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85th Annual CERA Conference

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Equity in California Schools: Challenges and Possibilities

Thursday, November 16 and
Friday, November 17, 2006



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2006 CERA Conference Attractions

The Annual Conference of the California Educational Research Association (CERA) provides members and others in the areas of educational research, institutional research, assessment, and evaluation an opportunity to meet and present their latest work to the field. Traditionally, the conference has attracted educational researchers from both K-12 and higher education. Recently, the CERA Board reaffirmed CERA's mission of serving all who conduct educational research in California and the West by providing a broader forum for presenting research. In addition to research conducted in school districts by local evaluation staff, proposals by college and university faculty and graduate students are welcomed. CERA provides ample opportunities for educational researchers throughout the West to present their ideas in a more informal setting than that usually found at a national conference.

The 2006 theme of "*Equity in California Schools: Challenges and Possibilities*" was chosen to give researchers at universities and school districts the opportunity to present research findings that help us better understand the primary factors leading to underachievement among subgroups of students. In addition, it provides a forum in which to share information that might potentially lead to strategies and theoretical frameworks for overcoming these academic deficits. With the Federal No Child Left Behind requirements and State accountability targets, both focused on improvement for all demographic subgroups, there could not be a better time to focus on achievement equity in education.

While equity in California schools is the theme of the conference, quality presentations are encouraged on any and all areas related to educational research. Researchers are also encouraged to work with others to create presentations around an educational research theme and to propose a session that focuses on that theme. These proposed sessions will be considered for program inclusion on the strength of all papers in the suggested session.

Keynote speakers at the conference include **Michael Kirst** and **Edward Haertel** professors of education at Stanford University, and **Trish Williams**, Executive Director at EdSource, who will share valuable insights from their research on factors distinguishing successful and unsuccessful elementary schools serving low-income students. **Mica Pollock**, assistant professor of education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and winner of the 2005 AERA Outstanding Book Award, will discuss her research on the relationship between student race and academic achievement.

The conference will begin with a general session on Thursday morning at 9:00 and conclude with a luncheon and awards ceremony on Friday afternoon. There will be a day and a half of general and concurrent sessions addressing educational research issues. For networking, there will be a luncheon on Thursday, a reception Thursday evening, and a luncheon on Friday honoring **Jeannie Oakes**, professor at UCLA, with the CERA Lifetime Achievement Award. An Outstanding Paper award will also be presented at that time.

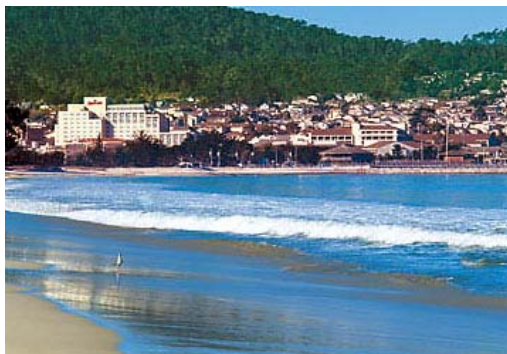
2006 CERA Conference Registration

The registration form for the CERA 2006 Conference is in this Newsletter. Please send your completed registration form and payment by to:

Mary Tribbey, CERA Secretary-Treasurer
Butte County Office of Education
5 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

e-mail: mtribbey@bcoe.org

CERA 2006 Conference Site and Lodging



CERA 2006 is being held at the **Monterey Marriott**, a full service luxury hotel located in historic downtown Monterey at Fisherman's Wharf. (350 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA)

Because our room block at the Marriott is limited, we have made arrangements through the firm [Resort 2 Me](#) to reserve additional rooms in the area at special conference rates. CERA recommends a very nice hotel four blocks from the Marriott called [Casa Munras](#). If you make your reservations through [Resort 2 Me](#) (800-449-1499) rather than through the hotel, you are guaranteed to get our conference rate of \$144 per night.

CALL For Presentation Proposals: Due Thursday, October 12, 2006

The Annual Conference of the California Educational Research Association provides members and others in the area of education an opportunity to report on research, evaluation, and assessment. Reflect on your work over the past few years and consider proposing a presentation for this year's conference.

Proposals for papers and presentations must be received by **October 12, 2006**. Both the presentation proposal form and the conference registration form are included in this newsletter. The forms are also on the CERA website as .pdf files at www.cera-web.org. On-line submission of proposals is preferred, but mail or e-mail is acceptable. To request additional information about submitting a proposal, please contact Tom Barrett, CERA Second Vice President, at (951) 788-7190.

CERA Outstanding Paper Award: As a state organization, we have one presentation slot at AERA in April 2007 and will be selecting an outstanding paper and inviting the author(s) to deliver it at AERA next spring. To be considered for the CERA Outstanding Paper Award, the completed paper must accompany the CERA presentation proposal.

Important Notice:

Fall 2006 County and District Evaluators' Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2006, Monterey Marriott Hotel

The Fall 2006 County and District Evaluators' Meeting sponsored by the Policy and Evaluation Division of the California Department of Education will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at the Monterey Marriott Hotel. Registration information will be sent to districts by the California Department of Education. For further information, please contact the Policy and Evaluation Division at (916) 319-0875.

Please plan on joining your colleagues in Monterey on Wednesday and then attending the 2006 CERA Conference on Thursday and Friday.

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Presentation Proposal (Please type or print clearly.)

Title of Presentation: _____

Presenters/Authors:

1: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

3: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Estimated time desired for presentation (most presentations are 20-30 minutes): _____

Primary contact person for presentation (for correspondence): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

If you are proposing a session with others submitting other presentations similar to yours, please submit a letter along with your abstracts outlining the theme of your proposed session and contact Tom Barrett at (951) 788-7190.

Presentations are solicited from persons on all topics of interest to educational researchers, evaluators, and those involved with improving instruction. Please check the areas covered by your presentation:

- Curriculum & Instruction Educational Technology
 Equity in California Schools Formative/Summative Assessment Policy Analysis & Accountability
 Program Evaluation Teacher Preparation & Professional Development Other

Abstract (limited to 250 words)

Deadline - Friday, October 13, 2006

E-mail to: tbarrett@rusd.k12.ca.us or mail to:

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Name: _____	Title: _____
Institutional Affiliation: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (_____) _____	Fax: (_____) _____
E-Mail Address: _____	

To register for CERA 2006 select any one of the following options (which include luncheons) and circle "Yes" or "No" if you will attend the luncheons.

- Option A: \$175 Conference registration (two days, Thursday and Friday, November 16-17)
Thursday luncheon: Yes No Friday luncheon: Yes No
- Option B: \$150 Conference registration (Thursday, November 16 only) Luncheon: Yes No
- Option C: \$150 Conference registration (Friday, November 17 only) Luncheon: Yes No
- Option D: \$100 Graduate student conference registration (2-days, Thursday and Friday, November 16-17) (Please include graduate student identification.)
Thursday luncheon: Yes No Friday luncheon: Yes No
- Option E: \$25 CERA membership only, if not attending the conference

Enclosed is my check # _____ money order # _____ Payable to "CERA" in the amount of \$ _____ (No purchase orders or Credit Card #s)

Send this registration form with payment to:

Mary Tribbey, CERA Secretary-Treasurer
Butte County Office of Education
5 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

Registration must be received by Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

Note: All participants including speakers and presenters must register for the conference.

Standard AV equipment, such as, overhead projectors, screens, and podiums will be provided. Special equipment must be provided by the presenter or rented by the presenter from the hotel.

Questions regarding registration should be addressed to Mary Tribbey at mtribbey@bcoe.org or (530) 532-5820.
Questions regarding presentations should be addressed to Tom Barrett at tbarrett@rusd.k12.ca.us or (951) 788-7190.
For other questions contact Paul Tuss, 2006 CERA President, at ptuss@scoe.net or (916) 228-2575.

New District Test Coordinators' Workshop

Friday, November 17, 2006, 8:30-11:30 am

The California Educational Research Association will offer a training workshop for new district test coordinators. This workshop is intended for new public school test directors or coordinators at the district level who are responsible for administering multiple state assessments in California, such as the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) tests -- California Standards Tests , CAT 6, CAPA, and the designated primary language test-- the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), and the Physical Fitness Test. The workshop will be open to the first 50 people who register. Test coordinators who are in their first or second year, especially, should benefit from this workshop.

The workshop will cover logistical issues relating to testing (not the policy issues that are the responsibility of the California Department of Education) and will focus on managing the test coordinator's many responsibilities at the district level. Specifically, the workshop will discuss planning and organizing aspects common to multiple state assessments such as: developing a schedule of tests, managing materials, training of site coordinators, completion of required forms, handling return data, and other basics that will help ensure compliance with state testing regulations and optimize district resources. The workshop is designed to complement, not duplicate, the test contractors' pre- and post-test workshops. The workshop facilitators will be Karen Greer, Assessment Consultant, Research, Evaluation and Assessment, Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Paula Carroll, District Test Coordinator, Lodi Unified School District.

Registration for this workshop is separate from, and in addition to, CERA registration. The workshop will be offered on Friday morning, November 17, concurrently with CERA sessions.

New Test Coordinators' Workshop Registration Form (Please type or print clearly.)

Name: _____	Title: _____
Institutional Affiliation: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____	Fax: (____) _____
E-Mail Address: _____	

Enclosed is my check # _____ money order # _____ Payable to "CERA" in the amount of \$50 (No purchase orders or Credit Card #s)

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