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# *SERA Newsletter*

*Southwest Educational Research Association*

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## EDITOR:

**Wendi Zimmer**  
Texas A&M University

## The Prez Says...

The SERA Board of Directors and I 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 scholarly-practitioners in educational research, share cutting edge research, and explore new research possibilities.



**Wendi Zimmer**  
Texas A&M University

The 46th Annual meeting of the SERA will be held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio on February 15-17, 2023. Throughout this newsletter you will find details about the conference, including links to the annual meeting, conference information from the Program Chair, **Emma Bullock**, 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, Cheryl Poth, Professor at the University of Alberta. 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 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 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 2023 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.



Photo courtesy of San Antonio  
Visitor's Center

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## SERA Repository

The SERA Paper Repository will open on **January 15, 2023**. 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](#)

## The Prez Says from page 1

### 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 San Antonio!

### Wendi Zimmer

SERA President  
Texas A&M University

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## 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

### 2024 Conference—Arlington, Texas

At the Arlington-Hilton

Wednesday, February 14 to Friday, February 16

### 2025 Conference—San Antonio, Texas

At the Menger Hotel

Wednesday, February 12 to Friday, February 14

## News from Our Program Chair

The 2023 conference begins on Wednesday afternoon, February 15, in San Antonio, at the historic Menger Hotel, with two ticketed training sessions. **Linda Zientek, Kim Nimon, and Julia Fulmore** will be offering the workshop “Learning and Teaching the General Linear Model Through Gamification and an Open-Source Shiny Application.” I (**Emma Bullock**) will be offering my 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.” 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 180 proposals were submitted in 2022 and we are on track for even more submissions in 2023. 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 that have distinguished careers as researchers. Papers presented in Division VI will need to be submitted to the discussant on or before January 9th.

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 PowerPoint presentations are not required.

Presentations are strictly limited to a maximum of 13 minutes 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 papers 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 46th annual SERA conference! repository.

**Emma Bullock**  
2023 Program Chair/  
SERA President Elect  
*Sam Houston State University*



**Emma Bullock**  
*Sam Houston State University*

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## Get Involved with SERA

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 volunteering should contact the SERA Program Chair, **Emma Bullock**.

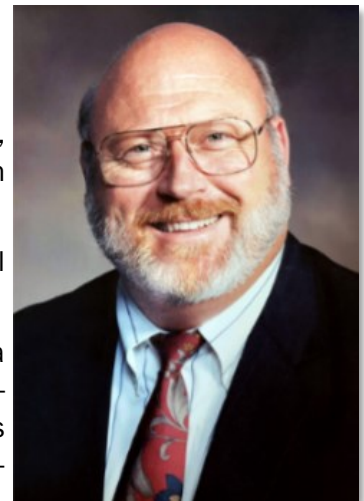
## In Memorium: Michael J. Ash

**Bruce Thompson, SERA Executive Director Emeritus**

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of Michael J. Ash in May, 2022, at age 78. Mike was a very early member of SERA. He served as SERA's 9th President.

Mike began his professional life not as a professor, but instead as a professional minor league baseball player. At one point he played for the Alaska Goldpanners.

In 1968, Mike left baseball to pursue his Ph.D. in child psychology. He became a licensed psychologist, and in 1973 joined the faculty in the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University. Mike went on to serve for many years as Department Head, and later as Associate Dean of the TAMU College of Education.



Mike was a respected scholar, to be sure, but where he really excelled was as a person. He exuded tolerance, warmth, and love for everyone, and especially for children.

Mike was Department Head when he recruited me [Bruce Thompson] to Texas A&M University, largely because he and other faculty greatly valued my efforts over many years to help doctoral students write and present papers at research conferences, such as AERA, MSERA, and, of course, SERA.

Mike touched many lives. He was always a beacon of joy and happiness. Mike will be sorely missed. He represented the very best of the values of SERA and similar organizations, which exist largely for the purpose of serving students!

## Pre-Conference Workshops

### 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 (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

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*Pre-Conference  
workshops are \$30  
through online  
registration or \$40 at  
the door.*

### Learning and Teaching the General Linear Model Through Gamification and an Open-Source Shiny Application

The importance of understanding the general linear model (GLM) dates back decades. Using the backdrop of canonical correlation analysis (CCA) as a general analytic model and the shiny application **canCORRgam** (<https://profnimon.com/canCORRgam/>), this interactive workshop will test participants' knowledge regarding the parsimony of analyses subsumed by CCA and the hierarchical nature of parametric tests. Participants will be asked to question their knowledge about the hierarchy of the GLM and will leave with an understanding of the transitive properties within the GLM map by data type. Participants will utilize **canCORRgam** to explore with real data the hierarchical path of analyses subsumed by CCA for 15 different models. In addition, the application promotes participants' understanding of relevant effect sizes and test statistics by providing a repository of conversion formulas. This workshop is based on information introduced in the 2021 Online First article: A Hierarchical Map and Application to Traverse and Unify Analyses Subsumed by Canonical Correlation ([A Hierarchical Map and Application to Traverse and Unify Analyses Subsumed by Canonical Correlation](#)).



**Kim Nimon**  
UT Tyler



**Linda Zientek**  
Sam Houston State  
University



**Julia Fulmore**  
University of Dallas

## SERA Research Grants

Two research grants are available to SERA members.

The **SERA Early Career Research Grant—Assistant Professor** is available to those individuals 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, Chrissy Cross at [crossc1@sfasu.edu](mailto:crossc1@sfasu.edu), and the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek at [lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu), by **April 1** of each year and awardees will be selected by **May 1**.



**Chrissy Cross**

Stephen F. Austin State



**Shirley Matteson**

Texas Tech University

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*Apply by April 1st!*

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## SERA Linda Reichwein Zientek 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 2023

**Deadline:** November 15, 2022 (12:00pm)

### Submit Electronically

Linda Zientek  
SERA Executive Director  
lrzientek@shsu.edu

### Postal/Courier Service

Linda Zientek, SERA Executive Director

## 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, 2023 (by 5:00 pm)

### Submit Electronically

Wendi Zimmer  
SERA President  
wzimmer@tamu.edu

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*Paper award winners will  
be featured in the Spring  
2023 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 2023 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, 2023 (5:00 pm)

### Submit Electronically Only

Susanne Gaal  
SERA Graduate Student Representative  
srg061@shsu.edu

## Graduate Student News

The SERA Graduate Student Council would like to encourage your attendance and participation at the 46th SERA Conference to be held at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, on February 15-17, 2023. This conference continues to be one of the most student-friendly research conferences in the United States. The graduate students who attend receive research presentations and professional development experiences that help build their professional skills. They also can build relationships with graduate students and professors from universities around the region. This year, there will be several graduate student activities during the conference. Whether this is your first year attending, or you are a seasoned regular, we hope you will join us for these fun and enriching events.

### Hotel Room Drawing

One of the perks of attending the SERA Business Luncheon as a graduate student is the opportunity to enter the drawing for \$100 toward their room night. The drawing will be held at the annual luncheon. To be eligible to win, you must be present at the luncheon, **AND you must be a registered guest at the Menger Hotel.** Please plan to attend the luncheon; the meal is delicious, the room is beautiful, and the academic networking opportunities are priceless.

### Fireside Chat

Immediately following the Presidential Invited Address, we invite graduate students to stay around for a small-group, informal discussion with the speaker. This year the Presidential Invited Speaker is Cheryl N. Poth, PhD., professor in the Measurement, Evaluation, and Data Science program and faculty member in the Centre of Applied Research in Assessment and Measurement in Education (CRAME) at the University of Alberta. Dr. Poth is also the author of several books on Mixed Methods research including *Innovation in Mixed Method Research*. Dr. Poth will host the "Fireside Chat" with graduate students immediately following the presidential invited address. This 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 16th, **immediately after the Fireside Chat** (check the

program for meeting room and time). 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 2024), 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. For universities with fewer than five graduate students at the meeting, one at-large position will be elected collectively from the universities. Serving as a campus representative is an excellent way to build your leadership skills both with the graduate students at your university and the leadership within your department. The current SERA Graduate Student Representatives have represented you very well this year. We greatly thank all of them for their service. If you believe that you might be interested in serving as a student representative for your university at SERA 2024, please contact your current representative for details.

### Graduate Student Social Event

If you have attended SERA in the past, you may remember that after the Graduate Student Meeting, there is a Graduate Student Social. This year we will continue the tradition of meeting at Pat O'Briens of San Antonio, which is popular and easily accessible from the conference hotel. We look forward to meeting you and sharing a time of edifying pleasantries.

### 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 Susanne Gaal via email at srg061@shsu.edu by January 8, 2023. 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

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**Susanne Gaal**

Sam Houston State  
University

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*"Division VI  
provides graduate  
students a venue for  
feedback on works-in  
-progress."*

## Graduate Student News *from page 8*

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 luncheon on Thursday, February 16, 2023. 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. Send completed papers for 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award by **E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY** to: Wendi Zimmer Texas A&M University [wzimmer@tamu.edu](mailto:wzimmer@tamu.edu) by January 8, 2023.

3. The SERA Linda Reichwein Zientek Outstanding Paper is chosen from all papers submitted and is due November 18, 2022. Email papers to: Linda Zientek, SERA Executive Director Subject Line: 2023 Sera Outstanding Paper Award [lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu).

For complete submission guidelines, please see the call for proposals. The SERA 2023 board is very excited about how the conference is shaping up. I look forward to meeting each of you for a very exciting time of learning and celebration in San Antonio.

### Susanne Gaal

SERA Graduate Student Representative  
Sam Houston State University

## Who's Who of SERA



Linda Zientek  
Sam Houston State  
University

Linda Reichwein Zientek began her career teaching mathematics for a decade at Blinn Community College. Upon earning her Ph.D. at Texas A&M University in 2006 she began teaching in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Sam Houston State University, rising to the rank of Full Professor in 2019.

Linda is a prolific scholar. Only considering peer-reviewed journal articles, she has published 52 peer-reviewed articles, and 3 book chapters. Given her field, the definitively two top most ranked impact journals are Educational Researcher and American Educational Research Journal. Linda has repeatedly published in these journals.

Linda has been of immense service to SERA and its members. For 8+ years Linda has served as the Executive Director of the Southwest Educational Research Association. Prior to that service she served for 3 years as SERA Deputy Executive Director, and also as a President of SERA. In recognition of her service SERA has renamed its annual Outstanding Paper Award the "SERA Linda Reichwein Zientek Outstanding Paper Award."

Editor's Note. SERA Executive Director Emeritus Bruce Thompson was kind enough to provide this brief bio of Linda's many contributions.

## 2023 Presidential Invited Address



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“fireside chat” for  
graduate students!*

**Dr. Cheryl Poth**  
*University of Alberta*

Cheryl Poth is a Professor at the University of Alberta in the research-intensive Centre for Applied Research in Assessment and Measurement in Education (CRAME) in the Measurement, Evaluation, and Cognition (MEC) program area of the Department of Educational Psychology in the Faculty of Education. Dr. Poth conducts research, teaches, and supervises graduate students in the areas of mixed methods research, program evaluation, qualitative research, classroom assessment and health sciences education.

Dr. Poth's career as an educator and evaluator spans two decades working with partner communities across diverse contexts both internationally and across Canada. She taught high school science internationally at the American International School in Quito, Ecuador and with West Island College International aboard the tallship S/V Concordia. She served as director of the Concordia-based International program before returning to teach science and French in the Halton District School Board (Ontario) and is current member in good standing of the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT). Dr. Poth has worked as a program evaluator in a wide array of sectors across Canada and with international development agencies in South America and Africa and holds the Credentialed Evaluator (CE) designation from the Canadian Evaluation Society.

As co-founder of the interdisciplinary Alberta Clinical and Community-based Evaluation Research Team (ACCERT), since 2009, Dr. Poth, together with a colleague and more than 30 graduate students, has been building community-university research partnerships to advance innovative thinking and supports for program planning and impact assessments of service delivery for individuals with complex needs.

Dr. Poth has served several administrative and leadership roles as the Association Dean, Research, Faculty of Education (interim 2021-2021), Associate Director - Assessment at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (2018-2020), Program Area Coordinator of Measurement, Evaluation, and Data Science (2018-2020), President of the Mixed Methods International Research Association (2017-2018), and Associate Chair (Undergraduate) for the Department of Educational Psychology (2014-2015).

## A Preview of San Antonio for the 2023 SERA Annual Meeting

Come join us in San Antonio at the Menger Hotel for our SERA 2023 annual conference from February 15 to 17, 2023. You can be assured of a very academically stimulating conference and 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 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.

While in San Antonio for the conference, you will have many places to visit for shopping, dining, and entertainment. The Alamo, The Riverwalk, Tower of Americas, the Buckhorn Hall of Fame and several museums such as the Witte, McNay Art Museum, and San Antonio Museum of Art are great places to site-see if this is your venue of choice. If you like to shop, make sure to take some time to stroll through La Villita for a very unique shopping experience. Are you more into the fun “party crowd” localities? You will find such places as Dick’s Last

Resort, Howl at the Moon, Swigs, Pat O’Brien’s, and Dirty Nellie’s to choose from.

The Roosevelt Bar is a must see piece of history that is located in the Menger Hotel. Teddy Roosevelt enlisted his Rough Riders there and Carrie Nation chopped up the bar during prohibition. The Menger has a very extensive and interesting history, the hotel first opened its doors in 1859 making it the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi River.

Many famous people have stayed at the hotel such as Babe Ruth, Mae West, Roy Rogers and his wife Dale Evans, General Sam Houston, Presidents McKinley, Nixon, Reagan, Johnson, Clinton and Bush. It’s been said that the hotel has many ghosts and spirits, so don’t be too surprised to catch a glimpse of them roaming around the hotel. Cheers and see you in San Antonio!

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*Welcome to  
San Antonio!*



Photos Courtesy of the San Antonio Visitor's Center

## SERA Board Members and Appointments

<b>President</b>	Wendi Zimmer <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	<b>Secretary: 2021-23</b>	Audrey Meador <i>West Texas A&amp;M University</i>
<b>President-Elect/ Program Chair</b>	Emma Bullock <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	<b>Webinar Coordinator</b>	Forrest Lane <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
<b>Past-President</b>	Celia Scott <i>Tarleton State University</i>	<b>Graduate Student Representative</b>	Susanne Gaal <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kim Nimon <i>University of Texas—Tyler</i>	<b>Members-at-Large: 2020-2023</b>	Faye Bruun <i>Texas A&amp;M University—Corpus Christi</i>
<b>Executive Director</b>	Linda Zientek <i>Sam Houston State University</i>		Emma Bullock <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
<b>Director of Information Technology</b>	Susan Troncoso Skidmore <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	<b>Members-at-Large: 2021-2024</b>	Lynn Burlbaw <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>
<b>Executive Director Emeritus Historian</b>	Bruce Thompson <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>		Chrissy Cross <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i>
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			Michelle Peters <i>University of Houston—Clear Lake</i>
			Tonya Jeffery <i>University of Houston—Downtown</i>
			Chrissy Cross <i>Stephen F. Austin State University</i>
			Shirley Matteson <i>Texas Tech University</i>

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.

## 2022–2023 Graduate Student Council

**Meagan Hill**

*Texas Tech University*



**Rachel Alex**

*University of Houston Clear-Lake*



**Tiffany Mayes**

*Sam Houston State University*



**Alexandria Perez**

*Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi*



**Kristian Edosomwam**

*Texas A&M University*



**Ricardo Martinez**

*Representative-at-Large*



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*Electronic ballots  
coming to your  
inbox soon!*

## 2022 SERA Election Ballot

People who were members prior to August 2022 are eligible to vote in the SERA 2022 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](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. **Polls will open on October 16th and close at 11:59 p.m., U.S. central daylight time on November 1st.**

## Candidates Selected for the Ballot

Position	Candidate	Institution
Program Chair	Shaun Hutchins	Texas A&M University
Secretary	Audrey Meader	West Texas A&M University
Member-at-Large	Aaron Zimmerman	Texas Tech University
Member-at-Large	Carol Waters	University of Houston—Clear Lake
Member-at-Large	Bethanie Pletcher	Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi
Member-at-Large	Alonzo Flowers	University of Texas San Antonio

## 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 Check                        | October 5, 2022     |
| • Receipt of Conference Registration—by PayPal                       | October 12, 2022    |
| • SERA Elections Begin   | Mid October 2022    |
| • SERA Elections Close   | Early November 2022 |
| • Proposal Decisions Emailed to First Author                         | Early November 2022 |
| • SERA Linda Reichwein Zientek<br>Outstanding Paper Award Submission | November 18, 2022   |
| • Draft of Conference Program Posted                                 | Early December 2022 |
| • Graduate Student Paper Award Submission                            | January 8, 2023     |
| • Dean's Award Submission  | January 8, 2023     |



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