



# California Educational Research Association

84<sup>th</sup> Annual CERA Conference

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# High School and Beyond

Thursday, November 17 and  
Friday, November 18, 2005

Hyatt Regency  
200 South Pine Avenue  
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## 2005 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. Throughout the years, the conference has attracted educational researchers from both K-12 and higher education. In recent years, CERA has had a wide degree of support at the K-12 level among public school assessment directors. Recently, the CERA Board recognized that CERA should return to its broader mission of serving all those who conduct educational research in California, and the West, by providing a wider forum for presenting research by college and university faculty and graduate students, as well as continuing to showcase the best research work being done at the K-12 level. CERA is a stepping-stone to its parent organization, the American Educational Research Association (AERA), and as such, should provide ample opportunities for educational researchers throughout the West to first present their ideas and findings at CERA's annual conference, as a sounding board for later presentation at AERA.

In this light, the 2005 theme of "High School and Beyond" was chosen to give researchers at all educational levels the greatest opportunity to present research about student achievement, student post-secondary opportunities, teaching, instructional practices, or other issues that span the life of students from K-12 to college and beyond. With the impending implementation of the California High School Exit Exam as a high school graduation requirement, the use of the Early Assessment Program to determine whether students need remedial college courses, the restructuring of the SAT, the reduction in funds available for college loans, and the continuing equity issues, today's high school and college students are plunging into uncharted waters.

While "High School and Beyond" is the theme of the conference, quality presentations are encouraged on any and all areas related to educational research. A presentation on any subject related to educational research, if it is of good quality, will be accepted and paired with similar presentations to create a session. Researchers are also encouraged to work with others to create presentations around any educational research theme and propose that theme, and those presentations, as a session. These proposed sessions will be considered for program inclusion on the strength of all papers in that suggested session.

**Jack O'Connell**, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in California, and **Charles Reed**, Chancellor of the California State University, have been invited to address issues facing California schools today.

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, when Lifetime Achievement and Outstanding Paper awards will be presented.

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## 2005 CERA Conference Registration

The registration form for the CERA 2005 Conference is in this Newsletter.  
Please send your completed registration form and payment by **Friday, October 14, 2005** to:

**Tom Barrett, Director of Educational Accountability**  
**Riverside Unified School District**  
**3380 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Riverside, CA 92501**                      **e-mail: tbarrett@rusd.k12.ca.us**

### **Conference Site and Lodging** **Hotel Reservations - Due by Tuesday, October 25, 2005**

The Hyatt Regency will be accepting reservations at our CERA group rate of \$125 single, \$125 double, \$150 triple, \$175 quadruple until October 25 or until rooms at these rates are sold out. The hotel is located near Rainbow Harbor, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and the beach. The address is: Hyatt Regency Long Beach, 200 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802. For reservations and more information, call (562) 491-1234.

### **CALL For Presentation Proposals: due Friday, September 23, 2005**

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. **CERA Outstanding Paper Award:** As a state organization we have one presentation slot at AERA in San Francisco in April 2006 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.

Proposals for papers and presentations must be received by **September 23, 2005**. 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](http://www.cera-web.org). Proposals are to be submitted by mail, e-mail or by fax using the presentation proposal form. To request additional information about submitting a proposal, please contact Jim Parker, CERA Second Vice President, at (562) 602-6003.

### **Important Notice:** **Fall 2005 County and District Evaluators' Meeting** **Wednesday, November 16, 2005** **Hyatt Regency Long Beach**

The Fall 2005 County and District Evaluators' Meeting sponsored by the Policy and Evaluation Division of the California Department of Education will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. 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) 319-0869.

Please plan on joining your colleagues in Long Beach on Wednesday and then attending the 2005 CERA Conference on Thursday and Friday.

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**November 17 - 18, 2005**

Presentation Proposal (Please type or print clearly.)

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters/Authors:

1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Jim Parker at (562) 602-6003.

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

- High School and Beyond     Reading     Math     Curriculum & Instruction     Educational Technology  
 Equity, Access & Achievement Gap     Formative/Summative Assessment     Policy Analysis & Accountability  
 Program Evaluation     Teacher Preparation & Professional Development     Other

**Abstract (limited to 250 words)**

**Deadline - Friday, September 23, 2005**

E-mail to: [jparker@paramount.k12.ca.us](mailto:jparker@paramount.k12.ca.us) or Mail to: **Jim Parker, CERA 2nd Vice President  
9600 Jellico Avenue  
Northridge, CA 91325**

or Fax to: Fax: (562) 602-8111 Telephone: (562) 602-6003

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

To register for CERA 2005 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 (2-days, Thursday and Friday, November 17-18)  
Thursday luncheon: Yes No      Friday luncheon: Yes No
- Option B: \$150 Conference registration (Thursday, November 17 only) Luncheon: Yes No
- Option C: \$150 Conference registration (Friday, November 18 only) Luncheon: Yes No
- Option D: \$100 Graduate student conference registration (2-days, Thursday and Friday, November 17-18) (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)
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Send this registration form with payment to:

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<b>Note: All participants including speakers and presenters must register for the conference.</b>
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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.
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Questions regarding registration should be addressed to Tom Barrett at [tbarrett@rusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:tbarrett@rusd.k12.ca.us) or (951) 788-7190.  
Questions regarding presentations should be addressed to Jim Parker at [jparker@paramount.k12.ca.us](mailto:jparker@paramount.k12.ca.us) or (562) 602-6003.  
For other questions contact Phil Morse, 2005 CERA President, at [phil.morse@lausd.net](mailto:phil.morse@lausd.net) or (213) 241-3385.

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# **2005 CERA Conference Announcement**

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