

# FERA Newsletter: Spring 2017

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## President's Corner: Albert Ritzhaupt

Greetings,

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Educational Research Association (FERA) meeting held in November of 2016 in Lakeland, Florida was an excellent opportunity to learn and share with our colleagues from across the state. It truly was an honor to help organize this memorable event.

I would like to thank all of you that participated in the meeting. I hope to see all of you again at our **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual FERA meeting to be held in Cocoa Beach, Florida at the Hilton on November 15-17, 2017**. Stay tuned for the Call for Proposals.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors that made our 61<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting possible. Our sponsors pay for critical events and features of the conference such as our coffee breaks, event space, and our receptions, which would be impossible to offer without their support.

Specifically, I would like to thank:

- ◇ American Institutes for Research
- ◇ Visit Central Florida
- ◇ Pearson
- ◇ McGraw-Hill Education
- ◇ Florida State University
- ◇ University of South Florida
- ◇ Florida Atlantic University
- ◇ University of Florida
- ◇ University of Central Florida

I would also like to thank all of our 2016 board members for their excellent leadership and service to the organization. It was a pleasure working with everyone on the board. I would like to especially thank Donna Buckner for her leadership this past year. Donna has served FERA over the past several years in many capacities. Planning the annual conference is a major initiative.

Join me in congratulating the 2016 board members:

Office	Member	Affiliation
President	Donna Lee Buckner	Lakeland Institute for Learning
President Elect	Albert Ritzhaupt	University of Florida
Past President	Betsy Becker	Florida State University
Treasurer	Ted Dwyer	Hillsborough County Schools
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Director	Kathleen Dailey	Port St. Lucie County Schools
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Director	Anne C. Manley	University of Florida

I would also like to thank the members of our annual standing committees for their work this past year. This work ranges from planning our pre-conference professional development session to hosting our website to facilitating the process for our annual awards.

I am especially thankful to our graduate student representatives for their hard work in planning the graduate student poster session. We are always looking to include new members in the organization, so if you have an interest in serving in a leadership role, please feel free to contact me. Thank you to the following FERA members for their service to the organization:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Prof. Development	Wendy Dickinson	Hillsborough County Schools
Membership	Bonnie Swan	University of Central Florida
Publications/Newsletter	Donna Lee Buckner	Lakeland Institute for Learning
Nominating	Lee Baldwin	University of Central Florida
FERA Journal	Albert Ritzhaupt	University of Florida
Russel Kropp Award	Kathleen Dailey	Port St. Lucie County Schools
Awards/Recognition	Ron Dailey	Hillsborough County Schools
Sponsors/ Vendors	Donna L. Buckner	Lakeland Institute for Learning
Graduate Student Co-ordinators	Erkan Sayilir/Duygu Cetin Berber	Florida State University University of Florida
Local Arrangements	Brandon Craig	Polk County Schools
Paper Proposal Review	Anne C. Manley	University of Florida
Audit	John Ferron/Robert Dedrick	University of South Florida
Distinguished Paper Award	Robert Dedrick	University of South Florida
Educational Researcher of the Year	Robert Dedrick	University of South Florida
Program	Albert Ritzhaupt	University of Florida
Evaluation	Eun-sook Kim/ Insu Paek	University of South Florida Florida State University
Webmaster	Albert Ritzhaupt	University of Florida

## President's Corner: Albert Ritzhaupt (cont.)

Thanks to the great work of Dr. Lee Baldwin from the University of Central Florida and the Nominating Committee, we have an excellent leadership team for this year. We have already had our first meeting in February 2017, and have a lot planned for the upcoming conference.

**Please join me in congratulating our newest leadership team for the 2017 year:**

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We are planning a new facet to the FERA Conference for the 2017 school year. We are planning to host a Teacher Inquiry strand, in which teachers would present the action research that they have conducted in their classrooms. This Teacher Inquiry strand is also an effort to involve more K-12 teachers in the educational research conversation in our state.

Since we know it is difficult for teachers to find time away from the classroom, we are planning to schedule all the Teacher Inquiry strand proposals on Friday (November 17, 2017). A special thank you to Dr. Alyson Adams ([adamsa@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:adamsa@coe.ufl.edu)) from the University of Florida for agreeing to facilitate the peer review of the Teacher Inquiry strand in its first year.

Our leadership team has set **a goal for having a total of 150 participants attend the conference** in November 2017. We will need your help in reaching this goal. When our call for proposals comes out later this year, please send the message to your peers. For those in higher education, encourage your deans to send the announcement to all faculty within your college. For those in K-12, send the message to stakeholders throughout your school district. Help us reach our goal!

Respectfully,

Albert D. Ritzhaupt

FERA President 2017

## Graduate Student Coordinators: Duygu Cetin-Berber and Li

Dear Graduate Students,

We would like to announce a call for graduate student posters for the upcoming **62nd Annual Conference of the Florida Educational Research Association (FERA)** to be held in **Cocoa Beach, Florida at the Hilton on November 15-17, 2017**. This conference is a great opportunity for graduate students to present their research on topics and issues of interest to education professionals. Whether you are a first-time presenter, or have presented before, the friendly and supportive atmosphere of this conference provides an ideal setting to present your research.

As your graduate student representatives, we would like to invite you to submit a proposal for a poster presentation by **September 1st** to [fera.student.proposal@gmail.com](mailto:fera.student.proposal@gmail.com). The due date for posters is the same as the deadline for papers and symposia for the regular program.

Graduate students are not limited to the poster session. Graduate students are welcome to submit proposals to the regular program. Please forward this call to any graduate students that you know who may be interested in this opportunity to present at FERA.

The guidelines for your proposal are very flexible; we simply ask that you keep the proposal **under 5 pages, double-spaced**, and that you be aware that we will be reviewing and judging the proposals and the final posters on the following six topics: **significance of research, theoretical framework, methods, analysis employed, interpretation of results, and quality of writing**. We also welcome in-progress research that you would like to share in order to get feedback at the conference. The authors of the top two posters will be recognized at the conference.

Remember that, if your poster proposal is accepted, you must register for the conference and pay for membership in FERA. Graduate students may pay \$80 for conference registration and membership in FERA at <http://feraonline.org/site/index.php/conference/registration/>. There will be opportunities for graduate students to **volunteer** during the conference. Confirmed volunteers will receive complimentary conference registration, but must still pay \$15 for graduate student membership (which may be paid at the same membership website). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brandon Craig, local arrangements coordinator and Director of FERA at [brandon.craig@polk-fl.net](mailto:brandon.craig@polk-fl.net).

If you have further questions about the poster proposal, or have other questions about graduate student opportunities in FERA, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [dcetinberber@ufl.edu](mailto:dcetinberber@ufl.edu) or [licheng@ufl.edu](mailto:licheng@ufl.edu).

Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting you in Cocoa Beach!

Duygu Cetin-Berber and Li Cheng

**FERA Graduate Student Representatives**



## 62nd Annual FERA Conference

Cocoa Beach Hilton  
Hotel and Conference Center  
1550 N Atlantic Ave,  
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931  
Tel: 877-298-2066



### Save the Dates!

November 15 – 17, 2017

#### Calling all Teachers!

Have you conducted Action Research in Your Classroom ?

Become a part of FERA by  
Submitting for Peer Review

All Teacher Presentations:

Friday, November 17

Conducted by: Dr. Alyson Adams,  
University of Florida

*New Teacher Inquiry Strand*

Graduate Students

Call for

Poster Presentations

Deadline: September 1st

Submit to

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Due Date for Proposals

September 1, 2017