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The Prez Says...

On behalf of the SERA Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing each of you in San Antonio for another great conference. The annual conference is a fantastic way to establish and renew collaborative relationships with scholar-practitioners in educational research, share cutting-edge research, and explore new research possibilities.

The 38th Annual meeting of the SERA will be held at the Menger Hotel in San

Antonio on February 4-6, 2015. Throughout this newsletter you will find details about the conference, including links to the annual meeting, conference information from the Program Chair **Shirley Matteson**, as well as information about the presidential invited address, training sessions, and awards. One highlight we are very excited about is this year's presidential speaker, **Larry Hedges**, from Northwestern University, who will speak to us about



Susan Skidmore

"A Brief Review of Meta-analysis and How It Has Fundamentally Affected Education and Many

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Shirley Matteson

The 2015 conference begins on Wednesday afternoon, February 4, in San Antonio, at the historic **Menger Hotel**, with a ticketed training session titled *Mixed Methodology in Educational and Social Science Research*. This

Program Chair News

5 ½ hour session will be led by **Anthony Onwuegbuzie** from Sam Houston State University and **Rebecca Frels** from Lamar University.

Dr. Larry V. Hedges, Board of Trustees Professor at Northwestern University, is the Presidential Invited Speaker. Dr. Hedges will present the presidential invited address, *A Brief Review of Meta-Analysis*

and *How It Has Fundamentally Affected Education and Many Other Disciples*, on Thursday, February 5th, immediately following the annual SERA luncheon. In his address, Dr. Hedges will speak on meta-analysis, including the history of meta-analysis, describe the process, and discuss its

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Matteson: Conference Highlights

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Photo obtained from San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau

“The draft program should be complete by early December and will be posted to the SERA website.”

impact across disciplines over the years. Graduate student SERA members will have an opportunity to meet and visit informally with Dr. Hedges at the traditional “Fireside Chat” immediately afterward. Additional graduate student activities are scheduled Thursday afternoon and evening.

Numerous additional workshops and presentations are planned throughout the conference on topics such as the dissertation process, academic writing, and tips and tools for conducting quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research.

More than 280 proposals were submitted for the 2015 SERA conference. Division VI continues to be a popular avenue for dissemination of graduate student members’ “work in progress.” This division provides graduate students the opportunity

to present research in progress, including dissertations or theses that have not yet been defended. All sessions in Division VI are led by discussants who have distinguished careers as researchers. Papers presented in Division VI will need to be submitted to the discussant *on or before January 25th*.

The draft program should be complete by early December and will be posted to the SERA website. Authors can check their presentation dates and times from the posted program and make travel plans accordingly.

During the conference, projectors for laptops will be provided in all presentation rooms. Presenters will need to bring their own laptop and their presentation on a flash drive. One computer per session should be used to minimize transition between

presentations. Presenters will have 10-13 minutes for each presentation, with a few minutes left for questions or discussion. We recommend limiting your presentation to about 10 slides. Please note that Power Point presentations are *not required*.

Presentations are strictly limited to a maximum of 13 minutes in order for *all* presenters to have sufficient time to present their research. All presenters should bring 10-15 copies of *completed* papers (“in progress” papers for Division VI) for distribution during their presentation. Alternatively, presenters can submit their paper electronically to the SERA repository. The SERA website will contain the most up to date information on conference activities so please visit <http://sera-edresearch.org/> for the latest news.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio for the 38th annual SERA conference!

Shirley M. Matteson
2015 Program Chair/
President Elect
Texas Tech University

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Other Disciplines." More information about this session and our exciting mixed methods pre-conference training is available in our Program Chair News.

The SERA repository will be up and running again this year. Based on the positive feedback we received, we will continue to offer SERA members the opportunity to upload their papers before the conference begins as well as download the papers for other presentations. **Although only first authors** will be able to upload and remove papers from the repository, **EVERYONE** will be able to login to the SERA repository site with the same e-mail address they used when submitting their proposals. They will then be asked to establish a unique password in order to maintain the integrity of the system and ensure that only the authors of papers can upload or delete papers from the repository. More information about the SERA repository will be communicated via e-mail. Be sure to check e-mails from the Executive Director as the conference dates get closer.

The SERA Early Career Faculty Mentoring Program, organized by **Julia Ballenger, Sonya Carr,** and **Prathiba**

Natesan will continue with another session at this year's conference. The project aims to provide support for junior faculty. Look for a junior faculty strand in the 2015 program to find ways you can be mentored as a junior faculty member or serve as a mentor if you are a more experienced SERA member.

We are pleased to offer the conference program as an app so that members can choose to go paperless. With the guidebook app on your Smartphone, you can easily browse through the conference program and mark the presentations/speakers/topics you want to attend as well as their respective venues. Just download the guidebook app (<http://guidebook.com/>) and watch for updates in your e-mail after the program schedule is finalized.

State of the Organization

Membership numbers in SERA continues to remain strong. Like other professional organizations, budget constraints appear to have impacted the increase in membership we had experienced for several years. However, membership is stable and neither membership nor conference attendance have decreased. The Board strives to ensure

that SERA membership dues remain low and that the conference is a student-friendly, affordable opportunity for current and aspiring scholars to engage in the exchange of research.

Tips on How to Get the Most from the Conference

This year's SERA conference has something for everyone. If this is your first SERA conference, I recommend that you attend the Navigating Through and Getting the Most from SERA Session provided by Linda Reichwein Zientek and Susan Troncoso Skidmore. If you are interested in building your research skills, make sure to attend one of the SERA training workshops. I also encourage you to attend as many paper sessions as you can that are related to your research area. Be sure to take time to mingle with colleagues at breakfast and conference breaks. The SERA conference offers the perfect opportunity to develop new research ideas, strengthen your existing ideas, and make connections to effectively turn your ideas into publications.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Susan Troncoso Skidmore
SERA President
Sam Houston State University



*Newcomers
are encouraged
"to attend the
Navigating
Through and
Getting the
Most from
SERA Session"*

Conference Preview: SERA 2015



Photo obtained from San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau

SERA would like to cordially invite everyone to our annual conference at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas from February 4-6, 2015. It will be a very intellectually stimulating conference as well as a “good time for all.” San Antonio has always been a crossroads for travelers, explorers, and those on a quest for liberty. Its sights, sounds, tastes and past captivate, while friendly people, the relaxing river and a superb climate entice visitors to come back for more.

From its important role in Texas independence to its fusion of cultures, San Antonio is a truly unique and authentic destination. Explore the routes of the conquistadors, the settlements of

the first missions, and the Shrine of Texas Liberty—the Alamo. San Antonio's heart is in its past—but its future is in its celebration of cultures. Sites to see around downtown are the Alamo, The River Walk, La Villita, Tower of Americas, the Buckhorn Hall of Fame and several museums such as the Witte, McNay Art Museum, and SA Museum of Art. There are many fun “party crowd” places such as Dick’s Last Resort, Howl at the Moon, Swigs, Pat O’Brien’s, and Dirty Nellie’s.

The Roosevelt Bar in the Menger Hotel is a must see. Teddy Roosevelt enlisted his Rough Riders there, and Carrie Nation chopped up the bar during prohibition.

Conference Tidbits

- The Conference Registration System will be **CLOSED** until early December.
- Pre-registration for students is \$58, and for faculty is \$83.
- Share a digital copy of your conference paper to the voluntary repository at <http://sera-edresearch.org/files/login.php>

The Menger, opened in 1859, is the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi River. The hotel has many ghosts and spirits, so watch your back. Hope you are a sound sleeper!

Please call the hotel at 210-223-4361 for reservations. Single/Double rooms are \$129 per night. Cheers and see you in San Antonio!

La Vonne Williams-Fedynich
Local Arrangements Chair
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Awards for Papers

Each year the SERA recognizes outstanding research with three different types of awards.

SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award

An individual may submit only one paper on which he/she is author or co-author. Multiple papers with common co-authors will not be considered. Applicants must submit 5 single-sided copies of the paper at the conference registration desk during the annual conference or mail with paper submission to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek. Electronic submissions are not accepted. The winner of the Outstanding Paper Award in the prior year is not eligible for consideration. Active officers of the SERA Executive Council, including appointed officers, are not eligible. See Call for Proposals: <http://sera-edresearch.org/seraCALL.pdf>

Award: \$1000 present paper at AERA in 2015. Deadline: February 5, 2015 (Noon)

Postal/Courier Service Only

Linda Zientek, SERA Executive Director
2015 Outstanding Paper Award
Sam Houston State University
Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics
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SERA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award

The first author must be a graduate student. Papers must be completed graduate student research (Division I through Division V); may be a condensed version of a thesis or dissertation, as well as other research; and are presented as papers or symposiums at the conference. Works in progress (Division VI) and preliminary works, such as literature reviews, class projects, proposals, are not eligible for the award. See Call for Proposals: <http://sera-edresearch.org/seraCALL.pdf>

Award: \$750. Deadline: January 11, 2015 (by 5:00 pm)

Submit Electronically

Susan Troncoso Skidmore
SERA President
Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award
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Each year, SERA recognizes outstanding research with three different types of awards.

Deans' Awards

This paper must **only** be authored by graduate students. The award may be given to the first author only or to all authors. Completed graduate student research (Division I – V) and works in progress (Division VI) are eligible. Papers can be in any form (i.e., literature reviews, explanation of statistical concepts, case studies, other), and will be judged from the perspective of how well they will further the theory of educational research. Student recipients must be from a university that provides an award and must attend the 2015 SERA annual conference. At this time the following universities are participating: Lamar, Stephen F. Austin State University, Tarleton State University, the University of North Texas, and The University of Southern Mississippi. More deans are expected to enroll soon. Students who are not enrolled in a university whose Dean of the College of Education supports this award are not eligible. See Call for Proposals: <http://sera-edresearch.org/seraCALL.pdf>

Awards: \$300 per university for two \$150 awards Deadline: January 11, 2015 (5:00 pm)

Submit Electronically Only

Mordecai Brownlee
SERA Graduate Student Representative to the Board
Deans' Awards
Mordecai.Brownlee@blinn.edu

Graduate Student News



The SERA Graduate Student Council would like to encourage your attendance and participation at the 2015 SERA Conference at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, February 4 – 6. SERA remains one of the most student-friendly conferences in the United States and provides graduate students a wonderful opportunity to improve their research presentation skills, to participate in a wide-variety of professional development sessions, and to build relationships with graduate students and professors from universities around the region. There are several student activities scheduled during the conference.

Free Hotel Room Drawing

One of the perks of attending the SERA Business Luncheon is the opportunity to enter the drawing for free hotel room nights. Several free hotel room nights will be awarded to students at the luncheon. To be eligible to win a free room night, **you must be present at the luncheon, and you must be a registered guest at the Menger Hotel.** Please plan to attend. The food is great, the room is beautiful, and the networking opportunity is priceless.

Fireside Chat

The Fireside Chat is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students to visit informally with the Presidential Invited Speaker. This year the Presidential Invited Speaker is the distinguished Dr. Larry Hedges, Board of Trustees of Statistics and Education and Social Policy. Professor Hedges will host the "Fireside Chat" with graduate students on Thursday, February 5 (see SERA program), which is an opportunity for students to discuss their thoughts, ask questions, and learn from Dr. Hedges.

Graduate Student Meeting

We invite all graduate students to attend the **Graduate Student Meeting** on February 5, **immediately after the Fireside Chat** (check the program for meeting room). At the meeting, we will thank the outgoing SERA Graduate Student Council for their service, select the SERA Graduate Student Council for the coming year (SERA 2016), and elect the SERA Graduate Student Representative who will serve as a voting member of the SERA Board. Each university that is represented by five or more graduate students at the meeting is eligible for one position on the council. One at-large position will be elected by students (collectively) from universities with fewer than five representatives at the meeting. Serving as a campus representative is an excellent way to build your leadership skills. The current SERA Graduate Student Representatives have represented you well this year. We thank them for their service. If you believe that you might be interested in serving as a student representative for your university at SERA 2016, please contact your current representative for details.

*Graduate students and their guests
are invited to Pat O'Brien's
following the Graduate Student
Meeting on February 5th*

Graduate Student Social Event

Immediately following the Graduate Student Meeting on February 5, graduate students and their guests will gather for fun and fellowship at the graduate student social. The event will take place at Pat O'Brien's. Information will be distributed via email as well as through the Graduate Student Council membership very soon. We look forward to meeting you and sharing a time of fun and fellowship.

Paper Awards

There are three different categories through which student-authored submissions may receive awards. The **Deans' Awards** are sponsored by individual universities. Entries must be submitted by students from a sponsoring university and only students from participating universities are eligible to win these awards. At this time, the following universities have committed to awarding a Deans' Award at SERA 2014: Lamar University, Texas A&M – Commerce, Stephen F. Austin State University, Tarleton State University, and The University of Southern Mississippi. More deans are expected to enroll soon. Paper submissions for the Deans' Award are due to Mordecai Brownlee at mordecai.brownlee@gmail.com by January 11, 2015.

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**“Outstanding
Graduate Student
Paper submission
are due to Susan
Skidmore at
skidmore@shsu.edu
by January 11,
2015.”**

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- The paper must be authored **only** by graduate students.
- If multiple authors write the papers, the choice can be made for the award to be given to the first author or split among all the authors.
- If 3 or fewer submissions are received for a given university, at the discretion of the awards committee, based on their reviews of the submissions, either 0, 1, or 2 Dean's Awards may be made. All participants will be advised if no awards will be made. Also, awards will not be given for institutions at which Deans decide not to participate.
- If you do not receive a receipt confirmation via e-mail by 5:00 P.M. January 18, 2015, please contact Mordecai Brownlee at mordecai.brownlee@gmail.com.

The **Outstanding Graduate Student Paper** An award of \$750 and a certificate will be given for the best paper presented by a graduate student member at the annual meeting. For a paper to be eligible, the work must be completed before the annual meeting and then presented in a paper or symposium session. The award winner will be announced at the SERA luncheon on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Please note that the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award competition is for completed graduate student research (i.e., ONLY Division I through V papers), and may include theses or dissertations, as well as other graduate student research. Submissions are due to Susan Skidmore at skidmore@shsu.edu by January 11, 2015.

The **2014 SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper** is chosen from all papers submitted and is due to Linda Zientek at lrzientek@yahoo.com



2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
Tracey S. Hodges
Texas A&M University

by February 5, 2015.

For complete submission guidelines, please see <http://sera-edresearch.org/seraCALL.pdf> for more information.

SERA 2015 is shaping up well. I look forward to meeting all of you in San Antonio!

Mordecai Ian Brownlee
Graduate Student Representative

Graduate Recap

Thursday, February 5, 2015

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| 11:55—1:25 | Luncheon (Free Hotel Room Drawing) |
| 1:35—2:45 | Presidential Speaker (Dr. Larry Hedges) |
| 2:45—4:00 | Fireside Chat |
| 5:25—6:30 | Graduate Student Meeting |
| 6:30—??? | Graduate Student Social |



Presidential Invited Speaker: Larry Hedges

Board of Trustees Professor
Northwestern University

A Brief Review of Meta-analysis and How It Has Fundamentally Affected Education and Many Other Disciplines

Larry Hedges is a national leader in the fields of educational statistics and evaluation and one of eight *Board of Trustees Professors* at Northwestern University, which is the university's most distinguished academic position. He holds appointments in statistics, psychology, education and social policy.

Hedges' research straddles many fields—in particular those of sociology, psychology, and educational policy. He is best known for his work to develop statistical methods for meta-analysis (a statistical analysis of the results of multiple studies that combines their findings) in the social, medical, and biological sciences. It is a

key component of evidence-based social research. Examples of some his recent studies include: Understanding the costs of generating systematic reviews, differences between boys and girls in mental test scores, the black-white gap in achievement test scores, and frameworks for international comparative studies on education.

Widely published, he has authored or co-authored numerous journal articles and eight books, including the seminal *Statistical Methods for Meta-Analysis* (with I. Olkin, Elsevier, 1985) and *The Handbook of Research Synthesis and Meta-Analysis* (with H. Cooper and J. Valentine, Russell Sage, 2009).

He is an elected member of the National Academy of Education and

is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Statistical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Educational Research Association. He is a member of the National Education Sciences Board and president of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, which he helped found.

He was nominated by President Barack Obama to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June 2012. He was recently elected "Statistician of the Year" by the Chicago chapter of the American Statistical Association for 2013–14.

Graduate Students: Fireside Chat

Featured right is the 2014 SERA Presidential Invited Speaker **Daniel H. Robinson** as he meets with graduate students during the Fireside Chat.

The Fireside chat is a unique opportunity to meet with the Presidential Invited Speaker during the Conference and available

only to graduate students

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet with one of the field's most distinguished scholars Dr. Larry Hedges during the 2015 SERA conference.



Pre-Conference Workshop: Mixed Methodology in Educational and Social Science Research



Tony Onwuegbuzie

Rebecca Frels

The purpose of the Mixed Methodology Workshop is to provide an overview of designing, conducting, and reporting mixed research in educational and social science research. In the workshop, we begin by answering the following question: What is mixed research? Next, we focus on the questions of when, where, by whom, and how mixed research is conducted? And, how might we mentor and be mentored as a mixed methodology researcher?

The workshop is designed to be an interactive workshop for both new and seasoned researchers. It is framed using Collins, Onwuegbuzie, and Sutton's (2006) 13-step model of the mixed research process and evidence-based guidelines for conducting and reporting mixed research.

The workshop is organized into four general areas—research formulation, research planning, research implementation, and research dissemination—that we itemize via a taxonomy that contains more

than 60 elements for understanding, conducting, and reporting mixed methodology. In so doing, we will provide published examples and illustrate applications of statistical software (e.g., SPSS), qualitative software (e.g., NVivo), and mixed research software (e.g., QDA Miner) that integrate a variety of text analysis and statistical techniques.

As an interactive workshop, participants are encouraged to bring questions about mixed research, or areas of research that might potentially benefit from the application of a mixed research lens. The workshop also will provide a venue for networking to help participants connect with other researchers for support in conducting quantitative qualitative, and mixed research.

Tony Onwuegbuzie is a professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at Sam Houston State University where he teaches doctoral-level courses in qualitative research, quantitative research, and mixed research, including program evaluation. He writes extensively on an array of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodological topics. With an *h-index* of 58, Tony has secured the publication of more than 400 works, including more than 300 journal articles, 50 book chapters, and 2 books. He has delivered than 700 presentations and 100 methodological workshops worldwide that include more than 25 keynote

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Election News

Below is the slate of excellent potential SERA officers put forward by the Association Board. The SERA ballots, which will contain the biographies of the candidates, are postal mailed to all persons who were current SERA members as of the last annual meeting. Make sure to cast your vote and mail in your ballot.

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Candidates Selected by the SERA Board

Position	Candidate	Institution
President-elect	Prathiba Natesan	University of North Texas
Secretary	Julie Combs	Sam Houston State University
Secretary	Julia Ballenger	Texas A&M University—Commerce
Member-at-Large	Jana Willis	University of Houston—Clear Lake
Member-at-Large	LaVonne Williams-Fedynich	Texas A&M University—Kingsville
Member-at-Large	Forrest Lane	Dallas Independent School District
Member-at-Large	Ken Young	Lamar University
Member-at-Large	Scott Bailey	Stephen F. Austin State University
Member-at-Large	Martha Tapia	Berry College

About the Hare Electoral System

SERA elections use the Hare system. This system reallocates votes in races with more than 2 candidates until each position obtains a majority of the votes cast. Sometimes this system is also called the "Instant Run-off Voting System." For example, if 3 candidates were running for one office, and the first round rankings were:

Geri	Sue	Bob	Voter
3	1	2	"A"
3	1	2	"B"
1	3	2	"C"
3	2	1	"D"
1	3	2	"E"
2	3	1	"F"
1	3	2	"G"
1	3	2	"H"
3	2	1	"I"
4	2	3	First place votes

➔ Because no candidate received 5 or more of the 9 first place votes, Voters "A's", "B's", "D's", and "I's" ranks for the last-place candidate, Sue, would be reallocated to the remaining candidates, and Sue would be eliminated as a candidate, as follows:

➔ At this point, Bob has a majority of the 9 votes, and would be elected, even though Geri had more first place votes than Bob in the initial round of vote counting.

Geri	Sue	Bob	Voter
(2)	(1)	"A"	
(2)	(1)	"B"	
1	2	"C"	
(2)	1	"D"	
1	2	"E"	
2	1	"F"	
1	2	"G"	
1	2	"H"	
(2)	1	"I"	
4	5	First place votes	

Mail in Your Ballot

Ballots will be mailed in November: Please return your ballot to the following address:

Linda Zientek,
 SERA Exec Director
 Sam Houston State University
 Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics
 Box 2206
 Huntsville, Texas 77341

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addresses across six continents. Tony is former editor of *Educational Researcher*. He is currently a co-editor of *Research in the Schools*. His overall goal is to be a role model for beginning researchers and students worldwide.

Rebecca Frels is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, School Counselor, and Counselor Educator at Lamar University, Texas. Rebecca has authored/coauthored more than 40 publications in the areas of counseling and supervision, mentoring, and student success. She has also served as Guest Co-Editor on multiple occasions for the *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches*. To link her research area of mentoring with her enthusiasm for mixed methodology, she co-authored a chapter for the upcoming *Oxford Handbook for Mixed and Multiple Method Research* (Oxford University Press) titled Mentoring the Next Generation of Mixed and Multiple Method Researchers.

Rebecca and Tony’s work as a researcher team includes co-facilitating mixed methodology refresher courses for The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) in the countries of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. They are excited to announce the upcoming publication of a mixed methodological approach for the literature review process, entitled: *Seven Steps to a Comprehensive Literature Review* by Sage publications, which highlights the use of a culturally progressive approach to the literature review, inclusive of integrating media, observations, documents, expert authors, and secondary data (MODES), in the process.

The SERA Pre-Conference workshop will take place on Wednesday before the conference from noon to 5:30pm.

SERA Board Members and Appointments

President	Susan Skidmore <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Secretary	Forrest Lane <i>Dallas Independent School District</i>
President-Elect/ Program Chair	Shirley Matteson <i>Texas Tech University</i>	Graduate Student Representative	Mordecai Ian Brownlee <i>Lamar University</i>
Past-President	Stacey Edmonson <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Members-at- Large: 2012—2015	Rebecca Frels, <i>Lamar State University</i> Shirley Matteson, <i>Texas Tech University</i> Pauline Sampson, <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i>
Treasurer	Kim Nimon <i>University of Texas—Tyler</i>	Members-at- Large: 2013—2016	Julia Ballenger, <i>Texas A & M University—Commerce</i> Janet Tareilo, <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i> Celia Wilson, <i>Texas Wesleyan University</i>
Executive Director	Linda Zientek <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Members-at- Large: 2014—2017	Bettye Grigsby, <i>University of Houston—Clear Lake</i> , Lesley Leach, <i>Tarleton State University</i> Prathiba Natesan, <i>University of North Texas</i>
Executive Director Emeritus/ Historian	Bruce Thompson <i>Texas A&M University</i>	AV	Ken Young, <i>Lamar University</i>

“He was a very gentle, caring, warm person, beloved by many of us, and we will dearly miss him”



In Memoriam John J. Hedl, Jr

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **John J. Hedl, Jr.** during June. We have only recently learned of his death. John attended every meeting of SERA until the 2014 meeting, which he was unable to attend due to health issues.

John was a founding member of SERA. He was the third President in our roughly 40 years of existence. For many years John served as SERA Historian. In 1998, SERA created a new award — The John J. Hedl, Jr. Lifetime Service Award — named in John's honor at the same time he was named the first recipient of the award.

Many of us have many fond memories of John at SERA. He truly loved the organization. We can remember various ice storms that overtook the annual conference in certain years (e.g., San Antonio, Dallas, Austin). Among these was the 1985 ice storm in Austin. One day into the conference a massive ice storm deposited 6 to 7" of ice on Austin. People who had not yet

arrived, never made it. And those who did arrive, couldn't leave. It was almost impossible even just to walk around the parking lot to get to the meeting rooms. The hotel restaurant ran out of most food items.

That was the year I was President. John and I and a couple of other members stayed up all night playing a then popular game called Trivial Pursuit. We made do, and had fun. SERA has always been about both scholarship and fun. John helped create that model from the beginning. He was a very gentle, caring, warm person, beloved by many of us, and we will dearly miss him!

Bruce Thompson
SERA Executive Director *Emeritus*
and (sadly, now) Historian
Texas A&M University



Bruce Thompson Honored with Jacob Cohen Award

The announcement of the passing of Emeritus Professor Jacob Cohen in *Multivariate Behavioral Research* stated that Jacob Cohen “taught a generation of psychologists to value clear and explicit analysis of complex data” (p. 327). In his memory, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates endowed the ***Jacob Cohen Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Mentoring***; an award now sponsored by the Taylor and Francis Group. This prestigious award is presented each year to recognize an individual with demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring within the areas of Division 5. Bruce Thompson was nominated for this award. Bruce is Distinguished Professor of Educational Psychology, Distinguished Professor of Library Science, and CEHD Distinguished Research Fellow at Texas A&M University; and Adjunct Professor of Allied Health Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine; and Executive Director Emeritus and Historian of the Southwest Educational Research Association.

Bruce received numerous letters of support from current and former students as well as colleagues. Bruce’s nomination was supported by *Geoff Cumming*, Emeritus Professor of Psychological Science at La Trobe University and Fellow of the Association of Psychological Science; *Robin Henson*, Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of North Texas, *Jason King*, Associate Professor of School of Allied Health Sciences, Associate Director of the Office of Continuing Medical Education, and Director of Research Core at the John M. Eisenberg Center at Baylor College of Medicine; *Rex Kline*, Professor of Psychology, Concordia University; *C. Deborah Laughton*, Publisher, Methodology and Statistics at Guilford Publications and Senior Editor, Developmental Psychology and Geography; *Tony Onwuegbuzie*,

Jacob Cohen Award Recipients

2014	Bruce Thompson
2013	Todd D. Little
2012	Charles M. Judd and Gary H. McClelland
2011	Gregory R. Hancock
2010	Ronald K. Hambleton
2009	Lawrence J. Hubert
2008	Kurt F. Geisinger
2007	Hariharan Swaminathan
2006	Stephen G. West
2005	Roger Kirk
2004	Liora Schmelkin
2003	Lisa Harlow and Abigail T. Panter
2002	Barbara M. Byrne
2001	Leona S. Aiken

Professor of Educational Leadership at Sam Houston State University; *Susan Troncoso Skidmore*, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Sam Houston State University; and *Tammi Vacha-Haase*, Associate Dean and Professor of Psychology at Colorado State University.

In August at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Washington D.C., Bruce, was awarded the Jacob Cohen Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Mentoring. Those of you who have had the privilege of taking a course or attending a training session taught by Bruce, or have interacted with Bruce for any length of time recognize the commitment Bruce exhibits in teaching and mentoring and the influence he has had on the field as a scholar. Please join me in congratulating Bruce on this well-deserved honor!

Susan Troncoso Skidmore
SERA President
Sam Houston State University

Membership Happenings



Pauline Sampson was promoted to Professor in Department of Secondary Education & Educational Leadership at Stephen F. Austin State University. Pauline spent over 20 years in public education as a teacher, administrator, and Superintendent for the United Community School District in Iowa before becoming an professor at SFA.

Stacey Edmonson was officially named Dean of the College of Education in the Garrett Teacher Education Center at Sam Houston State University. Stacey has been part of the faculty at SHSU since 2000, earning the title of professor of educational leadership in 2009 and named chair of the department in 2010.



Lesley Leach was appointed as Interim Department Head in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Tarleton State University. Previously, Lesley had been serving as the doctoral program coordinator.

Prathiba Natesan was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of North Texas. Prathiba joined the faculty at UNT in 2007 and has since published over 20 articles in peer-review publications



Janet Tareilo was appointed as Associate Dean of Student Services and Advising for Stephen F. Austin State University. Previously, she served as coordinator of the Principal Program Department of Secondary Education & Educational Leadership.

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