2024 NERA Conference Overview and Call for Proposals

May 1st, 2024
12:00-1:00 PM EDT

2024 Conference Team

2023-2024 President
Jonathan Steinberg

EurekaFacts

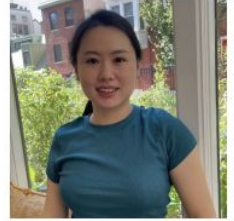Javier Suárez-Álvarez

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Agenda

You Are Invited to Our 55th Annual Conference!

October 8 – 10, 2024

Trumbull Marriott Shelton

Trumbull, CT

Promoting Social Responsibility in Educational Research

- Who is served by the field of educational research, and who is ignored?

- Have our methods of research, sampling, engaging, and communicating adequately reflected the learners we strive to serve?

- How can we ensure that the voices of all stakeholders are accurately represented by our work?

- How can we collectively support positive change in educational research and society more broadly?

Keynote Speaker: [Tuesday 10/8 Dinner](#)

Name: Beverly Leon
Current Position: Founder and CEO of Local Civics
Field: Civic Education
Professional Background:
- Over a decade in youth education and coaching
- Coordinated programs for Level the Field NYC
- Civics education Fellow at Columbia University

Additional Notes: Retired professional soccer player

Keynote Speaker: <u>Wednesday 10/9 Lunch</u>

Name: Shaun Nelms
Current Position: Vice President for Community Partnerships, University of Rochester
Field: Education and School Transformation
Professional Background:
- Former superintendent
- Led educational partnership between New York State Education Department, Rochester City School District, and the University of Rochester

Additional Notes: Recently published *Leading With Purpose: Empowering Others to Create Lasting Change*

Invited Panels

1. **Civic Education (Tuesday 10/8)**
   - Laura Hamilton, American Institutes for Research (moderator)
   - Beverly Leon, LocalCivics
   - Dena Pastor, James Madison University
   - Miriam Bart, Maryland Department of Education
   - Elyse Alter, Sphere Education Initiatives
2. **Highlighting Minority Serving Institutions (Wednesday 10/9)**
   - Laura Lara-Brady, WestEd (moderator)
   - Marquita Thomas-Brown, Delaware State University
   - Claude Tamaze, Lincoln University
   - Andrés Castro Samayoa, Boston College
   - Kyndra Middleton, Howard University

Proposal Submission

1. Submitting Your NERA Proposal:
   - Use the Online Proposal System.
   - Deadline: **Friday, May 24, 2024, at 11:59 PM EDT.**
2. Research Project Requirements:
   - Complete projects are not necessary; in-progress or nearly complete research will be considered.
   - Show potential for readiness by the conference date.
   - In-progress work encouraged for Roundtable presentations for interactive feedback.

Proposal Submission(cont.)

- 3. Utilizing Content Strands:
  - Select primary content strand and two alternates.
  - Helps match proposals with appropriate reviewers.
  - Assists in placing proposals in suitable sessions.
  - Aids in assigning discussants.

Proposed conference content areas

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice
- Educational Research Methods
- Educational Systems and Policies
- Higher Education Research and Practice
- Measurement and Psychometrics
- PK-12 Education Research and Practice
- Post-COVID Innovations and Solutions
- Applications of AI
- Miscellaneous

Proposal Submission(cont.)

4. Session Options and Rigor:

- All session formats are peer-reviewed.
- Peer review ensures consistent quality across presentations.

5. Theme-based Paper Sessions/Symposia Submission Guidelines:

- Submit one proposal for all papers in the session (max 1,000 words).
- Include a description of how papers relate and brief descriptions of each paper.
- Indicate submission as a theme-based session/symposium in the system.

Proposal Review and Acceptance

1. Review Process:
   - Reviewers are NERA member volunteers, skilled in specific content strands.
   - Final acceptance and session format are decided by the conference co-chairs based on reviews and program availability.
2. Research Paper Deadline:
   - Completed research papers must be emailed to the discussant by **September 24, 2024**, to allow for adequate review time.
3. Unable to Attend:
   - Accepting to present implies intention to attend.
   - If unable to attend, and no coauthors or colleagues can substitute, withdraw by contacting the conference team at _NERA.CoChairs@gmail.com_

Preparing for Your Presentation

1. Projector and Laptop Availability:
   - LCD projectors provided for each session.
   - Session Chair will arrange a laptop and facilitate file transfers via email.
2. Poster Specifications:
   - Use easels with 36 x 48 inches foam display boards.
   - Title, author, affiliation in ≥36-point font; other text ≥28-point font.
   - Include diagrams, figures, photos, and bulleted text.
   - Prepare up to four PowerPoint slides for electronic sharing before the session.

Preparing for Your Presentation(cont.)

3. Roundtable Sessions:

- Interactive format with 3-5 researchers per table.
- No formal presentations; brief overviews and discussion encouraged.
- Focus on interactive discussions among researchers and participants.

4. Chair Responsibilities:

- Organize the presentation session.
- Manage papers, communication with authors, and AV equipment.
- Ensure session runs on time.

5. Discussant Role:

- Provide professional feedback and constructive criticism on presentations.
- Highlight connections to broader topics.

Attending NERA

- Conference Registration Fees:
  - Fees will be posted on NERA website in late spring or early summer.
  - Categories: Professional, Retirees, Students.
  - Late fees begin after September 24, 2024.
  - All attendees must be NERA members.
  - More details will be on the NERA website.

Attending NERA (cont.)

- Hotel Special Rates:
  - NERA negotiates special room rates for members.
  - Details and booking information will be available in late spring on the NERA website.
  - Limited availability of rooms at negotiated rates.
- Meals:
  - Included with registration, applicable whether or not you stay at the conference hotel.
  - Compliant with current public health and safety guidelines.
  - For dietary concerns, contact NERA Co-Chairs at NERA.CoChairs@gmail.com.

Enhanced Conference Features

1. Marriott Bonvoy^{TM} Members Benefits:

   - Specific benefits details will be provided through the app closer to the conference.

2. Childcare Options:

   - Two off-site providers identified near the hotel.

   - Information will be available at time of registration.

3. Financial Support:

   - Potential travel grant program under development.

   - More information to be provided closer to conference time.

Questions?

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