

March 22, 2009

Dear NEERO Members,

Looking forward to spring for me includes anticipating a great week near the ocean in Portsmouth, NH! That is, I'm looking forward to the 41st annual NEERO conference, meeting May 6 - 8, 2009 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel.

This year we have an excellent program in store for New England educational scholars at a locally accessible location! The program brings a chance to share your own scholarship as well as network with faculty and doctoral colleagues across the region, a nationally renowned keynote speaker, and a continuation of popular pre and post conference workshops.

Please check below for highlights, deadlines for program presenters, and information about potential involvement in NEERO for 2010!

We are looking forward to seeing you! Register now at: www.neero.org

Sincerely,

Pat Paugh

NEERO President 2009



Pre-Conference News

*The 41st Annual Conference of the
New England Educational Research Organization
meets May 6-8, 2009.*

Come join us at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH

Visit www.neero.org for conference registration and hotel information

Conference Highlights

Keynote Talk

Dr. Beth Harry, a Professor of special education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at the University of Miami, Florida will be sharing her research on the over-representation of student of color in special education programs. The keynote session, Her talk, entitled: **'Why Are So Many Students of Color in Special Education Classes and What Can We Do about It?'** will highlight the keynote session on Thursday, May 7 at 3:30 pm. This will be followed by NEERO's famous gala reception! Join us for some "Carib" music and a glass of wine to meet and network!



Rubovits Award Winner Presentation

The 2008 winner for the best conference paper is **Sara L. Young** from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Young will open the conference on Wednesday with a presentation of her paper entitled: **Becoming Allies: Privilege, Discourse, and Social Change**. This event will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by delicious dessert reception!

Also, for those attending the AERA Annual Meeting in San Diego:

Dr. Young will be representing NEERO and presenting her award-winning paper at a Distinguished Papers Session on Wednesday, April 15 (8:15 a.m.– 10:15 a.m., San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina/Newport Beach). This is an invited session sponsored by the State and Regional Educational Research Associations SIG featuring distinguished papers from four state or regional associations.

Pre and Post Conference Workshops

Wednesday Pre-conference Workshops		
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Youth Technology Practices: New Literacies and Emergent Learning Designs		Dr. Donna DeGennaro, UMASS Boston
		Dr. Dana Wilber, Montclair State University
2:15 pm to 4:15 pm Conducting Research Involving Human Subjects and Navigating the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Process		Dr. Julie Simpson University of New Hampshire
Friday Post-conference Workshops		
9:00 am to 10:00 am Educational Journal Publishing: An Editor's Perspective		Ana M. Martínez Alemán Boston College
9:00 am to 12:00 pm Introduction to In-Depth Interviewing as a Method of Qualitative Research		Dr. Irv Seidman, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Opportunities!

Faculty Advisors.....nominate an accepted paper for the **John Schmitt Award**. If you know of a quality paper that will be presented at this conference by a graduate student please read below and consider submitting a nomination. The deadline for nominations is: **April 22, 2009**. Information can be found below and at <http://faculty.education.uconn.edu/edlr/cdc03005/neero/SchmittAward.htm>

Description: This award is presented for outstanding research at the graduate level. Those eligible include individuals presenting at the Annual Conference who are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program, or who are presenting a paper based upon a thesis or dissertation that was completed during graduate study in the past year

Application Procedure: There is no formal application form. Applicants should submit the following to NEERO President, Dr. Patricia Paugh at: patricia.paugh@umb.edu:

- a copy of the completed research paper (25-page maximum)
- your resume
- a letter of support from someone familiar with the applicant's research

Deadlines

- If you are presenting you are asked to make sure you have registered for the conference. The program will be finalized on **April 9, 2009**. For the presentation to be included in this program, the registration for the presenting author must be received by that date. Note that all persons attending the conference must be registered, whether they are presenters or simply attending sessions.
- Presenters in paper sessions must have their papers prepared for discussants and session chairs by **April 28, 2009**. Paper presenters will receive additional instructions on uploading their papers in a separate e-mail.

Volunteers

The NEERO board is anticipating that it will be seeking board members to begin service for 2010 through 2013. If you are a faculty member and an active researcher in the NEERO region we welcome your interest. Please see any nominating committee members at this year's conference for further information:

Dr. Kim Fries, Immediate Past President

Dr. Patricia Paugh, President

Dr. Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, Vice President

Dr. Charles DePascale, Membership Director