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The President's Corner

Wendy Dickinson

Greetings! We now have updated conference news and events to share with our members for the 54th Annual Meeting of the Florida Educational Research Association.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. at Registration Desk 4, on the second floor. The Conference Opening Session will start at 12 noon, with Invited Speaker, Linda Blanton (FIU), speaking on the topic of teaching and teacher education for inclusion. Refreshments will be available at the start of the Opening Session. Six paper sessions are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon; concluding with a Florida Department of Education sponsored session. After the FLDOE session, be sure to join us at the Wednesday Welcome Reception, held on the second floor pool balcony.

Thursday morning begins with concurrent paper sessions, and continues with Invited Speaker Marc Matthews (College Board). The Graduate Student meeting, with refreshments provided, will begin at 12:15 p.m. The Graduate Student Poster session is scheduled directly following the Graduate student meeting, with extended hours for viewing of the posters.

Thursday afternoon, the QBIC Workshop (Quantitative Biology in the Classroom) is scheduled in the Signature 2 room, with the FATA session immediately following. The FATA session will feature a presentation on the Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (FAIR). Join us for the Thursday evening Reception, in Signature 2, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday morning, Invited Speaker Greg Hancock (University of Maryland), will speak on structural equation modeling in educational research. Paper sessions will follow; with the Annual Business Meeting and Awards luncheon starting at 12:30. Please RSVP at the Registration Desk (sign-up list available) if you plan to attend Friday's luncheon.

Room reservations at the reduced conference rate will be available only until October 14th - please make your hotel reservations early to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando.

Best regards,
Wendy Dickinson

FERA Graduate Student Coordinators

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All graduate students are invited to attend the Graduate Student Meeting at the November Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

Join us Thursday, November 19th, from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. for the Graduate Student Meeting, and the Graduate Student Poster Session (1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

Names for consideration for the open FERA Board Positions (2009-2010) should be sent to Bruce Hall, Nominations Committee Chairperson.

bwhall@tampabay.rr.com

**GRADUATE
STUDENTS**

**Registration Desk
Volunteer Shifts
Still Available**

Contact Debbie Hahs-Vaughn
dhahs@mail.ucf.edu

Graduate students who sign up for a shift at the registration desk will receive complimentary conference registration!

**Educational
Researcher of the
Year Award**

Robert Dedrick, University of South Florida, is accepting nominations for the Educational Researcher of the Year Award. Please contact him for further details at:

dedrick@tempest.coedu.usf.edu

Russell Kropp Award

Natalie Roca, Sarasota County Public Schools, is accepting nominations for the

Russell Kropp Award.

Please contact her for further details at:

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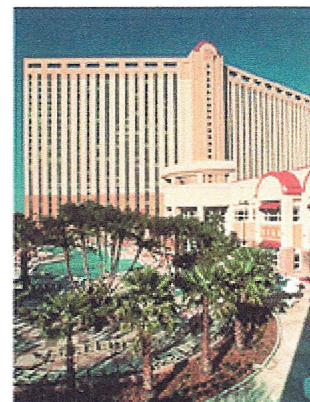
Make your hotel reservations by October 14th

The Rosen Centre Hotel has a reservation page set up just for FERA Members. Go to <http://feraonline.org> and click on the hotel picture. This will take you to a reservation page specifically designed to give you a reduced conference rate of \$104.00. A block of rooms has been reserved for November 17 - 20, 2009. The special room rate will be available until October 14th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Don't delay – reserve today!



**Rosen Centre
Hotel**
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Thank you to our 2009 FERA Program Committee Chairpersons:

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