persons in attendance at the AERA Annual Meeting and Exhibition, including participants who plan to attend one or more sessions, are required to register. Registration is not transferable. Register online to save time and to take advantage of the lower advance registration rates. Visit <http://www.aera.net> and click on “Registration Information” under “2008 AERA Annual Meeting.”*

Registration allows each individual to attend all open symposia and sessions, grants admission to the AERA Exhibit Hall and Career Center, and provides the opportunity to purchase tickets for tours and to attend one of the AERA Professional Development extended courses or mini-courses.

All registrants will receive badges, which must be worn at all times. See “Badges” section below.

### Advance Registration

Advance registration provides several advantages, including a discount on registration fees (see chart below), hotel accommodations at special guaranteed group rates, and no delay or inconvenience on site. Attendees who have pre-registered online will only need to pick up the Annual Meeting Program, Program Supplement, and a badge holder upon arrival at the Annual Meeting site in New York.

**Advance registration closes on February 15, 2008.**

### Advance Registration Fees

Registration Category	Advance Fee
AERA Member Attending AERA Only	\$165
AERA Student Member Attending AERA Only	\$70
AERA Nonmember Attending AERA Only	\$270
AERA Nonmember Student Attending AERA Only	\$110
AERA Nonmember International Attendee Attending AERA Only	\$165
AERA Guest Only	\$40
AERA & NCME Member Attending Both	\$300
AERA & NCME Student Member Attending Both	\$115
AERA Member, not NCME Member, Attending Both	\$410
AERA Student Member, not NCME Member, Attending Both	\$155
NCME Member, not AERA Member, Attending Both	\$405
NCME Student Member, not AERA Member, Attending Both	\$155
Nonmember AERA & NCME Attending Both	\$515
Nonmember Student AERA & NCME Attending Both	\$195
International Nonmember Attendee AERA & NCME Attending Both	\$300

### On-Site Registration

On-site registration will take place at the Hilton New York Hotel.

Registration hours are:

Sunday, March 23, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25–Thursday, March 27, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

### Payment

Make checks for registration and housing payable to AERA Housing Bureau in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. Registration fees may be charged to American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA. Purchase orders or wire transfers are not accepted as payment. *No registration or housing will be processed without full payment.*

### Refunds

Registration fees and/or Professional Development course fees will be refunded, less a \$25 service charge, if a written request is received at the AERA Registration/Housing Bureau by February 15, 2008. There is a \$5 service charge for tour fee cancellations if a written request is received at the AERA Registration/Housing Bureau by February 15, 2008. ***AERA regrets that refunds for registration, tours and Professional Development courses will not be made after February 15, 2008.*** It is the policy of AERA that registration is not transferable.

### Nonmembers

AERA welcomes people who are not members of the Association to attend the Annual Meeting. Nonmembers may register in advance or on site. Nonmembers may register at member rates if a membership application and dues payment accompany the advance registration. Registration fees do not include membership in AERA. An application for membership and payment must be sent with the Advance Registration Form if you wish to join and register as a member. You may register to become an AERA member by going to the AERA website (<http://www.aera.net>).

### Guest Registration

Guest registration is designed for the spouse, significant other, or family of the registrant. Guests may visit the exhibits and attend the sessions in which the registrant is presenting. ***Guest registration is not applicable for professionals (including students) in the field of education research 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 registrant. Guest badges will not include the guest's institutional affiliation, and "Guest" will be clearly noted on the badge.

### Badges

***Badges should be worn at all times during the Meeting as an indication that registration has been completed before participation in any scheduled event.*** Badges must be worn to gain admission to the AERA Exhibit Hall and Career Center. In addition, badge wearing will be monitored at selected sessions.

Badges will be mailed *only* to pre-registrants who register by February 15, 2008, the deadline for advance registration. Pre-registrants in North America can expect to receive the badges by February 22, 2008. Additional time is required for overseas registrants. 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

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) will hold its Annual Meeting on March 25–27, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza New York hotel, in conjunction with the AERA Annual Meeting. It is possible to register for both Annual Meetings by completing *only* the registration block marked "JOINT REGISTRATION." For additional information on the NCME Meeting, please visit <http://www.ncme.org>.

### Housing and Hotel Rates

Special group rates have been negotiated with hotels near the Annual Meeting events. Because rooms are available on a *first-come, first-served* basis, attendees are urged to register and submit housing requests as soon as possible.

Hotel rates for the AERA Annual Meeting are listed on p. 606. All rates are per room night and are subject to applicable taxes. The special AERA group rates can be guaranteed only if the request accompanies the Advance Registration Form and payment of the registration fee and is received no later than February 15, 2008. ***During the advance registration period, the hotels will not accept reservations at the group rates directly.***

The AERA Housing Bureau must receive a deposit of the first night's room and tax for each room before processing the hotel reservation. If paying by check for Housing and Registration, you must write ***two separate checks, one for Housing and one for Registration.*** Persons sharing accommodations should submit registration forms and payment together.

### Confirmations

The AERA Housing Bureau will send confirmation of Meeting registration and hotel reservation to registrants within 5 to 7 days of receipt. Please review all information for accuracy. The AERA Housing Bureau will send a confirmation to all persons who requested a room. If you do not receive your acknowledgment within this time frame, please contact the AERA Housing Bureau toll free at 1-800-262-9974, or direct at 1-404-842-0000. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.

### Changes or Cancellations in Hotel Reservations

Reservation changes can be made online, over the phone, by e-mail, or by fax. ***Cancellations must be made in writing.*** You may go online (<http://www.aera.net>), send the information to the AERA Housing Bureau by fax (1-404-842-0954) or e-mail ([jena@connectionshousing.com](mailto:jena@connectionshousing.com)), or call 1-800-262-9974. All changes and cancellations to hotel reservations must be made by ***March 14, 2008.*** To make changes or cancellations after that date, you must contact your hotel directly. ***If you cancel a hotel reservation within 72 hours of arrival, you will forfeit all deposits.***

### Hotels

*(Numbers refer to location on map provided on p. 607.)*

**1. Affinia Hotel**, 371 Seventh Avenue. The hotel is located in the fashion district, minutes from the Jacob Javits Convention Center, Madison Square Garden, and Penn Station. Travelers choose the Affinia Hotel for its spacious suites and access to business centers,

shopping, and theaters. Hotel services include concierge, fitness center, restaurant, room service, meeting rooms, secretarial services, and valet. Guest room amenities include cable movie channels, two-line phones with voicemail, and Dataport (computer, fax, and modem hookup).

**2. Ameritania Hotel**, 230 West 54th Street. See the lights on Broadway, just moments from the Ed Sullivan Theatre in Manhattan's entertainment district, and enjoy a complimentary New York-style breakfast each morning. The rooms are of simple, modern design. High-tech lobby and nearby fitness facility.

**3. Crowne Plaza Times Square (Co-Headquarter Hotel)**, 1605 Broadway. This elegant 46-story hotel is located in the theater district at Broadway and 49th Streets. It is within easy walking distance of other famous sights and attractions, restaurants, and Fifth Avenue shops. The hotel offers two bars, Samplings Restaurant, room service, fitness center, and the largest hotel pool in Manhattan.

**4. Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel**, 569 Lexington Avenue. Located at Lexington Avenue and 51st Street in Midtown's fashionable East Side, this hotel is within walking distance of Park Avenue, Rockefeller Center, and the Broadway theater district. Recently renovated and restored to reflect its 1960s deco glory. Guests may enjoy afternoon tea or evening cocktails at the trendy Met Bar. Warm chocolate chip cookie provided at check-in.

**5. Flatotel**, 135 West 52nd Street. This hotel, one of the most charming in New York, is located conveniently in Midtown, near major cultural attractions. Its 288 rooms include 76 spacious suites with custom-designed furniture and high-end amenities. The Flatotel offers boutique-style intimacy with apartment-sized rooms.

**6. Hilton New York (Co-Headquarter Hotel)**, 1335 Avenue of the Americas. Located at Rockefeller Center, this hotel boasts a newly completed \$90 million renovation and redesign as the Hilton flagship. One block from Fifth Avenue shopping, near Broadway theatres. Walk to attractions, boutiques, restaurants, and nightclubs.

**7. Marriott Marquis (Co-Headquarter Hotel)**, 1535 Broadway. This modern 45-story luxury hotel in Times Square has spacious, newly renovated guestrooms and is steps from the Broadway shows, Toys "R" Us, Rockefeller Center, MTV, and the fashion district. A nonsmoking hotel.

**8. Milford Plaza**, 270 West 45th Street. Located in Midtown Manhattan's theater district, this landmark hotel is known for efficient service with exceptional value in accommodations. It offers proximity to all of New York's major attractions, including Times Square, corporate business headquarters, and the Javits Convention Center.

**9. Paramount Hotel**, 235 West 46th Street. This hotel is situated in the Times Square theater district, near Rockefeller Center, Fifth Avenue shopping, and museums. Staff fill the role of concierge; guests need only contact the front desk for any service they require. The hotel offers a business center with full computer and telecommunications services, three restaurants, 24-hour fitness center, children's playroom, and a nightclub. Valet/laundry

service, in-room massage, portable computers, mobile phones, and fax available on request.

**10. Park Central Hotel**, 870 Seventh Avenue. This 25-story hotel offers classic sophistication in a Midtown location half a block from Carnegie Hall, one block from Broadway, and two blocks from Central Park and Fifth Avenue shops. The building's thick walls and floors guarantee a quiet night's sleep. Each of 934 spacious rooms features sound-proofed walls, high ceilings, large wooden armoire, and updated bathroom with marble sink.

**11. Sheraton Manhattan**, 790 Seventh Avenue. This 22-story hotel is within walking distance of Fifth Avenue, Broadway theaters, Central Park, and Rockefeller Center. Ideally located for business and leisure, it offers 661 guestrooms, including seven suites, nonsmoking facilities, and accommodations for people with disabilities.

**12. Sheraton New York (Co-Headquarter Hotel)**, 811 Seventh Avenue. Located between 52nd and 53rd Streets in Midtown, steps from Broadway theaters, Carnegie Hall, Fifth Avenue shopping, this hotel is also near Radio City Music Hall and the David Letterman Show. Multilingual staff, business center, Atlantis fitness center, Club Lounge with complimentary Continental breakfast and wireless Internet access. Massage available.

**13. Warwick Hotel**, 65 West 54th Street. Built by William Randolph Hearst in 1927 for his celebrity friends, this Midtown hotel is an oasis of European elegance. The apartment-style suites are spacious; some even have wraparound terraces. The Warwick is steps from Broadway, Central Park, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, Fifth Avenue, the Museum of Modern Art, and countless dining and shopping opportunities.

**14. Wellington Hotel**, 871 Seventh Avenue. Centrally located at 55th Street, this elegant hotel is within walking distance of Times Square, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, Lincoln Center, Central Park, Fifth Avenue shopping, the theater district, and the Museum of Modern Art. The hotel prides itself on making travel as comfortable and convenient as being at home.

## General Information

### Annual Meeting Headquarters

The majority of sessions will be conducted at the Hilton New York, the Sheraton New York, the Marriott Marquis, and the Crowne Plaza Times Square. The AERA 2008 Annual Meeting Exhibition (March 25–27) will be held at the Hilton New York hotel. The AERA 2008 Annual Meeting Registration will be held at Hilton New York hotel.

### Career Center

The 2008 Career Center will be located in the Mercury Ballroom at the Hilton New York. Online registration for employers and candidates will open in mid-January. Registered users of the Career Center will have online access to the resume bank and job announcements prior to the Annual Meeting. During the Annual Meeting, registered users will have access to the Message Center, Reading Room, and Appointment Scheduling Desk on March 25–28. Please check the AERA website soon for registration information on the 2008 Career Center (<http://www.aera.net>).

## Program and Supplement

The official 2008 AERA Annual Meeting Program, containing a complete list of Meeting events, will be available to all registered attendees at the Meeting. Programs may be picked up starting Sunday, March 23, at the Hilton New York hotel. There will be a charge of \$15 for additional or replacement copies of the program. The online searchable program will be available on the AERA website (<http://www.aera.net>) in late January. An online downloadable program will be available on the AERA website (<http://www.aera.net>) in February.

The Program Supplement, containing important late changes, additions, and corrections, will be distributed on site at the registration area located at the Hilton New York hotel.

## Airfare

AERA has arranged exclusive discounted airfares for 2008 AERA Annual Meeting registrants with United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Inquiries regarding travel arrangements should be directed to United Airlines and Continental Airlines through their special meeting desk lines. United Airlines may be contacted at 1-800-521-4041 (*please reference the AERA File Number 563NH*). Continental Airlines may be contacted at 1-800-468-7022 (*reference the AERA File Code ZDN6 and Agreement Code AQ9VKQ when booking your flight*). If you normally use the services of a travel agent, have the agent place your reservations through these toll-free numbers for United and Continental to obtain the same advantages for you.

For all booking inquiries and for detailed flight information, as well as applicable discounts, click on the United and Continental links in the Annual Meeting section of the AERA website (<http://www.aera.net>).

## Amtrak

AERA has made special arrangements with Amtrak for attendees planning to travel by train to New York. This travel service is available only for the Northeastern part of the United States. Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to New York City from March 21, 2008, to March 31, 2008. To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245. You cannot book your reservation by Internet, you must call 1-800-872-7245, and refer to AERA's Convention Fare Code **X46R-929** when making your reservation. This offer is not valid on the Auto Train. Fare is valid on Amtrak Regional and Acela service for all departures seven days a week.

## Information for Persons 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. Most hotels are accessible to the disabled. Please check the appropriate box on the Registration Form, indicate your room request in the Housing section of the form, and attach a note outlining specific assistance you are requesting to make the Meeting more accessible. This includes interpreting or any other special assistance. A note from a physician may be requested under extreme circumstances.

Attendees with special needs are also encouraged to visit the Disability Assistance (ADA) Services Desk located at Registration in the Rhinelander Gallery at the Hilton New York should the need arise. In addition, during the Annual Meeting, persons with disabilities who desire a place to relax are invited to visit the AERA Comfort Rooms located at the Hilton New York and the Marriott Marquis.

AERA strongly supports accessibility for those attending or presenting at the AERA Annual Meeting. The Association offers guidelines for all those presenting at sessions. These guidelines are provided on page 609.

## Child Care

Services will be provided by KiddieCorp at the Hilton New York for children of all ages, from infants to adolescents. The Child Care Center's experienced staff will include an on-site supervisor. KiddieCorp 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 fee for this service is \$10 per hour per child.

The Child Care Center will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on the first day of the Annual Meeting (Monday, March 24), and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on subsequent days except for the last day (Friday, March 28), when it will close at 3:45 p.m. To ensure that the center is properly staffed and to facilitate planning of games and other activities for the children, advance registration is required. On-site registration may be possible, at a slightly higher cost, if space is available.

If you are interested in receiving further information and the child care registration form, mark the appropriate space on your Advance Registration Form. You can also contact KiddieCorp directly at 1-858-455-1718. Rates will be included with the materials you receive. The deadline for child care registration is March 2, 2008. *Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.*

## Tours

AERA is pleased to offer all Meeting attendees a wonderful selection of tours. Please check the AERA website (<http://www.aera.net>) for full information. Make the most of your visit to New York City and take one of the tours!

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**Register Early!** Many rooms are currently available, but New York is a popular destination. Early registration is *strongly recommended* so that attendees can stay in the hotels of their choice.

**Note Dates!** Please note that the dates of the 2008 Annual Meeting in New York are March 24–28, a *Monday through Friday pattern*.