

# ***SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION***

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE  
2024 ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 16, 2024  
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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association will be held

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024**

at the Hilton Arlington • 2401 East Lamar Boulevard • Arlington, TX 76006

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## **General Proposal Guidelines**

Both members and non-members may submit proposals for consideration. **Only original work** that has not been previously (a) published, or (b) presented at SERA, or (c) presented at another professional meeting, is eligible for consideration. If a portion of the work has been previously presented, but not published, and the new original contribution is substantial, the work is eligible for consideration, but only if the prior work is explicitly acknowledged. For example, one year a student presented a paper explaining the precepts of computing "clinical significance," and the next year wrote a paper reporting a meta-analysis of clinical significance tests reported in a given literature. The primary focus of the second paper was the meta-analysis, the prior presentation was explicitly referenced, and the second paper was a co-winner of the SERA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award. Questions regarding the "originality of work" requirement may be addressed to the Program Chair. *The general principle is that SERA is not a venue for reporting work already reported either elsewhere, or previously.* Proposals for papers, tutorials, symposia, innovative format sessions, and graduate student seminars will be considered for inclusion in the program and should be submitted electronically to the SERA website at: <http://sera-edresearch.org/>

Submit **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023.**

*Proposals are invited on topics from all disciplines related to education.*

**Authors and co-authors are required to register for the annual meeting and principal authors are expected to present their papers in person.** If circumstances prevent principal authors from doing so, they must designate a substitute to make their presentations.

*All authors and co-authors must preregister and pay registration fees for the annual meeting by the October proposal deadline. Registration fees include the annual member dues. Include as co-authors only persons who have made a substantial contribution to the paper. All persons who benefit from the presentation of papers at the annual meeting (i.e., all authors and co-authors) are expected to contribute to our scholarly community by helping to pay association conference expenses (i.e., register/pay annual dues).*

**Current SERA membership** is NOT a requirement for proposal submissions. Instead, what is required is that all authors and **all** coauthors must register and pay the registration fees for the conference for which the presentation is being submitted. The SERA Registration web pages are typically opened in late August, and payments must be received (not sent; received) by the October deadlines posted on the SERA Home Page.



**All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an LCD projector with a VGA cable (3-row 15-pin connector) and a projector screen. Presenters are responsible for providing working computers and VGA adapters for their computers if needed.**

Also, wireless internet is NOT provided, so presenters should either bring presentations on a flash/thumb drive or have capability of providing a wireless hotspot if your presentation is stored on a virtual space. **Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment. Participants are advised to bring their own laptop computers.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that conference registration and payment \*\*\*RECEIPT\*\*\* are \*\*\*STRICTLY required\*\*\* within roughly one month (i.e., **By October 12th for check or Purchase Order payments and by October 19, 2023 for PayPal payments**) of the proposal submission deadline in order for proposals to be considered.

**First**, registration must be completed on-line at <http://sera-edresearch.org/>

**Second**, payment may be made either using the SERA Registration web site and its Pay Pal features, which includes a credit card option, or by postal mailing a check or purchase order **BY THE PAYMENT RECEIPT OCTOBER DEADLINE** to the address indicated on the conference registration form.

Any persons who have all of their proposals rejected may request a conference registration refund by contacting the Treasurer. All such requests for refunds must be received by December 1, 2023 and must include (a) a postal mailing address, (b) a copy of the proposal rejection(s) and (c) a copy of the SERA registration form. Conference registration payment by all authors/co-authors is a condition for proposal review, includes annual dues, and is not otherwise refundable unless all an individual's proposals are rejected. **The proposals of any persons not completing both conference registration and payment BY THE OCTOBER DEADLINE will be rejected.**

Persons submitting proposals will be notified of the disposition of their proposals about the first week of November. The DRAFT program will be posted on the SERA website in early December, and the final program will be posted in January.

**THE FIRST SESSION WILL START ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT ROUGHLY NOON.**

### **Implicit Permission to Take and Use Photograph**

During the annual meeting photographs are taken of presenters and participants in public spaces (e.g., meeting rooms, hallways, at the luncheon), which may then be displayed during the annual meeting, in SERA newsletters, or on the SERA website. **THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL IS DEEMED A GRANT BY ALL AUTHORS TO SERA TO USE SUCH PHOTOS FOR NONPROFIT USES.**

## **PROPOSALS**

**ALL PROPOSALS** for inclusion in the program must be submitted electronically using the link posted on the SERA website: <http://sera-edresearch.org>. Proposals should be no more than two (2) single-spaced pages in length.

The program chair, in conjunction with the president, will accept workshops according to the space available in the conference program. Because Innovative Session and Workshop formats both require substantial program time, only a very **limited number** of proposals for these two formats may be accepted.

### **1. Proposals for Paper Sessions**

Paper sessions are organized around topic areas selected by the Program Committee. Participants will each be given between 11-13 minutes to present papers in summary fashion. To propose a paper for a paper session, authors should prepare a summary including (a) a statement of the problem, (b) perspective(s) or theoretical framework, (c) methods and procedures, (d) results and conclusions, and (e) the educational or scientific importance of the study. Where feasible, sessions will be organized around themes to promote discussion and audience interaction. Session Chairs are typically one of the presenters from that session, so

please be sure to check the program ahead of time to determine who is chairing a given session. An asterisk (\*) next to a presenter's name in the conference program indicates selection as the timekeeper.

## **2. Proposals for Symposia**

A symposium consists of a set of paper presentations organized by the symposium organizer. As with paper sessions, all symposium papers must be written, and must be distributed to the audience in paper form, or submitted to the SERA Paper Repository, or both. The difference between Paper Sessions and Symposia is that papers in Paper Sessions are grouped by the Program Chair, while the papers in Symposium Sessions are grouped by the organizer. It is the responsibility of symposia organizers to identify topics, solicit speakers, and, if appropriate, provide discussants for symposia sessions. Organizers must designate a chairperson in the proposal (typically the organizer). Being a presenter does not preclude a person from also serving as chair. The organizer is also responsible for notifying other symposium presenters of the disposition of the proposal. The summary should include the following information: (a) objectives of the symposium; (b) summaries of the point of view or conclusion(s) to be drawn from each presenter; (c) a statement regarding the scientific or educational importance of the symposium; and (d) a list, on a separate page, of the symposium presenters (including a discussant, if appropriate) and their institutional affiliations. The submission system requires that *each symposium paper has a title and a given set of authors*.

## **3. Tutorials/Training Sessions**

Tutorials or Training Sessions provide an opportunity to provide instruction and/or information on a specific topic to the audience in approximately 50 minutes. To propose a tutorial/training session, authors should prepare a summary to include (a) a statement of the topic, (b) perspective(s) or importance of the topic, (c) information about the topic, and (d) how it might be applied to a research project.

## **4. Proposals for Innovative Format Sessions**

Proposals for sessions employing innovative formats will be considered. Proposals for structured debates on specific, controversial issues are encouraged. Persons wishing to submit a proposal for an innovative format presentation should explain how the format will be structured and what topics or issues will be discussed. A list of presenters should be included on the cover sheet. The organizer is responsible for notifying all presenters of the disposition of the proposal.

## **5. Student Division for RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (Division VI Only)**

To encourage participation by graduate students, seminars will be scheduled to allow graduate students to summarize research proposals, including theses or dissertations **still in the developmental stage that have not yet been defended**. Authorship on Division VI proposals are *limited to students and should not include a faculty co-author*. In these sessions, a distinguished researcher will provide feedback to students. A distinguished researcher will lead session discussions. Students who wish to submit a proposal for a graduate student seminar should prepare 3 copies of a 2-page, typed (size 12 font), single-spaced summary. The summary should include (a) a statement of the problem, (b) the significance of the study, and (c) a description of the proposed methods and procedures. Please be sure to indicate that the submission is research in progress. Students whose seminar presentation proposals are accepted should send a copy of their seminar paper to the session discussant so that the copy is **RECEIVED on or before January 8, 2024**.

NOTE: Research that will be completed prior to the conference is **not** appropriate for Division VI seminars. **Of course, graduate students may submit proposals for presentations not suitable for Division VI to any of the other five divisions, based on a match of presentation topic to the division's coverage.**

### **Remember:**

- There is a **limit of 12 coauthors** per submission.
- All authors/co-authors and workshop, symposia, and innovative session presenters must register for the annual meeting.
- The Program Committee may exclude any proposal that does not meet the guidelines specified in this publication.
- Presenters are expected to bring **10-15 copies** of their papers to the annual meeting for distribution to the audience, **OR** upload a digital copy of the paper to the SERA Paper Repository website. More information about the Repository will be disseminated in the Fall.
- All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an LCD Projector with a *VGA cable* (3-row 15-pin connector) and a projector screen, but you must bring your own laptops. Presenters are encouraged to put their presentations on a flash drive and all the presenters load their presentation onto one laptop before the session begins. **Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment**. For instance, mac users may want to bring their own dongle. SSD laptops may require a HDMI-VGA cable.

**PLEASE NOTE** that conference registration and payment \*\*\*RECEIPT\*\*\* are required within one month (i.e., BY THE NOVEMBER DEADLINE) of the proposal submission deadline.

## PAPERS

The SERA annual meeting is intended as a venue in which presenters have written **an actual prepared paper, which is made available to interested members**. In other words, SERA is *NOT* a venue for extemporaneously delivering off-the-cuff remarks. In short, the primary communication medium of the conference is in the form of exchanging written, formal, archival scholarly papers, and not oral.

Most papers have 10-18 pages of narrative, references, and many have tables and/or figures. All papers should have a cover page listing the title, authors, and a note at the bottom saying, "**Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, Arlington, TX. February (date), 2024.**" Also, please, in the *UPPER RIGHT CORNER* of your cover page, type the Session Number in which the paper is being presented (e.g., "T2.3", "W1.4", "F3.1"), as indicated by the conference program posted to the web in December prior to the annual meeting.

**Submit proposals online at: <http://sera-edresearch.org/>**

**Proposals should be submitted to only one division.** The program committee reserves the right to reject all proposals that appear to be "duplicate" submissions by the same author(s). Please feel free to contact one of the following division chairs if you have questions.

### Program Division Chairs

#### I. Educational Administration, Policy, Leadership, & Program Evaluation

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## **POSSIBLE DESCRIPTORS**

Following is a list of *suggested* terms you may use to describe your proposal:

Achievement	Early Childhood	Learning	Reading
Adult Education	Education	Learning Styles	Reflective Thinking
Arts	Educational Reform	Mathematics Education	Research Methods
At-Risk Students	Effective Schools	Minority Recruitment	Schools
Attitudes	Efficacy	Minority Retention	School Environment
Classroom Management	English Education	Multicultural Education	School Improvement
Clinical Issues	Evaluation	Novice/Expert Studies	School Restructuring
Cognition	Exceptional Education	Parent Education	Science Education
College Students	Field Experience	Parent Involvement	Self Perception
Computer Education	Finance	Performance Assessment	Social Sciences
Constructivism	Gender Issues	Policy	Statistics
Critical Thinking	Gifted Education	Post Secondary	Student Motivation
Culture	Higher Education	Education	Student
Curriculum	In-service Education	Preschool Education	Violence/Conflict
Development	Instruction	Preservice Education	Teacher Characteristics
Discipline	International Education	Principals	Technology
Drug Education	Language	Private Schools Professional	Tests
		Development	Vocational Education

**Submit all materials electronically (to be received by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023)**  
**using the SERA website:**  
<http://sera-edresearch.org/>

## 2024 SERA LINDA REICHWEIN ZIENTEK OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

Authors are encouraged to email copies of the paper submitted for presentation at the 2024 annual meeting to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek, by **NOON, WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2024. Please note that the competition is for completed research only (Division I through V papers).** The winner of the LINDA REICHWEIN ZIENTEK OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD will be announced in the newsletter, be recognized at the luncheon during the 2024 SERA annual meeting, and present the paper at one of the sessions of Outstanding Papers from the State and Regional Research Associations at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in **2025**. A stipend of \$1000 to help defray the costs involved in attending the AERA meeting will be awarded to the winner.

### *Rules for Outstanding Paper Award Competition:*

- Authors must submit both a full version and a blinded version of their paper via email to the Executive Director, Linda Zientek, [lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu) for consideration.
- The Executive Director must **receive** completed papers on or before the deadline. Late papers are **not** eligible for consideration. At the discretion of the Executive Board, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition, or if the award committee deems that no award should be made. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- An individual may submit only one paper on which the member is a co-author. Papers with any common co-authors will not be considered.
- Papers will not be considered for the award unless all co-authors have paid preregistration fees by the October deadline for payment receipt.
- Persons who authored the SERA Outstanding Paper in the immediate prior year are not eligible for award consideration in the following year.
- **Active officers of the SERA Executive Council, including appointed officers, are not eligible for this competition.**

*Email papers to:*

LINDA ZIENTEK, SERA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT LINE: 2024 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD  
[lrzientek@shsu.edu](mailto:lrzientek@shsu.edu)

## 2024 SERA OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

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. Student authors should **electronically** submit completed copies of their papers to the SERA President to be **RECEIVED BY, JANUARY 8, 2024**. The award winner will be recognized during the Thursday luncheon at the SERA 2024 conference. 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. Students who present thesis or dissertation research should submit a **condensed version** of the work, not the full thesis or dissertation. **Work in-progress** presented in graduate student seminars (i.e., only Division VI) is **not** eligible for this award, nor are preliminary works, such as literature reviews or class projects and proposals.

### *Rules for Graduate Student Paper Award Competition:*

- Papers are limited to 30 pages including references (tables and figures excluded).
- Authors must submit both a full version and a blinded version by e-mail to the SERA President.
- The SERA President must **receive** completed papers on or before the **January 8, 2024**, deadline. Late papers are **not** eligible for consideration.
- If multiple authors write the paper, the first author must be a graduate student.
- The first author must be a graduate student and the completed paper must **not** have been submitted to Division VI. This must be stated in your submission e-mail to the SERA President.
- Papers will not be considered for the award unless all co-authors have preregistered by the October deadline for payment receipt.
- At the discretion of the award committee, an award may not be made if there was not at least 1 meritorious paper that was submitted for competition. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- Graduate students must indicate their student status on the title page of the paper.
- The Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award competition is for **completed** graduate student research.

*Send completed papers for 2024 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award  
by E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY to:*

**Emma Bullock**  
**Sam Houston State University**  
**exb051@shsu.edu**

## 2024 SERA OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

*New to the 2024 SERA conference!*

Members of the Southwest Education Research Association (SERA) recognize that research is an integral part of daily life and the importance of promoting undergraduate student scholarship. At SERA, undergraduate students gain opportunities to connect with faculty to strengthen scholarship and prepare for post baccalaureate studies including graduate school. Embedded within SERA is an engaging community of scholars dedicated to the development and success of students at all levels. SERA is an excellent avenue for students to present their in-progress and completed research and develop their emerging research skills. Undergraduate students who attend the annual meeting and conference will find that SERA is student friendly

An award of \$500 and a certificate will be given for the best paper presented by an undergraduate 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. Student authors should **electronically** submit completed copies of their papers to the person listed at the bottom of this page, the undergraduate paper person of contact (POC), to be **RECEIVED BY, JANUARY 8, 2024**. The award winner will be recognized during the Thursday luncheon at the SERA 2024 conference. Please note that the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award competition is for **completed** undergraduate student research (i.e., **ONLY Division I through V papers**), and may include capstone projects, collaborative work with a faculty member, or other undergraduate student research. Please edit submissions to comply with the paper guidelines outlined below. **Work in-progress** presented in Division VI is **not** eligible for this award, nor are preliminary works, such as literature reviews or class projects and proposals.

### *Rules for Undergraduate Student Paper Award Competition:*

- Papers are limited to 30 pages including references (tables and figures excluded).
- Authors must submit both a full version and a blinded version by e-mail to the POC.
- The POC must **receive** completed papers on or before the **January 8, 2024**, deadline. Late papers are **not** eligible for consideration.
- If multiple authors write the paper, the first author must be an undergraduate student.
- The first author must be an undergraduate student and the completed paper must **not** have been submitted to Division VI. This must be stated in your submission e-mail to the POC.
- Papers will not be considered for the award unless all co-authors have preregistered by the October deadline for payment receipt.
- Although faculty are allowed as co-authors on the undergraduate student papers, all award money will be awarded to student authors.
- At the discretion of the award committee, an award may not be made if there was not at least 1 meritorious paper that was submitted for competition. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- At least 5 undergraduate students must be registered for the conference or the award will not be made.
- Undergraduate students must indicate their student status on the title page of the paper.
- The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award competition is for **completed** undergraduate student research.

*Send completed papers for 2024 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award  
by E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY to:*

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## 2024 SERA DEANS' AWARDS FOR EXCEPTIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

Approximately fifteen \$150 awards and certificates will be given for graduate student research papers based on their contribution to educational research.

Dean's awards will be given to students from universities that choose to participate in this opportunity. There are at most two awards given per participating university. The respective Dean of the College of Education for each university sponsors these awards. An e-mail will be sent to members in the Fall announcing the final list of participating universities.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, a student must be from one of the participating universities and must attend the 2024 SERA annual meeting. Student authors should **electronically submit** completed papers to the SERA graduate student representative to be:

**RECEIVED BY January 8, 2024.**

**Submission Criterion:** These awards are for completed graduate student research or research work in-progress (i.e., papers submitted to **any** division, I through VI). Papers can be in any form; literature reviews, explanations of statistical concepts, case studies and will be judged from the perspective of how it will further the theory of educational research.

The awards will be announced during the Thursday luncheon at the SERA 2024.

***Rules for the Deans' Awards Competition:***

- The SERA graduate student representative **must receive** completed papers on or before the January 8, 2024 deadline. Late papers are not eligible for consideration.
- 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.
- At the discretion of the awards committee, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition from that university. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made. Also, awards will not be given for institutions at which Deans decide not to participate.
- If you do not receive a receipt confirmation via E-mail **by January 8, 2024**, please contact the graduate student representative immediately.

*Send completed papers for the 2024 Deans' Awards  
by E-MAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY to:*

**Chrissy Eubank  
Texas Tech University  
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