

Navigating the Annual Meeting

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.

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.

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.

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.

Meeting Services and Facilities

Registration

It is the policy of AERA that all persons, including participants who plan to attend one or more sessions at the 2014 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 is monitored at selected sessions.

2014 On-Site Registration Fees

To Attend AERA Meeting:

AERA Member.....	\$240
AERA Student Member.....	\$130
Non-Member.....	\$450

To Attend Both AERA & NCME Meetings:

AERA Member.....	\$575
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AERA Student Member.....	\$255
Member of AERA and NCME.....	\$425
Student Member of AERA and NCME.....	\$190
Non-Member of AERA or NCME.....	\$785

The Pennsylvania Convention Center is located at 1101 Arch Street. Enter the Convention Center via the Broad Street Atrium entrance, located on Broad Street between Arch and Race Streets and directly across from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Registration is located in the Convention Center, 200 Level, Hall E, directly above the Broad Street Atrium entrance. The Information Desk is located at the convention center, 200 level, outside Hall E. On-site registration hours are:

Wednesday, April 2	3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 4	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 5	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 6	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7	8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Refunds

Registration fees and/or Professional Development fees are not refundable after the February 20, 2014 deadline. Also, there are no refunds for tour participant cancellations. It is the policy of AERA that registration is not transferable.

Non-Members

Non-members who wish to become AERA members may register at the member rates if a membership application and dues payment accompany the registration on site.

Guest Registration

Guest registration is designed for a spouse, partner, or family member of the registrant. Guests may visit the exhibits and attend the sessions in which the registrant is presenting. Guest registration is not applicable for professionals (including students) in the field of education research who attend other sessions or present papers. Guest registration must be included as part of the registration of another individual. Only one guest is allowed per registrant. Guest badges do not include the guest’s institutional affiliation, and “Guest” is clearly noted on the badge.

Name Badges

Badges need to be picked up on site at Registration, located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 200 Level, Hall E. Please bring your badge to all meetings. There is a \$5 replacement fee for lost badges.

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME)

NCME is a professional organization that holds its Annual Meeting on April 2–6 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel in conjunction with the AERA meeting. For additional information on the NCME meeting, please visit the NCME web site at www.ncme.org.

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

Annual Meeting Print Program Book and Supplement

This official printed AERA Annual Meeting Program contains a complete list of the 2014 AERA Annual Meeting events. The Program Supplement contains important late changes, additions, and corrections that were not included in the print program. There is a charge of \$15 for additional or replacement copies of the program. An online downloadable program is also available, as well as a mobile app. 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 Online Program and in PDF

The 2014 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 2014 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 listed in the Supplement. Most functionality of the native mobile app is accessible, even when there is no constant Wi-Fi, 3G, or Web connection. It is compatible with the iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android, and BlackBerry devices and available for all other Web browser-enabled phones, as well as PCs, through a Web-based platform version. It can be downloaded for free by pointing a mobile browser to <http://www.aera.net/mobileapp>. It can also be downloaded to a PC by accessing <http://m.core-apps.com/aera2014>.

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 2014 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 reduced the maximum number of tables in a room by 20%. As a participant or attendee in a roundtable session, your help 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.

Exhibit Hall

AERA is pleased to welcome new and returning exhibitors to the 2014 Annual Meeting. All registrants are encouraged to visit the AERA Exhibit Hall, located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 200 Level, Exhibit Hall E. The Exhibit Hall is open April 4–6 during the following hours:

Friday, April 4	9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 5	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 6	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

A directory of exhibitors is provided in the back of this program.

On-Site Services

Headquarters Office

The AERA Headquarters Office is in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, Room 126B. 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 215-418-2254.

Press Office

The AERA Press Office is located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, Room 106. The Press Office phone number is 215-418-2257.

Information Services Desk

The Information Services Desk, located in the AERA Registration Area at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 200 Level, Hall E Lobby, enables you to join the Association and obtain information about the Association and the Annual Meeting. The Information Services Desk is open during registration hours.

Community Seating Area

A community seating area is available in the AERA Registration Area at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 200 Level, Hall E. This area offers a place to sit and relax in between sessions, have coffee or a quick bite, network with colleagues, and prepare for your next session.

Internet Access at the Convention Center and Marriott

Free WiFi is available in all meeting rooms at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown where sessions are being held. To connect to WiFi, attendees should scan for wireless networks, click to connect on the AERA2014 network, and enter “AERA2014” (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. Attendees are on their own for Internet in their rooms.

Child Care

Services for child care are provided by KiddieCorp for children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, at the Philadelphia Downtown Courtyard by Marriott, Logan, Rittenhouse, and Washington rooms. 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 Child Care Center is open during the following hours: Thursday, April 3, 11:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.; Friday–Sunday, April 4–6, 8:00 a.m.–6:15 p.m.; and Monday, April 7, 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 March 7, 2014. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Resources for Registrants with Disabilities

AERA is committed to offering an accessible environment for persons with disabilities. The Association strives to support persons with special needs while they are attending the Annual Meeting. Attendees generally need to make these arrangements at the time of pre-registration. An Accessibility Services Desk is located at the on-site registration area at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 200 Level, Hall E Lobby. The direct telephone number for the Accessibility Services Desk is 215-418-2250. Registrants needing special services such as readers’ escorts, sign language interpretation, or wheelchair repairs are strongly encouraged to visit. The service desk is open during registration hours:

Wednesday, April 2, 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday, April 3–6, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

During the Annual Meeting, persons with disabilities who desire a quiet place to relax or prepare for a presentation may visit the AERA Comfort Rooms located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, Room 107A, and at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Third Level, Room 308. The direct telephone number for the Convention Center Comfort Room is 215-418-2252. The direct telephone number for the Marriott Comfort Room is 215-409-4801. The Comfort Rooms are open during the following hours:

Thursday, April 3, 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Friday–Sunday, April 4–6, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7, 8:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

AERA is pleased to offer complimentary shuttle service between the Pennsylvania Convention Center and the headquarter hotels from Thursday, April 3, to Monday, April 7. Shuttles travel between the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, the Courtyard Downtown Philadelphia, and the Loews. Shuttles depart every thirty 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.

The shuttle operates during the following hours:

- Thursday, April 3, 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 4, 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 5, 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 6, 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 7, 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.” A gender-neutral bathroom is available in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, adjacent to room 123, and in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Fifth Level, adjacent to room 501.

Lactation Room

AERA provides a private lactation room for nursing mothers. Please come to the AERA Headquarters Office to ask for assistance accessing this private guest room in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown hotel. The Headquarters office is located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, Room 126B.

Career Center

The career center will not be held at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Graduate Student Council Resource Center

The Resource Center is open Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, Room 126A. All graduate students are welcome to visit throughout the meeting.

Housing and Hotel Information

Meeting Facilities

This year, the headquarter facilities are the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, and Loews Philadelphia hotels. The NCME meeting is located at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Hotels

Numbers refer to location on map, page 414 of this program.

1. Days Inn Philadelphia Convention Center, 215-564-2888
2. Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, 215-893-1600
3. Embassy Suites Philadelphia – Center City, 215-561-1776
4. Four Points by Sheraton Philadelphia City Center, 215-496-2700
5. Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia, 215-963-1500
6. Hampton Inn Center City Philadelphia, 215-665-9100
7. Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City, 215-923-0100
8. Holiday Inn Express Midtown, 215-735-9300
9. Holiday Inn Express Philadelphia – Penn’s Landing, 215-627-7900
10. Home2 Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Convention Center, 215-627-1850

11. Hotel Monaco, 215-925-2111
12. Hotel Palomar Philadelphia, 215-563-5006
13. Hyatt at the Bellevue, 215-893-1234
14. Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing, 215-928-1234
15. Le Meridien Philadelphia, a Starwood Hotel, 215-422-8200
16. Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 215-627-1200
17. Omni Hotel at Independence Park, 215-925-0000
18. Philadelphia Downtown Courtyard by Marriott, 800-321-2211
19. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 215-625-2900
20. Radisson Blu Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, 215-735-6000
21. Residence Inn Philadelphia Center City, 800-331-3131
22. Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, 215-448-2000
23. Sheraton Society Hill, 215-238-6000
24. Sofitel Philadelphia, 215-569-8300
25. Sonesta Hotel Philadelphia (formerly Crowne Plaza), 215-561-7500
26. The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia, 215-523-8000
27. Westin Philadelphia, 215-563-1600
28. Windsor Suites Philadelphia, 215-981-5678
29. Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District, 215-923-8660
30. Hilton Inn at Penn, 215-222-0200
31. Homewood Suites by Hilton University City, 215-382-1111
32. Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel, 215-387-8000
33. Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West, 215-477-0200

Changes or Cancellations in Hotel Reservations

All changes and cancellations of hotel reservations must be made through the AERA Housing Bureau by March 24, 2014. After that date, contact the hotel directly for changes and cancellations. If you cancel a hotel reservation within 72 hours of your scheduled arrival time, you will forfeit all deposits or be charged applicable cancellation fees. Reservation changes can be made online or by phone, email, or fax. Cancellations must be received by the AERA Housing Bureau in writing, by fax at 404-581-5913, or by email at acera@connectionshousing.com.

Emergency and Medical Assistance

If you need medical assistance at the convention center, pick up any beige house phone and dial 4911, and EMS will come to assist you. You can also go to the Hall D first aid room for 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 nearest hospital emergency room, to the meeting hotels, is Hahnemann University Hospital, 230 N Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215-762-7000).

Telephone Numbers

The following telephone numbers in the Philadelphia area may prove useful and helpful during your conference stay:

- Emergency Service (for police, fire, ambulance) no area code required.....911
- Visitor Information Center.....215-599-0776
- Philadelphia International Airport.....215-937-6937