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# *SERA Newsletter*

## *Southwest Educational Research Association*

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### The Prez Says...

On behalf of the SERA Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing each of you in New Orleans 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 39th Annual meeting

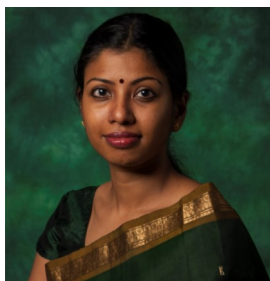
of the SERA will be held at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans on February 10-12, 2016. Throughout this newsletter you will find details about the conference, including links to the annual meeting, conference information from Program Chair **Prathiba Natesan**, as well as information about the presidential invited address, training sessions, and awards. One highlight we are very excited about is this

year's presidential speaker, **Rex Kline**, from Concordia University, who will speak to us about ***Becoming a Behavioral Science Researcher***.

The SERA repository will again be up and running this year. Based on the positive feedback we have received, we will continue to offer SERA members the opportunity to upload their papers before the conference begins as well as

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### Program Chair News



**Prathiba Natesan**

The 2016 conference begins on Wednesday afternoon, February 10, 2016 in New Orleans, at the **Hotel Monteleone**, with a pre-conference ticketed training session titled "*How to Write (successfully) for Publication*." This 2 hour

session will be led by **Bruce Thompson** - Distinguished Professor and College Distinguished Research Fellow of Educational Psychology, Distinguished Professor of Library Sciences, Texas A&M University, and Adjunct Professor of Allied Health Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston).

**Rex Kline**, Professor of Psychology at Concordia University (Montréal), is the Presidential Invited Speaker. Kline will present the presidential invited address, ***Becoming a Behavioral***

***Science Researcher***, on Thursday, February 11, 2016 immediately following the annual SERA luncheon. In his address, Kline will speak on conducting data analysis, summarizing the results, and preparing and delivering oral presentations. Graduate student SERA members will have an opportunity to meet and visit informally with Kline at the traditional "Fireside Chat" immediately afterward. Additional graduate student activities are scheduled Thursday afternoon and evening.

Numerous workshops and

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## President: Shirley Matteson (Cont.)



**Shirley Matteson**

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*“The SERA conference offers the perfect opportunity to develop new research ideas, strengthen your existing ideas, and make the connections to effectively turn your ideas into publications.”*

download the papers for other presentations. **Only first authors** 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 regarding the SERA repository will be communicated via e-mail. Be sure to check e-mails from the Executive Director, **Linda Zientek**, as the conference dates get closer.

The SERA Early Career Faculty Mentoring Program, organized by **Sonya Carr**, **Prathiba Natesan** and **Bettye Grigsby** 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 2016 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. **Bettye Grigsby** is also spearheading the new **SERA Research Grants Program**. The SERA Board of Directors is very excited to offer two competitive research grants – one for a doctoral candidate and one for an assistant professor. More information about the grants appears in a separate section of this newsletter.

We are pleased to again 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 remain strong. 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**. **Bruce Thompson**, SERA Executive Director Emeritus, will present “*How to Write (Successfully) for Publication*” during the pre-conference training session. 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 the connections to effectively turn your ideas into publications.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

**Shirley M. Matteson**  
SERA President  
Texas Tech University

## Program Chair: Natesan (Cont.)



Photo provided from the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau

*“More than 267 proposals were submitted for the 2016 SERA conference”*

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

More than 267 proposals were submitted for the 2016 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 10, 2016.**

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 (with VGA input only) 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 New Orleans for the 39th annual SERA conference!

**Prathiba Natesan**  
2016 Program Chair/  
President Elect  
University of North Texas

## Graduate Student News



Sarah Ferguson

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Greetings SERA Graduate Students!

The Graduate Student Council and I look forward to welcoming you to the 2016 SERA Conference at the beautiful Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, February 10-12, 2016. SERA is a very student-friendly conference and continues to provide 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. Graduate student programming at the 2016 SERA conference is detailed below.

### Graduate Student Research Networking Coffee

Grab breakfast and coffee in the main dining room and come join us before the conference begins Thursday for a graduate student research networking event. The intent is to bring together students interested in doing research and encourage cross-university collaborations as well as resources for doing research as a graduate student. Make sure to stop by and network with us before your conference day begins!

### SERA Luncheon and Free Hotel Room Drawing

The SERA Business Luncheon is where the Dean's Awards, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, and the SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award winners are announced. Additionally, several free hotel room nights are given out to graduate students at this luncheon. **Note that you must be present at the luncheon, and you must be a registered guest at the Hotel Monteleone to win!** Make plans to join us at the luncheon and put in your name for the drawing.

### Fireside Chat with Rex Kline

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 Rex Kline. Professor Kline will host the "Fireside Chat" with graduate students on Thursday, February 11th directly following his presentation. This is a great opportunity for students to discuss their thoughts, ask questions, and learn from Kline in a small group setting!

### Graduate Student Meeting

All graduate students are invited to attend the Graduate Student Meeting on February 11th, 2016

immediately after the Fireside Chat. At the meeting, we will appoint the SERA Graduate Student Council for the coming year (SERA 2017), 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. The current SERA Graduate Student Council members have represented you well this year and I want to personally thank them for their service. If you believe you might be interested as serving as a campus representative for your university at SERA 2017, please contact your current representative for details!

Attendance at this meeting is important both to represent your university and to appoint/elect the new Graduate Student Council positions for next year. **Up to 5 students in attendance at the meeting will be selected for a \$50 lottery prize. You must be present to win,** so please make plans to join us Thursday evening before you go out on the town!



## Graduate Student News Cont.

### Graduate Student Social

Graduate students and their guests will gather for fun and fellowship following the graduate student meeting. The event will take place at Pat O'Brien's in the heart of the French Quarter. More details will be sent out as we get closer to the conference. We hope you will stop by and socialize with the Graduate Student Council (new and old) and other SERA graduate students!

### SERA Paper Awards

SERA graduate student authors have three different awards for which they may submit their papers. The Deans' Awards are sponsored by individual universities in cooperation with SERA. 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 2016: Southern Methodist University, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Baylor University, University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University—Commerce, and The University of Southern Mississippi. More deans are expected to enroll soon, and you can check with your



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campus representative for details on your university! Paper submissions for the Deans' Award are due to Sarah Ferguson at [Sarah.Ferguson@unt.edu](mailto:Sarah.Ferguson@unt.edu) by 5:00 pm January 10, 2016. All submissions should receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt prior to the deadline. **Please note that for Dean's Awards:**

- Papers must be authored by graduate students only.
- Awards may be given to the first author or split among all contributing authors.
- At the discretion of the awards committee, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted from that university. Should this occur, all participants from that university will be notified.

*Submit your manuscript for the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper award by 5pm on January 10th. The winner will be awarded \$750 at the conference.*

The Outstanding Graduate Student Paper is an award of \$750 and a certificate which 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 11, 2016. 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 a condensed version of theses or dissertations, as well as other graduate student research. Multiple authors are allowed, but **the first author must be a graduate student to qualify!**

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## Conference Preview: SERA 2016



**Sonya Carr**

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award-winning  
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architecture”*

**Welcome to New Orleans!** There are many reasons to look forward to your visit. In addition to the numerous professional opportunities available during the conference, New Orleans is an award-winning destination with outstanding cuisine, music, art and architecture as well as a rich history and culture.

There are so many free things to do in this wonderful city:

- Stroll along Bourbon or Frenchmen, where jazz pours out onto the street or duck into a few clubs for the full experience.
- Visit the art galleries on Julia and Royal Streets, the Mid-City and Bywater art markets, and Jackson Square vendors.
- Walk among the centuries-old oaks of City Park, picnic in picturesque Audubon Park or enjoy views of the Mississippi River at Woldenberg Park.
- Stop by The Historic New Orleans Collection (533 Royal) for a crash course on the city's history that spans almost 300 years.
- Visit our breathtaking churches such as St. Louis Cathedral, St. Augustine and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Savor the smells of more than 1,400 restaurants as you walk the streets of the French Quarter and Riverfront.

And for a small expenditure, you can enjoy:

- Beignets at Café du Monde
- The Cabildo on Jackson Square
- Dueling Pianos at Pat O'Brien's
- Streetcar rides
- The Canal Street ferry
- Lucky Dogs!

And more:

- Relax in the courtyard of the historic Napoleon House, take a carriage ride through the French Quarter, or go on a Haunted History walking tour.
- Visit the Audubon Insectarium, Aquarium of the Americas, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, National World War II Museum, Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World, and the Audubon Zoo.
- Shop at The Outlet Collection at the Riverwalk. This is the nation's first outlet center in the heart of a downtown area, only a few blocks from the Monteleone.

The **Hotel Monteleone**, our conference hotel, has been offering hospitality in the French Quarter for over 128 years (<http://hotelmonteleone.com/>). Please call the hotel at 504/523-3341 for reservations. Single/double rooms are \$149 per night.

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

*Sonya Carr*

**Sonya Carr**

SERA Board Member at Large

SERA 2016 Local Arrangements Chair

Adapted from the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau website, September 2015.



## SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award

Applicants must submit 5 single-sided copies of their paper either at the conference registration desk during the annual conference or mail their paper submission to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek. Electronic submissions are not accepted. An individual may submit only one paper on which he/she is author or co-author. 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.

**Award:** \$1,000; present paper at AERA in 2016

**Deadline:** February 11, 2016 (Noon)

### Postal/Courier Service Only

Linda Zientek, SERA Executive Director  
2015 Outstanding Paper Award  
Sam Houston State University  
Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics  
Box 2206  
Huntsville, Texas 77341

## 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.

**Award:** \$750.

**Deadline:** January 10, 2016 (by 5:00 pm)

### Submit Electronically

Shirley Matteson  
SERA President  
[shirley.matteson@ttu.edu](mailto:shirley.matteson@ttu.edu)

### SERA Paper Repository

Authors of papers can upload or delete papers from the repository.

To access the repository, you will need to use the same e-mail address used when submitting your proposal.

Access the repository by going to <http://sera-edresearch.org/repository>

## SERA Dean's Awards

Papers for consideration of the SERA Dean's Award 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 2016 SERA annual conference. 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.

**Awards:** \$300 per university for two \$150 awards

**Deadline:** January 10, 2016 (5:00 pm)

### Submit Electronically Only

Sarah Ferguson  
SERA Graduate Student Representative  
[Sarah.ferguson@unt.edu](mailto:Sarah.ferguson@unt.edu)

## GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS

Thursday, February 2-11-15

8:00–9:00	Grad Student Breakfast
12:00–1:00	Luncheon (Free Hotel Night Drawing)
1:35–2:45	Presidential Speaker (Rex Kline)
2:45–4:00	Fireside Chat
5:25–6:30	Graduate Student Meeting
6:30–???	Graduate Student Social

## Graduate Student Representative: Ferguson (Cont.)

Submissions are due to Shirley Matteson at [shirley.matteson@ttu.edu](mailto:shirley.matteson@ttu.edu) by January 10, 2016.

The 2016 SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Research Paper is chosen from all papers submitted at the conference and is due to Linda Zientek at [lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu) by 12:00 pm (noon) February 11, 2016. For complete

submission guidelines for all of these awards, please see the [SERA Program Call](#).

Also new this year, SERA will award the first 1-year Research Grants for up to \$1,000 to one graduate student and one assistant professor. Grant proposals are due December 15, 2015, and more information on this program is available on the SERA homepage.

I am excited about the graduate student programming and opportunities at the 2016 SERA conference and I hope to see you all in New Orleans in February!

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Graduate Student Representative  
University of North Texas

## SERA Training Session: How to Write (Successfully) for Publication



**Bruce Thompson**

This two-hour SERA training session will be offered by Bruce Thompson during the 2016 SERA annual meeting. The session is for any one interested in learning more about publishing.

There will be ample opportunity during the session for Q&A interactions. Bruce Thompson has previously conducted training sessions on publishing at various conferences, including quite a few annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association. His YouTube video on this topic is quite popular:

["Writing for Publication"](#)

Publishing is important for people who are or want to be academics.

["So You Want to Be a Professor"](#)

**Bruce Thompson** is Distinguished Professor and College Distinguished Research Fellow of Educational Psychology, and Distinguished Professor of Library Sciences, Texas A&M University, and Adjunct Professor of Allied Health Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston). He was co-editor of the Teaching, Learning, and Human Development section of the *American Educational Research Journal*

(AERJ:TLHD), and past editor for nine years of *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, the series, *Advances in Social Science Methodology*, and two other journals.

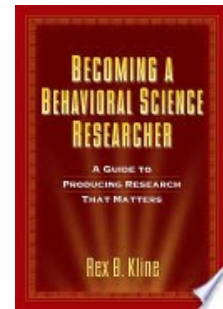
He published his first article before he obtained his bachelor's degree, and his first book chapter while he was a master's degree student. Since then he has authored 220 articles, authored or edited 11 books, including the recently published *Foundations of Behavioral Statistics* and *Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis*, and authored 20 book chapters.



## Presidential Invited Speaker: Dr. Rex Kline

### Concordia University in Montréal

### “Becoming a Behavioral Researcher”



Rex B. Kline, PhD, is Professor of Psychology at Concordia University in Montréal. Since earning a doctorate in clinical psychology, his areas of research and writing have included the psychometric evaluation of cognitive abilities, behavioral and scholastic assessment of children, structural equation modeling, training of researchers, statistics reform in the behavioral sciences, and usability engineering in computer science. Kline has published seven books and 10 chapters in these areas. His website is <http://tinyurl.com/rexkline>.

## SERA Research Grants

SERA is dedicated to furthering the advancement of graduate student and junior faculty educational research. This year, SERA will award two (2) competitive Research Grants at the 2016 conference for up to \$1000. One award will be given to a [doctoral student](#). The other award will be given to an [assistant professor](#).

To be considered for this grant award, **proposals are**

**due by December 15, 2015.** Proposals must be submitted to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek at [lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu).

Previous award winners cannot reapply in subsequent years, unless they received a SERA grant award as a graduate student. SERA Board Members (either elected or appointed) are not eligible. The award amounts will not

be channeled through institutions; thus, there are no overhead or indirect costs. Institutions may not charge overhead or indirect costs on SERA Research Grants. In order to receive the final grant funds, a manuscript in article format with quality appropriate for submission to a journal article must be submitted the first day of the February Annual Conference at the end of the subsequent annual conference.

Click [here](#) for the link to a recorded webinar about the SERA Research Grants.



## 2015 SERA Election Ballot

Current members are eligible to vote in the SERA 2016 election and should have received an electronic ballot. If you experience any difficulty accessing your ballot or have any questions concerning the election, please contact Linda Zientek at [lrzientek@yahoo.com](mailto:lrzientek@yahoo.com) and Susan Troncoso Skidmore at [skidmore@shsu.edu](mailto:skidmore@shsu.edu).

Please take the time to cast your vote. Each vote represents a valued choice and provides you an opportunity to have your voice heard. **The polls close at 11:59 p.m., U.S. central daylight time on November 10, 2015.**

## Candidates Selected for the Ballot

Click [here](#) to read  
candidate  
biographies.

Position	Candidate	Institution
President-elect	LaVonne Williams-Fedynich	Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Member-at-Large	Mordecai Brownlee	University of Charleston
Member-at-Large	Hsien-Yuan "Mark" Hsu	University of Mississippi
Member-at-Large	Suzanne F. Lindt	Midwestern State University
Member-at-Large	Grant Morgan	Baylor University
Member-at-Large	Celia Wilson	Texas Wesleyan University

## 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

## Welcome New Board Members



**Tonya Jeffery**

**Tonya Jeffery** is an assistant professor of science education at **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**. She received her Ed.D. in Curriculum & Instruction, with a special emphasis in science education from the University of Houston – main campus (Houston, TX) in December 2012.

Her scholarship focuses on the recruitment and retention of beginning secondary science teachers, conceptions of nature of science, teachers' self-efficacy in math and science, and pre-service and in-service teacher professional development in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

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*Member-at-Large*  
*Term: 2014-2017*

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*Graduate Student*  
*Representative*  
*Term: 2015-2016*

**Sarah Ferguson** is a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Psychology at the **University of North Texas** specializing in Research, Measurement, and Statistics. She is a certified teacher in Texas in the areas of Elementary Education, Middle School Science, and High School Science and has taught in both K-12 and higher education for over 5 years.

Her current research focuses on the application of quality research approaches to the evaluation of instructional strategies and the impact of individual differences on learning.



**Sarah Ferguson**

## Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

A great way to get involved in SERA is to volunteer. There are many opportunities including serving as a proposal reviewer or faculty mentor. Those interested in serving as a faculty mentor should contact Prathiba Natesan at [Prathiba.natatesan@unt.edu](mailto:Prathiba.natatesan@unt.edu).

## Important Dates & Reminders

### 2015

- EARLY NOV:** Proposal disposition decisions e-mailed to first authors
- EARLY DEC:** DRAFT conference program posted on the SERA website
- 15 DEC:** DEADLINE for SERA Research Grant Proposals
- noon 15 DEC:** DEADLINE for RECEIPT of payment from any school wanting to participate in the SERA Dean's Awards program

### 2016

- noon 8 JAN:** LAST day to register for a room in the conference hotel at the conference rate, only if rooms are still available
- 5pm 10 JAN:** DEADLINE for receipt by the SERA Graduate Student Representative of an electronic copy of submissions for the SERA Dean's Awards.
- 5pm 10 JAN:** DEADLINE for receipt by the SERA President of an electronic copy of submissions for the SERA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 10 JAN:** DEADLINE for receipt of copy of your paper by the Discussant assigned to your presentation session only for Division VI ("Student Research In Progress") papers
- noon 11 FEB:** DEADLINE for receipt of 5 paper (not electronic) single-sided copies of submissions to the SERA Executive Director to be considered for the SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award.

## SERA Board Members and Appointments

<b>President</b>	Shirley Matteson <i>Texas Tech University</i>	<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Combs, <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
<b>President-Elect/ Program Chair</b>	Prathiba Natesan <i>University of North Texas</i>	<b>Graduate Student Representative</b>	Sarah Ferguson, <i>University of North Texas</i>
<b>Past-President</b>	Susan Troncoso Skidmore <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	<b>Members-at-Large: 2013–2016</b>	Scott Bailey, <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i> Sonya Carr, <i>Educational Consultant</i> Celia Wilson, <i>Texas Wesleyan University</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kim Nimon <i>University of Texas—Tyler</i>	<b>Members-at-Large: 2014–2017</b>	Bettye Grigsby, <i>University of Houston</i> Tonya Jeffery, <i>Texas A&amp;M University—Corpus Christi</i> Lesley Leach, <i>Tarleton State University</i>
<b>Executive Director</b>	Linda Zientek <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	<b>Members-at-Large: 2015–2018</b>	Forrest Lane, <i>Sam Houston State University</i> La Vonne Williams-Fedynich, <i>Texas A&amp;M University—Kingsville</i> Ken Young, <i>Lamar University</i>
<b>Executive Director Emeritus/ Historian</b>	Bruce Thompson <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	<b>Deputy Historian</b>	Victor Willson, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>



**Laissez les bons temps rouler!**  
**New Orleans, LA**  
**February 10–12, 2016**

