

2011 CERA Outstanding Paper Award

Authors of original, unpublished articles are cordially invited to submit their papers for consideration as the California Educational Research Association's (CERA) "Outstanding Paper Award." As a state affiliate organization, CERA has one automatic paper presentation opening at the 2012 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Convention and Exhibition to be held in April 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. CERA selects its "Outstanding Paper Award" using a competitive award process. Details are as follows:

Eligibility

- To be considered for the award, the completed paper must be submitted to the CERA by June 30th, 2011, along with a written request to be considered for the award. Email papers to: Roger Yoho, Ph.D. CERA President (ryoho@cnsud.k12.ca.us).
- The paper must be accepted for presentation at the 2011 CERA Annual Meeting, with the paper relating to the topic on which you are presenting.
- The paper must be original work, and may not currently be under review with another organization or journal.
- The paper must adhere to APA format guidelines and must be no longer than 30 pages.
- Candidates (or a designated proxy) must be willing and able to attend the 2012 AERA Annual Convention and Exhibition in April (2012) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to present the paper. CERA will reimburse the AERA registration fee for one person to present the winning paper at AERA – either the lead author or the designated proxy. The presenter will be responsible for his/her own travel and hotel arrangements to attend the AERA meeting.

Judging Process

- All submissions will undergo blind review.
- A professor may not evaluate a paper submitted by his/her own undergraduate or graduate student. A supervisor may not evaluate a paper submitted by his/her own direct subordinate.
- There will be a minimum of three judges serving on the review panel. Each judge will evaluate each paper submission independently.
- Judges will evaluate each paper using the CERA Board-approved criteria listed below. Each of six criteria will be scored on a five-point scale. The maximum score a paper can receive is 30.
- The winning paper will be the one with the highest mean score from all judges serving on the review panel. In the event of a tie, the score with the smallest standard deviation of scores will win.

Presentation of Award

- The award will be presented during an awards ceremony at lunch on December 1, the first full day of the 2011 CERA Annual Meeting. The winner will receive a certificate of award at the ceremony.
- The award cannot be transferred by the winner to another person, although a proxy may be selected to present the paper at the 2011 AERA Annual Meeting if the lead author is unable to attend.
- The name of the award winner and the title of the winning paper will be posted on the CERA Web page.

Evaluation Criteria

1. **Purpose of Study:** clearly stated, including hypothesis and significant questions
2. **Theoretical Framework:** well established through the use of prior research/literature
3. **Methods:** appropriate and clearly explained, including any innovative aspects
4. **Results:** described clearly, logically supported by data, and pertinent to state concerns/questions
5. **Conclusion:** based on presented results, with clear interpretations of salient points
6. **Significance:** well articulated impact on education practice or the field of educational research