



FERA Newsletter

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The President's Corner ***John Ferron***

Thank you, everyone, for contributing to the FERA 2009 annual meeting and making it engaging and enjoyable conference. The feedback we received was very positive, and we appreciate the hard work of the members of FERA who made arrangements for the conference, shared their research, and brought us an excellent program. Thanks to Salih Binici and Qian Liu, Chairs of the Proposal Review Committee; Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee; Donna Buckner, Chair of the Sponsors and Vendors Committee; Yi-Hsin Chen, Chair of the Distinguished Paper Award Committee; Ron and Kathy Dailey, Co-Chairs of the Awards and Recognition Committee; Denise Cantalupo, Chair of the Evaluation Committee; Kristina Pineau and Karina Gattamorta, graduate student Coordinators; Robert Dedrick, Chair of the Educational Researcher of the Year Committee; Natalie Roca, Chair of the Russell Kropp Award Committee; Bruce Hall (Chair), John Hilderbrand and Brenda Bartholomew, Nominations Committee; and Jerry Levitt, Chair of the Audit Committee

Thanks to Linda Blanton for speaking on the challenges, stakes, and future of research on teaching and teacher education, and to Kris Ellington for organizing the Florida DOE session on the next generation of assessment. Thanks to Marc Matthews for the presentation on factors affecting high school students' success in advanced placement courses and on the SAT. Thanks to Abbas Tashakkori and Ophelia Weeks for organizing the Quantifying Biology in the Classroom workshop. Thanks to Barbara Foorman and Yaacov Petscher for their discussion of the psychometrics of the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR), and to Greg Hancock for his address on reframing and extending analysis of variance using a likelihood/information paradigm.

We greatly appreciate our sponsors for the support and generosity they have shown FERA over the years. We acknowledge and thank our 2009 sponsors: CORE K12 Education, Pearson, Dr. Tina Bacon, and Dr. Bruce Hall.

During the Business Meeting held at the end of the 2009 meeting, new officers and directors were elected: Frank Gilbert as President-Elect, Salih Binici as the new director, and Julie McLeod as treasurer. Our gratitude is extended to those leaving the board: Akihito Kamata as Past President and Denise Cantalupo as Treasurer. Our gratitude is also extended to Karina Gattamorta who is leaving the graduate student coordinator position and to Corinne Huggins who is stepping in as a graduate student coordinator. Finally a special thank you to all those continuing on the Executive board: Wendy Dickinson, Kathy Dailey, Donna Buckner, Abbas Tashakkori, Lisa Adkins, and Bonnie Swan.

Congratulations to 2009 Distinguished Paper Award Winners

Walter Leite, Jann MacInnes, Rong Jin, and Robert Sandbach
University of Florida

*Estimating treatment Effects in Observational Longitudinal Studies:
The Performance of a Latent Growth Model for Multiple Matched Groups*

We're doing it again in 2010

November 17th - 19th

Rosen Centre Hotel

9840 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 996-9840



Go to <http://feraonline.org>
to reserve your room at the discounted conference room rate!



To defray increasing costs and ensure a more accurate headcount, a small fee will be charged to those enjoying the Friday Luncheon:

Students: \$ 5.00
Members: \$10.00
Guests: \$35.00

You may purchase luncheon tickets when you register on-line for the conference. Luncheon tickets will be handed out with your badges at the registration desk. If space is available, you may purchase luncheon tickets at the registration desk by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17th.

We appreciate your understanding.



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FERA Graduate Student News


by Corinne Huggins and Kristina Pineau

There are several new activities going on this year with FERA graduate students. First, we have started a LinkedIn social networking group and several discussions about educational research have taken place. We would like to extend an invitation to join the group to any interested Florida graduate students; simply log on to www.linkedin.com and request to join the “FERA Graduate Students” group. Aside from joining the discussions of other students, this is also an outlet for receiving information on FERA activities from your graduate student representatives.

Second, we are changing the judging system for graduate student posters at the 2010 meeting. We are currently seeking graduate student volunteers who are *not* submitting a poster to volunteer as peer judges for your fellow graduate students. Please contact Kristina Pineau (kpineau@fsu.edu) or Corinne Huggins (corinnehuggins@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as a judge. You will be recognized at the meeting for your contribution as a judge.

Finally, FERA is looking for graduate student volunteers to help at the meeting this year in a variety of ways. Each volunteer is asked to work for approximately 3 hours during the conference with activities such as running the registration booth or helping with technology in the classrooms. Graduate student volunteers receive complimentary conference registration – a savings of \$50.00. More information will be available later in the year, but for now interested persons can contact Kristina Pineau (kpineau@fsu.edu) or Corinne Huggins (corinnehuggins@gmail.com).

On behalf of your graduate student representatives, we look forward to conversing with you on LinkedIn, receiving your graduate student poster and paper submissions, and of course seeing you at the conference!



Congratulations 2009 Graduate Poster Award Winners

1st Place

Esra Kocyigit, Elena Nowak, Eric Sokorski, &
Rinat Rosenberg-Kima
Florida State University

2nd Place

Charlie Patarapichayatham &
Sinchai Kanjanawasee, Chulalongkom University
Akihito Kamata, University of Oregon