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Southwest Educational Research Association

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Kevin Kalinowski
Sam Houston State University

The Prez Says...

The SERA Board of Directors and I 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.



Celia Scott
University of North Texas
Health Science Center

The 45th Annual meeting of the SERA will be held at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans on February 23-25, 2022. Throughout this newsletter you will find details about the conference, including links to the annual meeting, conference information from the Program Chair, **Wendi Zimmer**, 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, **Gregory Hancock**, Professor and Director of the Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation program at the University of Maryland. More information about this session 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 first authors 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 Junior Mentoring Initiative, organized by **Michelle Peters** and **Tonya Jeffery**, will continue with another session at this year's conference. The project aims to provide support for junior faculty in the form of mentoring. Look for a junior faculty strand in the 2022 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.

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Photo courtesy of New Orleans & Company (formerly the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau)

SERA Repository

The SERA Paper Repository will open on **January 15, 2022**. The use of the Repository is optional, but we highly encourage you to upload a digital copy of your paper. This provides documentation of your effort and is a great way to access the papers presented by other members at this year's conference.

You can access the repository by going directly to the SERA website or by clicking on the following link:

[Repository Link](#)

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State of the Organization

Membership numbers in SERA continue to remain strong. Like other professional organizations, COVID concerns have impacted the increase in membership we 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. The 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 the 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 New Orleans!

Celia Scott

SERA President

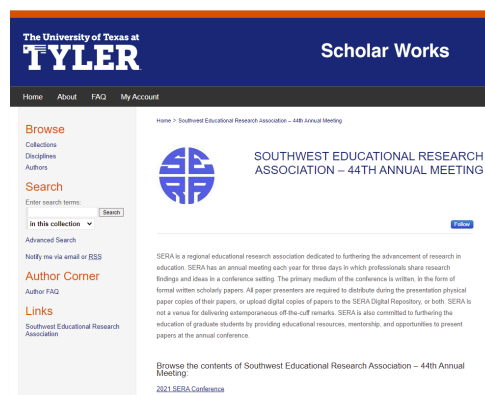
University of North Texas
Health Science Center

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Thank You to The University of Texas at Tyler!

The SERA 2021 Virtual Conference would not have been possible without the support of Terra Gullings and the University of Texas at Tyler. By hosting the asynchronous portions of the conference, valuable scholarship was made available for all attendees. The recordings are still available to be viewed at any time.

Thank you, UT Tyler!



2021 Conference Host Site

News from Our Program Chair

The 2022 conference begins on Wednesday afternoon, February 23, in the historic French Quarter of New Orleans, at the Hotel Monteleone. The conference opens with two ticketed workshop sessions. **Emma Bullock**, Assistant Professor in Mathematics Education at Sam Houston State University, will guide workshop participants in learning how to thrive during the dissertation process. I (**Wendi Zimmer**, Associate Director of POWER Writing Support Services at Texas A&M University) will present the second workshop focusing on increasing your writing habits and productivity.

Gregory Hancock, Professor, Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, and Director of the Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation program in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology at the University of Maryland, College Park, is this year's Presidential Invited Speaker. He is the Director of the Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research and past chair of the SEM special interest group of the American Educational Research Association. He is a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association, the American Psychological Association, and the Association for Psychological Science. Dr. Hancock will present the presidential invited address on Thursday, February 24th, immediately following the annual SERA luncheon. Graduate student SERA members will have an opportunity to meet and visit informally with Dr. Hancock at the traditional "Fireside Chat" immediately afterward. Additional graduate student activities are scheduled for Thursday afternoon and evening.

Numerous additional workshops and presentations are planned throughout the

conference on topics such as mentoring and conducting quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research.

At the 2021 virtual SERA conference, there were nearly 250 research presentations, workshops, symposia, and innovative sessions. Division VI continued to be a popular avenue for disseminating graduate student members' "work in progress." This division provides graduate students the opportunity to present research in progress, including dissertations or theses not yet defended. All Division VI sessions 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 8th.

The draft program should be complete by mid-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 the transitions. Presenters will have 10-13 minutes for each presentation in order for all presenters to have sufficient time to present their research. This time frame leaves a few minutes for questions or discussion. We recommend limiting your presentation to about ten slides. Please note that PowerPoint presentations are not required.

All presenters should bring 10-15 copies of completed papers ("in progress" papers for



Wendi Zimmer
Texas A&M University

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Division VI) for distribution during their presentation. Alternatively, presenters can submit their papers electronically to the SERA repository. The SERA website will contain the most up-to-date information on conference activities, so please visit sera-edresearch.org for the latest news.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans for the 45th annual SERA conference!

Wendi Zimmer

2022 Program Chair/
SERA President Elect
Texas A&M University

A great way to get involved in SERA is to volunteer. Some opportunities include serving as a proposal reviewer, division co-chair, or assisting with technology needs and services. Another great opportunity is to help with conference registration. Volunteers will welcome participants and provide various conference materials. Anyone interested in serving as a registration desk volunteer should contact the SERA Program Chair, Wendi Zimmer at wzimmer@tamu.edu.



A/V Note for the Annual Conference

All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an LCD projector with a **VGA cable** (see image) and a projector screen.

Presenters are responsible for bringing their own [VGA adaptor](#), computer (or other device), memory stick, and any other audio-visual equipment needed for their presentation.

Welcome to Our New Newsletter Editor



Kevin Kalinowski is the Director of Assessment, Evaluation, and Accreditation for the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Conroe, Texas. Prior to SHSU-COM, Kevin was the Director of Assessment and Program Evaluation at another start-up medical school, the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine in San Antonio. Before medical education, Kevin worked as a psychometrician for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners in Chicago, a psychometrician at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, and a psychometrician at iStation, a PreK-8 reading, math, and Spanish e-learning and assessment company, in Dallas.

Policy on Conducting Research at SERA

No surveys, data collection, interviews, or any sort of human subjects research shall be conducted at the SERA annual meeting, or from the SERA membership, unless the research is first approved by the SERA Board. SERA members in violation are subject to being removed from membership, and any SERA Board member in violation is subject to being removed from office for cause.

Mark Your Calendar for Future Conference Dates and Locations

2023 Conference — San Antonio, Texas

Menger Hotel

Wednesday, February 15—Friday, February 17

2024 Conference — Arlington, Texas

Arlington-Hilton

Wednesday, February 14—Friday, February 16

Pre-Conference Workshop

Do MORE than Just Finish: How to Thrive During the Dissertation Process and Write a Well-Funded, Award-Winning Dissertation that Propels You into A Sustainable Research Agenda and Career

As the winner of five major dissertation awards and six additional graduate student research awards while procuring over \$20,000 in funding to support her dissertation scholarship, Emma Bullock, PhD (2018 SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award) knows how to approach the dissertation process, so you earn multiple job interviews (Emma had 25 phone interviews and 10 on-campus interview requests in her last year of grad school) and propel your career. From conceptualization to defense and the job interview, Emma will share how to effectively and efficiently select your committee, select your topic and research question(s), hone your research skills, write a literature review, pilot your ideas, build your academic network, procure funding, use the resources your school and professional organizations offer, write in 30 minute increments, present and defend your findings, solicit spectacular letters of recommendation, and apply for awards that will propel you into a successful job interview process that promotes your research agenda and future career. You do not need to settle for just finishing. Bring YOUR dissertation ideas and learn how to use the dissertation process as the means toward accomplishing your academic and professional dreams in this interactive and fun workshop.



Emma Bullock
Sam Houston State University

These pre-conference workshops are \$30 through online registration or \$40 at the door.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Writing with P.O.W.E.R - Increasing Your Writing Habits to Powerfully Enhance Your Writing Productivity

You know your subject matter, but do you know which writing processes and habits are optimal for communicating your expertise? The ones that yield productivity, publications, and promotions? The P.O.W.E.R. ("Promoting Outstanding Writing for Excellence in Research") system, pioneered by Pat Goodson at Texas A&M University, will save you years of trial and error. During this 2-hour workshop based on P.O.W.E.R. principles, we will survey the most effective practices from leading writers (academic and non-academic) and peak performance theory that you can apply to your writing work. Show up to this workshop with a device on which you can compose and edit text, one of your works in progress, and your top three writing goals in mind. You will leave with strategies, techniques, templates, resources, reading lists, and new accountability partners for your academic writing career.



Wendi Zimmer
Texas A&M University

SERA Research Grants

Two research grants are available to SERA members.

The **SERA Early Career Research Grant—Assistant Professor** is available to those individual who meet the following criteria:

- An assistant professor employed at a 4-year institution in a tenure-track position
- Attended and presented at SERA within the last three years
- Collaborate with a designated mentor. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with a mentor through the SERA Mentoring Initiative.

The **SERA Early Career Research Grant—Doctoral Candidate** is available to those individuals who meet the following criteria:

- A doctoral candidate who has defended a dissertation proposal approved by the dissertation committee.
- Attended and presented at SERA within the last three years.

Both SERA Research Grant awards provide up to \$1,000 for 1-year projects and may be awarded each year. Institutions may not charge indirect or overhead costs on these awards. Application requirements are listed on the SERA website.

Funding restrictions

Previous award winners cannot reapply for the same award in subsequent years. SERA Board Members (either elected or appointed) are not eligible.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria will include: Quality of literature review, relevance of the topic, relevance of research questions, the strength of the methodology section, and quality of writing. An additional criterion will be whether or not the analytic methods fit the research questions.

Reporting requirements

All Research Grantees will be required to submit a SERA proposal and send a copy of the proposal to the Executive Director. In order to receive the final grant funds (see funding disbursement), a manuscript, in article format with the quality for submission to a peer-reviewed journal, must be submitted by the first day of the February Annual Conference the following year. For example, an award made in 2021 would require grant recipients to submit their manuscript prior to the 2022 annual conference.

Funding disbursement

Grantees will receive \$500.00 upon award selection and \$500.00 after presenting at the next February SERA Annual Conference (receipts must be submitted). Travel expenses to conferences may not exceed 30% of award total. The award amounts will not be channeled through institutions; thus, there are no overhead or indirect costs.

Application Deadlines

Applications for these Research Grants will be open once a year. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Grant Coordinator, George Moore at gwm1950@gmail.com, and the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek at lrzientek@shsu.edu, by **May 1** of each year and awardees will be selected by **June 1**.



Chrissy Cross
Stephen F. Austin
State University

Apply by April 1st!



George Moore
Sam Houston State University

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SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper Award

Authors are encouraged to email copies of the paper submitted for presentation at the annual meeting to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek. 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 2022

Deadline: November 15, 2021 (12:00pm)

Submit Electronically

Linda Zientek
SERA Executive Director
lrzientek@shsu.edu

Postal/Courier Service

Linda Zientek, SERA Executive Director
2022 Outstanding Paper Award
Sam Houston State University
Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics
Box 2206
Huntsville, TX 77341-2206

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 8, 2022 (by 5:00 pm)

Submit Electronically

Celia Scott
SERA President
Celia.Scott@unthsc.edu

*Paper award winners will
be featured in the Spring
2022 newsletter.*

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 2022 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 8, 2022 (5:00 pm)

Submit Electronically Only

Courtney Matthews
SERA Graduate Student Representative
courtney.matthews@uta.edu

Graduate Student News

A warm greeting to all graduate student members and those interested in the graduate student news! The Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA) Graduate Student Council would like to encourage your attendance and participation at the 45th SERA Annual Meeting, held in the wonderful city of New Orleans, February 23-25, 2022. The SERA conference is one of the most student-friendly research platforms in the United States. Graduate attendees receive research presentation and professional development experiences that ultimately foster career readiness and enhance their skillset. The opportunity to also cultivate relationships with other graduate students and professors from postsecondary institutions across the region. There will be numerous planned networking sessions and activities available during the conference for graduate students. Whether this is your first year, or you are a seasoned attendee, we hope that you will join in on the fun by checking out the enriching events.

Travel Scholarships

The SERA board is offering travel scholarships to reimburse graduate students for one-night's stay at Hotel Monteleone. To be eligible to win, **you must be a registered guest at the Hotel Monteleone** as the funds are directed to the hotel and not the individual recipient.

Fireside Chat

Immediately following the Presidential Invited Address, we invite graduate students to participate in a small-group, informal discussion with the speaker. This year the Presidential Invited Speaker is **Gregory Hancock**, Professor and EDMS Program Director at the University of Maryland-College Park. Dr. Hancock will host the "Fireside Chat" with graduate students immediately following the presidential invited address. The Fireside Chat is an

excellent opportunity for students to discuss their thoughts and ask questions.

Graduate Student Meeting

We invite all graduate students to attend the Graduate Student Meeting on February 24th (check program for meeting time). At this meeting, we will:

- A) Thank the outgoing SERA Graduate Student Council for their service
- B) Select the SERA Graduate Student Council for the coming year (2023)
- C) Select the SERA Graduate Student Representative (an individual serving as a voting member of the SERA Board)
- D) Award door prizes (must be present to win!)

Each university represented by five or more graduate students at the meeting is eligible for one position on the council. For universities with fewer than five graduate students at the meeting, one at-large position will be elected collectively. Serving as a campus representative is an excellent way to build skills working with graduate students at your university and build a reputation as a leader with faculty and administration. The current SERA Graduate Student Representatives represented you very well this year, and we greatly thank them for their service to the association. If you might be interested in serving as a student representative for your university at SERA 2023, please contact your current representative (listed on page 13).

Gift Card Drawing

One of the perks of attending the annual SERA Business Meeting as a graduate student is entering the drawing for an Amazon gift card. To win, you must be present at the meeting **and** a registered graduate student.

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Courtney Matthews
The University of Texas
at Arlington

"Serving as a campus representative is an excellent way to build skills"

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Graduate Student Social Event

If you have attended SERA in the past, you may remember that there is a graduate student social after the Graduate Student Meeting. Join up to meet graduate students to chat about research interests, discuss life as a scholar, and hang out with people who want to connect. This year we will return to the famous New Orleans Rock'n'Bowl for some live music, bowling, food, and good times. The venue is a 10-to-12-minute drive from the hotel. If you would like to potentially carpool with someone, we can assist in arranging after the meeting concludes. We look forward to rocking and bowling with you all at the event!

Paper Awards

There are three different categories through which student-authored submissions may receive awards.

1. 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. Paper submissions for the Deans' Award are due to Courtney Matthews at Courtney.Matthews@uta.edu by January 8, 2022. The paper must be authored only by graduate students. If multiple authors write a paper, the choice can be made to give the award 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.

2. The **Outstanding Graduate Student Paper** is 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 annual business meeting on February 4th. 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 and other graduate student research. Submissions are due to Grant Morgan at grant_morgan@baylor.edu by 5:00 pm on January 8, 2022.

3. The **SERA Bruce Thompson Outstanding Paper** is chosen from all papers submitted and is due November 15, 2021. Submission should be sent to Linda Zientek at lrzientek@shsu.edu. For complete submission guidelines, please see the call for proposals.

The SERA 2021 graduate council and board are excited to host the in-person conference and engage with you all. I look forward to welcoming you in the spring for an exciting time of learning and celebration in New Orleans! As always, *laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Courtney E. Matthews

SERA Graduate Student Representative
The University of Texas at Arlington

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2022 Presidential Invited Address



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Dr. Gregory Hancock
University of Maryland

Gregory R. Hancock is Professor, Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, and Director of the Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation program in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Director of the Center for Integrated Latent Variable Research (CILVR). His research interests include structural equation modeling and latent growth models, and the use of latent variables in (quasi)experimental design. His research has appeared in such journals as *Psychometrika*, *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *Psychological Methods*, *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology*, *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, *Review of Educational Research*, and *Communications in Statistics: Simulation and Computation*. He also co-edited with Ralph O. Mueller the volumes *Structural Equation Modeling: A Second Course* (2006; 2013) and *The Reviewer's Guide to Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences* (2010), with Karen M. Samuelsen the volume *Advances in Latent Variable Mixture Models* (2008), and with Jeffrey R. Harring the volume *Advances in Longitudinal Methods in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2012). He is past chair of the SEM special interest group of the American Educational Research Association (three terms), serves on the editorial board of a number of journals including *Psychological Methods* and *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, and has taught dozens of methodological workshops in the United States, Canada, and abroad. He is a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association, the American Psychological Association, and the Association for Psychological Science, and received the 2011 Jacob Cohen Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Mentoring by the American Psychological Association.

A Preview of New Orleans for the 2022 SERA Annual Meeting

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2022 SERA Annual Meeting at the historic **Hotel Monteleone**. The Hotel Monteleone, our conference hotel, was founded in 1887 and has been offering hospitality in the French Quarter for over 127 years ([http:// hotel-monteleone.com/](http://hotel-monteleone.com/)). There are many reasons to look forward to your visit.

In addition to the numerous professional opportunities that await 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.

Want to explore this wonderful city? There are so many free things to do:

- **GET JAZZED** Stroll along Bourbon or Frenchmen, where jazz pours out onto the street or duck into a few clubs for the full experience.
- **DIVE DEEPER INTO OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE** After you've heard your fair share of jazz, learn about its roots at the New Orleans Jazz National Historic Park (916 N. Peters).
- **BROWSE ART** It seems like you can find art in every corner of New Orleans—the galleries on Julia and Royal Streets, the Mid-City and Bywater art markets, Jackson Square vendors and so much more.
- **EXPERIENCE OUR PARKS** Walk among the centuries-old oaks of City Park, picnic in picturesque Audubon Park or enjoy views of the Mississippi River at Woldenberg Park.



- **IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NEW ORLEANS HISTORY** Stop by The Historic New Orleans Collection (533 Royal) for a crash course on the city's history that spans almost 300 years.
- **VIEW FRENCH QUARTER ARCHITECTURE** You can spy wrought-iron balconies, a cornstalk fence, and hidden courtyards.
- **TAKE A SELF-GUIDED LITERARY TOUR** See where Tennessee Williams (722 Toulouse), William Faulkner (624 Pirate's Alley), Truman Capote (711 Royal), Thornton Wilder (623 Bourbon), Walker Percy (1820 Milan) and Anne Rice (1239 First) lived.
- **STROLL THE FRENCH MARKET** Nearly three centuries of history and six blocks of unique arts and crafts, souvenirs, and local food stall to discover.
- **BE MOVED BY OUR SPECTACULAR CHURCHES** The large Catholic population of New Orleans gave rise to breathtaking churches such as St. Louis Cathedral, St. Augustine and Our Lady of Guada
- **SAVOR YOUR SENSES** Savor the smells of more than 1,400 restaurants as you walk the streets of the French Quarter and Riverfront.

(Adapted from 30 Free Things To Do – Every Reason to Choose New Orleans, New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

*Welcome to
New Orleans!*









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SERA Board Members and Appointments

President	Celia Wilson Scott <i>University of North Texas Health Science Center</i>	Secretary: 2021-23	Audrey Meador <i>West Texas A&M University</i>
President-Elect/ Program Chair	Wendi Zimmer <i>Texas A&M University</i>	Webinar Coordinator	Forrest Lane <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
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Director of Information Technology	Susan Troncoso Skidmore <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Members-at-Large: 2020-2023	Faye Bruun <i>Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi</i>
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Deputy Historian	Victor Willson <i>Texas A&M University</i>	Members-at-Large: 2021-2024	Chrissy Cross <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i>
Deputy Treasurer	Grant Morgan <i>Baylor University</i>		Tonya Jeffery <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i> Katherine Vela <i>Utah State University</i>
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Individuals are nominated by the membership each fall to serve on the SERA board. All current members are eligible to vote and receive an electronic ballot. SERA elections use the Hare system and selected candidates serve a three-year term beginning at the end of each annual meeting.

2021–2022 Graduate Student Council

Anna Payne <i>Baylor University</i>		Marva Raspberry <i>University of Houston— Clear Lake</i>	
Susanne Gaal <i>Sam Houston State University</i>		Alexandria Perez <i>Texas A&M University— Corpus Christi</i>	
Salma Ali <i>Texas A&M University</i>		Doni Barrett <i>Representative-at-Large</i>	



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*Electronic ballots
coming to your
inbox soon!*

2021 SERA Election Ballot

People who were members prior to August 2021 are eligible to vote in the SERA 2021 election and will receive 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 and Susan Troncoso Skidmore at 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. **Polls will open on November 20, 2021 and close at 11:59 p.m., U.S. central daylight time on December 4, 2021.**

Candidates Selected for the 2021 Ballot

Position	Candidate	Institution
Program Chair	Emma Bullock	Sam Houston State University
Member-at-Large	Shaun Hutchins	Texas A&M University
Member-at-Large	Crystal Rose	Tarleton State University
Member-at-Large	Ryan Glaman	Tarleton State University
Member-at-Large	Michelle Lynn Peters	University of Houston—Clear Lake

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		Geri	Sue	Bob	Voter
3	1	2	"A"	<p>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:</p> <p>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.</p>	(2)		(1)	"A"
3	1	2	"B"		(2)		(1)	"B"
1	3	2	"C"		1		2	"C"
3	2	1	"D"		(2)		1	"D"
1	3	2	"E"		1		2	"E"
2	3	1	"F"		2		1	"F"
1	3	2	"G"		1		2	"G"
1	3	2	"H"		1		2	"H"
3	2	1	"I"		(2)		1	"I"
4	2	3	First place votes		4		5	First place votes

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- Receipt of Conference Registration—by PayPal November 16, 2021
- Proposal Decisions Emailed to First Author Mid-November, 2021
- SERA Elections Begin November 20, 2021
- SERA Elections Close December 4, 2021
- Draft of Conference Program Posted on the SERA Website Mid-December 2021
- Graduate Student Paper Award Submission January 8, 2022
- Dean's Award Submission January 8, 2022
- Division VI Papers Due to Discussant January 8, 2022

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