

## **AERA – Language and Social Processes SIG Call for Nominations for 2016 EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD(S)**

The Language and Social Processes SIG seeks to support outstanding scholarship among doctoral students and recent graduates through its Emerging Scholar Award. The award committee accepts nominations for both Emerging (current doctoral students) and Early Career scholars (within 5 years of PhD completion). Recognizing the need to support both emerging and early scholars, the committee will acknowledge and consider nominees in light of their differences in experience and scholarly activity.

*If applications warrant, the Emerging Scholar Award will be divided between one emerging scholar and one early career scholar. The committee encourages nominations for both types of scholars.*

**Eligibility:** LSP SIG members who are current doctoral students or who are recent graduates (graduated no earlier than April 2011) are eligible to apply for the 2016 award. Any AERA member may nominate a candidate if the nominee is a member of the LSP SIG. *Joining the LSP SIG at the time of nomination is permitted.*

**Materials to Submit:** Candidates may submit one scholarly writing sample that focuses on language and social processes in education. This sample may be a paper, a web page, or related product and may have been recently published or considered publishable (doctoral students may submit papers for past or potential conference presentations; early scholars should submit texts that are published or publishable). Topics of writing samples must focus on language and social processes in education, broadly defined. These may include empirical research studies, theoretical papers, reviews of research, or considerations of educational practice, among others. In addition, the candidate should submit a cover letter that addresses the significance of the writing sample and her/his related scholarship to language and social processes research in education.

**Criteria:** Applications will be assessed by the following criteria: Overall quality; extent to which the topic addresses language and social processes of education; and significance for research, theory, and/or practice. The committee will also consider the candidates' scholarship history as evidenced in their curriculum vita, the candidate cover letter, and a letter from the scholar who has nominated the candidate. As stated, the committee recognizes that doctoral students may be at a different place in the development of their scholarship than early career scholars; therefore, the review committee will take into account potential differences between emerging and early scholars.

**Application Materials:** The application packet should include in an electronic file folder:

- Nominating letter
- Cover letter from the candidate
- Curriculum Vita
- Writing sample

**Email the application NO LATER THAN **January 30, 2016** to:** Audra Skukauskaitė, [skukausk@uiwtx.edu](mailto:skukausk@uiwtx.edu), Chair of the 2016 LSP SIG Emerging Scholar Award Committee

**Form of recognition:** AERA plaque and cash award presented at the 2016 AERA meeting. For information on past recipients, please see the LSP SIG website at: [www.era.net](http://www.era.net)