EXPLANATION OF SESSION FORMATS

Business Meeting
All divisions and SIGs must hold a business meeting to conduct the business of their unit.

Demonstration/Performance
Demonstration/performance sessions are directed to using, showing, or illustrating a particular technique, tool, or method to convey the value of the approach for research or to illustrate or present understandings or findings through such a method.

Fireside Chat
Fireside chat sessions offer participants an open forum to discuss ideas on topics of interest to a group of professionals. The majority of fireside chats are geared toward topics of interest for graduate students.

Invited Session
An invited session features presenters who have been invited as guest speakers because of their prominence in the field. Invited sessions are open to all attendees.

Off-Site Visit
Off-site visits offer participants site-specific learning, such as observation of a school in session. This format takes advantage of the unique attributes of the city where the Annual Meeting is held and connects researchers with concrete examples of relevant work. Visits are to be spent at a site other than the meeting rooms, such as a school, museum, science lab, or community agency.

Paper Session
In paper sessions, authors present abbreviated versions of their papers, followed by comments/critique, if there is a discussant, and audience discussion. A typical structure for a session with four or five papers is approximately 5 minutes for the chair’s introduction to the session, 10 minutes per author presentation, 20 minutes of critique, and 15 minutes of discussion. Session chairs may adjust the timing based on the number of presentations and discussants scheduled for the session. Individuals must be attentive to the time allocation for presenting their work in paper sessions. In the case of multiple-authored papers, more than one person may present, but presenters are urged to be attentive to the total time available to them so that allowing more than one speaker does not detract from the overall presentation of the work or keep others from presenting their work.

Poster Session
Poster sessions combine the graphic display of materials with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion of the research throughout a 90-minute session. Individual presenters set up displays representing their papers in a large area with other presenters. Each poster session has roughly 70 posters.

Roundtable Session
Roundtable sessions allow maximum interaction among presenters and with attendees. Each table has three to five researchers of accepted papers clustered around shared interests, and each table has a designated chair knowledgeable about the research area, to facilitate interaction and participation. Because the emphasis is on interaction, there are no discussants. Each roundtable session is scheduled for a 90-minute time slot. Each roundtable session has roughly 15 roundtables.

Please observe the general code of conduct for roundtables, which is posted at the sessions. This helps create the most conducive environment for successful roundtable sessions.

Structured Poster Session
These sessions begin with attendees viewing poster presentations, then move into brief oral presentations to the audience gathered as a group, followed by direct discussion with poster presenters. Posters are conceptually linked in terms of education research issues, problems, settings, methods, analytic questions, or themes.

Symposium
A symposium provides an opportunity to examine specific research issues, problems, or topics 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. Symposia may also use a panel discussion format targeted at a clearly delineated research issue or idea. Symposia may be quite interactive: A large portion of the session may be devoted to activities such as discussion among the presenters and discussants, questions and discussion among all those present at the session, or small-group interaction.

Working Group Roundtable
Working group roundtables encourage substantive exchange and interaction among researchers working on a common set of research issues, problems, or themes. Participants in these sessions discuss areas that are cross-cutting, where there are shared research problems or issues that would benefit from cooperation and exchange, or where researchers with complementary interests would benefit from new, synergistic discussions.

Workshop
A workshop provides an opportunity to exchange information or work on a common problem, project, or shared interest. Presentations are brief, allowing adequate time for reflective discussion and interaction. Didactic presentations are limited, and learning by doing occupies most of the session.

REGISTRATION

General Registration Information
It is the policy of AERA that all persons, including participants who plan to attend one or more sessions at the 2017 AERA Annual Meeting and Exhibition, are required to register.

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. In addition, badge wearing
The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) is a professional organization that holds its Annual Meeting on April 26–30 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter in conjunction with the AERA meeting. For additional information on the NCME meeting, please visit the NCME website at www.ncme.org.

### Annual Meeting Program, Mobile App, and Surveys of Session Chairs and Attendees

#### Annual Meeting Print Program Book
This official printed AERA Annual Meeting Program contains a complete list of the 2017 AERA Annual Meeting sessions and events as of April 13. There is no print program supplement. For up-to-date information, use the mobile app and the online program. There is a charge of $15 for additional or replacement copies of the print program. Thank you to those who elected to be part of our Go Green initiative and opt out of receiving a print program. Plan to Go Green next year and make your selection to opt out of the print program during the online registration process.

#### Annual Meeting Program Online and in PDF
The 2017 AERA Annual Meeting Program is available in PDF and online searchable formats on the AERA website (www.aera.net). For complete up-to-date program information, please access the online program.

#### Annual Meeting Program Mobile App
The 2017 AERA Annual Meeting Program mobile app gives attendees comprehensive information on the meeting, including session times and locations; presenter names, affiliations, and paper abstracts; and an exhibitor listing and Exhibit Hall map. The mobile app contains current information, including all of the late changes after the print program has gone to press (April 13). To download the app to your mobile device or smart phone, search iOS and Android stores for “AERA Meetings.” You will not see a “2017 AERA Annual Meeting” app but you will see an “AERA Meetings” app with the AERA logo, which is the app you want to install. Once the “AERA Meetings” app has downloaded, open the app and select “AERA Annual Meeting 2017” from the “Upcoming Meetings” list. Then click “Download.”

#### Surveys of Session Chairs and Attendees
As part of AERA’s continued effort to enhance the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting Policies and Procedures and Research Advisory Joint Committee has instituted a process to obtain feedback from session chairs and attendees. This effort received strong support from the AERA Council as central to learning about and enhancing the Annual Meeting. For the 2017 Annual Meeting, data collection efforts are threefold: (1) All session chairs are expected to complete an information form about their session. This information form will be emailed to chairs the morning after their session. (2) A random sample of approximately 350 paper, symposium, roundtable, and poster sessions will be surveyed. Attendees of these selected sessions will be asked to scan their badge at the session and will receive an email survey about the session the morning after the session. (3) A general survey will be emailed to all Annual Meeting attendees at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

### Roundtable and Poster Sessions

#### Poster Sessions—How to Find Your Poster Number
Your poster session number is the number following the dash in the...
session number listing in the online and print program and mobile app. For example, in the number 41.932-3, the poster session number is 3. Each poster in that session is also numbered. Your poster number is the number in front of your poster title.

**Roundtable Sessions—How to Find Your Table Number**
Your table number is the number following the dash in the session number listing in the online and print program and mobile app. For example, the table number is 7 for session number 52.078-7.

**Roundtable Sessions—Guidelines**
AERA is committed to providing an amenable environment for roundtable sessions. Based on feedback about noise and overcrowding, we have set the number of tables in a room for less than half the maximum capacity. As a participant or attendee in a roundtable session, your cooperation in following these guidelines helps facilitate a better experience for all.

**Roundtable numbers.** Please do not remove the number in the stand on the table. Participants need the number to find their session table.

**Position of tables.** Please do not move tables or table number stands around the room or outside the room. This disrupts the sessions that follow, as participants are unable to find their roundtables. Tables are placed as far apart as possible to allow maximum space, and additional chairs are available for participants.

**Silent applause.** Please do not clap after each presentation as this sound echoes across the room and drowns out the voices of other presenters. Silent applause—raising your arms and waving your hands—is encouraged.

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**EXHIBIT HALL**

AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2017 Annual Meeting. AERA encourages meeting attendees to come to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Street Level, Exhibit Hall 4 to meet with exhibitors. Visit top publishers, research companies on the rise, technology experts, and many more. No matter what your interests are, there is a resource for you, so do not miss this opportunity to connect. See back of program for a directory of exhibitors.

The Exhibit Hall is open April 28–30 during the following hours:

- Friday, April 28: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Visit the Exhibits and Enter to Win Prizes—Daily Prize of a New iPad and Grand Prize of a Trip to the 2018 Annual Meeting

If you visit at least 10 exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall during the 2017 AERA Annual Meeting, you will be entered for a chance to win a daily prize of a new iPad and a grand prize of a trip to the 2018 Annual Meeting in New York, NY (registration, hotel, and airfare included).

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**ON-SITE SERVICES**

**Headquarters Office**
The AERA Headquarters Office is in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Meeting Room Level, Room 225D. It is open Thursday–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Monday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. The Headquarters Office phone number is 210-582-7000.

**Press Office**
The AERA Press Office is located in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Meeting Room Level, Room 224. The Press Office phone number is 210-582-7001.

**Information Services Desk**
The Information Services Desk, located next to the AERA Registration Area at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Street Level, Main Lobby, enables you to join AERA and obtain information about the Association and the Annual Meeting. The Information Services Desk is open during registration hours.

**Internet Access at the Headquarter Hotels**
Free WiFi is available in all meeting rooms where sessions are being held at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, and the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. To connect to WiFi, attendees should scan for wireless networks, click to connect on the AERA network, and enter “AERA2017” (using UPPERCASE letters) when prompted for the password. You need to scan for the wireless network at each venue and connect using the password. This network and password apply only to the meeting rooms. They do not work in the hotel sleeping rooms.

**Child Care**
Services for child care are provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Meeting Room Level, 225B and 225C. The Child Care Center’s experienced staff includes an on-site supervisor. KiddieCorp 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 fee for this service is $12 per hour per child. This is a discounted rate, as AERA subsidizes 60% of the total cost of offering this service to attendees.

The theme for this year’s child care activities is Wild, Wild West. Saddle up to join us on a Wild, Wild West adventure through arts and crafts activities, group games, story time, and some creative play. We provide activities appropriate for each age group, using safe, sturdy equipment that you can feel comfortable with. Children will learn and can make their own choices within KiddieCorp’s program.

The Child Care Center is open during the following hours: Thursday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.; Friday–Sunday, April 28–30, 8:00 a.m.–6:15 p.m.; and Monday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.–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. The deadline for advance child-care registration is April 14, 2017. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

**Accessibility Services Desk**
AERA is committed to offering an accessible environment for all attendees. The Association strives to support persons with special needs while they are attending the Annual Meeting. An Accessibility Services Desk is located at Registration at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Street Level, Bridge Hall. The direct telephone number for the Accessibility Services Desk is 210-582-7004. Registrants needing
special services such as ASL interpretation are encouraged to visit. The service desk is open during registration hours:

- Thursday, April 27: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday–Sunday, April 28–30: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 1: 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Quiet Room
During the Annual Meeting, persons who desire a quiet place to relax or prepare for a presentation may visit the AERA Quiet Room, located at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Meeting Room Level, Room 223. The direct telephone number for the Quiet Room is 210-582-7005. The Quiet Room is open during the following hours:

- Thursday, April 27: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday–Sunday, April 28–30: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 1: 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Shuttle Service
AERA is pleased to offer complimentary shuttle service between the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, and the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. Shuttles travel between the hotels approximately every 30 minutes and loop continuously throughout the day. AERA signs are posted at all boarding sites identifying the location as an AERA Access Shuttle pick-up and drop-off site. Attendees can contact the shuttle service at 210-560-4940 for assistance.

The shuttle operates during the following hours:

- Thursday, April 27: 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 28: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 1: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Inclusion
AERA is committed to making the meeting accessible and welcoming to all of our community. Gender-neutral bathrooms are an important part of making the Annual Meeting more inclusive. They have visual signage on the doors saying “Gender-Neutral Bathroom: All Genders Welcome.” Gender-neutral bathrooms are available at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Ballroom Level, outside Stars at Night Ballroom 4; at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, Fourth Floor, by Republic C; and at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, Third Level, next to Conference Room 17.

Lactation Room
AERA provides private lactation rooms for nursing mothers. There are two lactation rooms in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center: one on the Meeting Room Level, Room 2137 (next to Room 215), and one on the Street Level, Room 1212, in the lobby corridor between Halls 3 and 4. There is also a lactation room at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio: Please go to the front desk to ask for assistance accessing this room.

Graduate Student Council Resource Center
The Graduate Student Council Resource Center is open Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Meeting Room Level, Room 221 AB. All graduate students are welcome to visit.

HOUSING AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Meeting Facilities
This year, the AERA headquarters facilities are the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, and the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk. The San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter is NMCE headquarters.

Hotels
Numbers refer to locations on map, page 458 of this program.

1. Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio Riverwalk
2. Crockett Hotel
3. Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk
4. Embassy Suites San Antonio Riverwalk–Downtown
5. Emily Morgan Hotel–A Double Tree by Hilton
6. Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown/Alamo Plaza
7. Grand Hyatt San Antonio (HQ Hotel)
8. Hampton Inn San Antonio Downtown Riverwalk
9. Hilton Palacio del Rio
10. Holiday Inn Downtown Market Square
11. Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rivercenter Area
12. Holiday Inn Riverwalk
13. Homewood Suites by Hilton Riverwalk
14. Hotel Contessa Luxury Suites on the Riverwalk
15. Hotel Indigo at the Alamo
16. Hotel Indigo San Antonio Riverwalk
17. Hotel Valencia Riverwalk
18. Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk
19. La Quinta Inn & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk/Convention Center
20. Marriott Plaza San Antonio
21. Menger Hotel
22. Omni La Mansion del Rio
23. Residence Inn by Marriott/Alamo Plaza
24. San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter (NCME HQ Hotel)
25. San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk (HQ Hotel)
26. Sheraton Gunter Hotel
27. Springhill Suites San Antonio Downtown/Alamo Plaza
28. Staybridge Suites San Antonio Downtown/Convention Center
29. The St. Anthony Hotel
30. The Westin Riverwalk San Antonio
31. The Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk

On-Site Housing Services Desk
The Housing Services Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Street Level, Bridge Hall, is available to assist you with hotel services. The Housing Services Desk is open during registration hours.

Emergency and Medical Assistance
If medical assistance is required at your hotel, please contact the operator, by dialing “0” from your hotel room or any house phone. The facility can provide the names of physicians on call, or get you emergency assistance.

From any location, the citywide emergency telephone number is 911. The hospital emergency room nearest to the meeting hotels is Nix Health Care System, 414 Navarro St., San Antonio, TX 78205, telephone 210-271-1800.