



# SERA Newsletter

Spring 2006

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## Lifetime Service Award-John J. Hedl Jr.

At our annual conference in Austin, SERA's Executive Board presented the John J. Hedl, Jr. Lifetime Service Award to the fourth recipient -- Bruce Thompson. For background, the award was created as part of the celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in Austin in 1997. The two criteria were considerable service to SERA, and over some length of time. This was to distinguish the award from others that SERA gives on a periodic basis. Selected Characteristics of Bruce Thompson's SERA Service

- Began attending SERA at our second conference in 1978 and has been involved ever since.
- Served as our sixth president (1984-1985).

By [John J. Hedl, Jr.](#)

He has also served in leadership roles with APA, AERA, and MSERA.

- Has assisted SERA's activities in many ways, from assisting with meeting events, to assisting in obtaining various well-known speakers, to financially helping with receptions, to developing sponsors, etc.
- Has been a two-time winner of SERA's outstanding paper award.
- Has been a continuous mentor for graduate students
- Given his many contributions, he was appointed the Executive Director of SERA in 2000

Bruce is an outstanding researcher and teacher. This year he was named a distinguished professor, the highest academic rank at TAMU.

## Grad Student News

Greetings my fellow graduate students.

Thank you for selecting me as your graduate student representative. It is an honor to be able to serve you this year. The immediate past graduate student representative, Elizabeth Alexander, was able to accomplish many things and I would like to continue the work she has begun. This includes continuing work on the website, and in particular adding to the "What Works" section. In last year's meeting, the Graduate Student Symposium was "A Career by Design". This coming year we can have a symposium regarding publishing or maybe on searching and securing a job in academe. If you have any suggestions for a speaker or a topic, please contact me. The symposium should be something that is of great interest to a large number of graduate students.

Another thing that I believe will benefit us as graduate students is the formation of a **graduate student leadership group**. This group will consist of volunteers from various universities. The function of the leadership

group will be to work as an advisory committee and to promote a sense of community among the graduate students in the various universities. If you would like to participate in this leadership group please contact me.

In addition to the many books that are given away at the graduate student meeting, I would like to include software such as quantitative or qualitative research programs (SPSS, SAS, AMOS, etc.). If there is a software that you would like to see given away, please let me know. We need to contact the developer in time to request donated copies.

In summary, I as your graduate student representative I am here to serve you. Your ideas, comments, suggestions and critiques are important. Knowing what are the desires and needs of the graduate student community will enhance my ability to serve you better. I see myself as your voice in SERA, and I hope we can all work together to make this a successful and productive year. Contact me at [SERA@matus.biz](mailto:SERA@matus.biz).

By [Obad Matus](#)

## The Pres Says ...

For most of us the semester is over or almost over and we've all been hard at work preparing for finals, whether you are teaching or taking classes. The 2006 Annual Meeting was a big success. We had a record number of both proposals and authors. The pre- and post-sessions were a great success. Based on the great response from these sessions, two more sessions are planned for next year. On Wednesday afternoon of the 2007 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Bruce Thompson will present a 4-hour session on effect sizes. An 8-hour two-part workshop on Mixed Methodology will be presented by Tony Onwuegbuzie and John Slate. The sessions will be conducted on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.



*The gavel exchange symbolizing the transition from Jan Scott to Kyle Roberts' presidency.*

The SERA Executive Council is continuing discussions regarding the 2007 Annual Meeting in Austin. This is SERA's 30<sup>th</sup> year celebration and we are planning to have a wonderful meeting and celebration of the last 30 years. This year's meeting will be February 7-10 at the St. Anthony Hotel. Just a stone's throw from the Riverwalk, it will be easy to sample the many food, shopping, and music venues that surround this historic city. Make plans now to attend the special celebration on Thursday night honoring our 30 years of research. We currently have a committee headed by some of the board members to put together a delightful celebration. I know that you will enjoy it!

By J. Kyle Roberts

## News from Past President

The 2006 SERA meeting is behind us and planning for the 2007 meeting is well under way. I would like to thank all of you who participated in the sessions – both as speakers and as attendees. Gil Naizer, program chair, and Kathy Mittag, local arrangements chair, are busy with preparations for the 2007 annual meeting in San Antonio. As you may know, this meeting will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of SERA. A number of special activities are being planned to commemorate this event, and I expect the meeting to be a memorable one. I urge you to include the annual meeting in your plans.

As SERA moves toward its fourth decade of

I urge you to include the 2007 Annual Meeting in your plans. While at AERA, I had the privilege of attending the presentation by Carmen Fies, winners of the SERA 2006 Outstanding Paper Award. She was invited to present her paper *Dialogue or Monologue? A Framework for Technology Supported Classroom Communications* at the State and Regional Educational Research Association SIG session. Her presentation was excellent and well-received and portrayed the excellence that the SERA Outstanding Paper represents each year. To assist her in her travel to AERA, she received \$500 from SERA. Next year, plan to submit your paper in the competition and be ready to attend and present at AERA in Chicago!

Information for proposals will be available on the website soon. Please circulate the website to colleagues. Make a special effort to encourage graduate students to participate. We will again sponsor travel awards to assist them with expenses and award the Outstanding Graduate Paper. As SERA finishes its third decade of existence, I look forward to seeing what the next 30 years produce in SERA. We have long taken pride in our role in the promotion of quality educational research and the development of educational researchers. So, here's to 30 more years of research, development, collegiality and, most importantly, friendship.

existence, I want to thank all of you for your support of our organization. I believe that we can be rightfully proud of the accomplishments of our association. SERA has long taken pride in its role not only in the promotion of quality educational research, but also in the promotion of the development of educational researchers. I, along with the other members of the executive council, welcome your input as we seek to continue to meet the needs of our many constituencies.

The SERA Foundation fund continues to grow. However, personal donations for the past couple of years are down. If you were a graduate student who once received \$100

*"To lead people, walk beside them ... As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence. The next best, the people honor and praise. The next, the people fear; and the next, the people hate ... When the best leader's work is done the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'"*

Lao-Tsu



*Gerald Wheeler  
Presidential Address  
2006 with Jan Scott*

travel award (several of you have received two or three over the years), let me encourage you to contribute \$100 back to the fund next year. SERA takes pride in supporting graduate students and this is a major way you can give back to the organization for the support you received when you poor!!

By Jan Scott



## Board Members and Terms

### **President: 2005-2007**

Kyle Roberts, Baylor College of Medicine

### **President-Elect: 2006-2008**

Gilbert Naizer, Texas A&M – Commerce

### **Executive Director: Lifetime**

Bruce Thompson, Texas A&M University

### **Secretary**

Kelly Shapley- TX Center for Ed. Research

### **Past President: 2005-2007**

Jan Scott, Holt, Rinehart, & Winston

### **Member-at-Large**

Robin Henson- 2005-07  
University of North Texas

Tony Onwuegbuzie 2005-07  
University of South Florida

Mary Margaret Capraro-2006-08  
Texas A&M University

Amy Dellinger 2006-08  
University of New Orleans

Bill Jasper 2006-08  
Sam Houston State University

### **Executive Council**

#### **Graduate Student Representative**

Obed Matus – Texas A&M University

#### **School District Representative**

Paula Moeller

#### **Historian**

John J. Hedl- U -Texas SW Med Center-Dallas

#### **Membership Chair**

Vince Peredes

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Robert M. Capraro - Texas A&M University



*Presentation of  
award for Jan Scott's  
presidency by Kyle  
Roberts.*

## SERA: A Brief History

The first organizational meeting was held in 1977 (Spring) at the Faculty Club at Southern Methodist University. The major question – Did we want or need a state or regional research association along the lines of AERA?

After several iterations, the answer to the first question was “Yes,” but a resounding “NO” the second. We wanted a kinder, gentler AERA.

Our original goals were provide or conduct:

1. A meeting for researchers to present and discuss current research.
2. A meeting to actually learn new things.
3. An opportunity for professional

By John J. Hedl, Jr., Historian

- networking.
4. A forum for mentoring future educational researchers and SERA leaders (graduate students)
5. A place to have fun.

**Have we met these goals? I would say YES to all 5.**

An unintended outcome, I believe, is that we have also created a sense of family. We celebrate in the personal and professional successes of our members, and we grieve at the loss of our long-standing friends and colleagues.

And we have withstood the test of time. Next year we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in San Antonio. Come join us.



## Grad Student Award Winners –

The following graduate students each won \$100 travel awards.

- Roger Antworth - University of North Florida
- Jason Arnold - University of North Florida
- Belinda Box - Lamar University
- Nancy Cammack - Lamar University
- Antoinette Duffy - University of North Texas
- Michelle Eugeni - University of Houston

- Sue Jackson-Kemp - University of Houston
- Janice Perrin - Lamar University
- Howell Wright – Lamar University
- Linda Zientek – Texas A&M University

The inaugural Foundation award was presented to:

- Lori Graham - Texas A&M University

By Cathy Mittag



*"May you learn to swear  
and to fight and to steal  
and to lie.  
When you swear, swear by  
what is right.  
When you fight, fight for  
what you believe in.  
When you steal, steal  
away from bad company.  
And when you lie, lie in  
the arms of someone who  
loves you."  
(Anonymous)*

## Program Chair – San Antonio Feb. 7-10, 2007

The St. Anthony Hotel  
*Plan to enjoy Friends, Food, and Celebrate our  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference!*

### PLUS Two Workshops

Coming off of a record-breaking conference this year in Austin, we are excitedly looking forward to another outstanding conference in 2007. We will be returning to San Antonio, TX, in the historic St. Anthony Hotel. This beautiful hotel is only a few blocks from the exciting San Antonio Riverwalk.

As SERA continues to grow, we are expanding the opportunities for collegiality and professional development - Dr. Bruce Thompson will conduct a 4-hour training session Wednesday on Effect Size and Drs. Anthony (Tony) Onwuegbuzie and John Slate will present an 8-hour training session on Mixed Methods Friday afternoon & Saturday morning. We are working on plans for a special 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The call for papers for the 2007 annual meeting will soon hit your desks, and I

encourage each of you to prepare papers and presentations for the conference. SERA is a wonderful outlet in which to share ideas and debate topics. We hope that you will join us this next year and contribute to continuing SERA's longstanding commitment to excellence in educational research.

*See you in San Antonio!*

Look for the Call for Proposals included with this Newsletter.



Gil Naizer, Texas A&M Commerce

by Gil Naizer

*"An educated mind is  
useless without a  
focused will, and  
dangerous without a  
loving heart."  
W.J. Deijmann*



Former SERA Presidents



The St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio Texas



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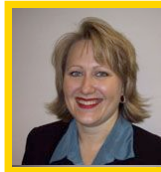
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## Meet the Board –

Paula Moeller, Tony Onwuegbuzie, Bill Jasper, & Robin Henson

**Paula Moeller,  
Texas Instrument & Richardson ISD**

Paula is the project manager for Closing the Achievement Gap Initiative, where she has designed a systemic change model to eliminate the achievement gap in middle school mathematics. She previously served as director of mathematics for the Texas Education Agency where she was involved in TEKS refinement/alignment, development of TAKS, and was a member of the design team that developed projects for the Governor's Math Initiative. Paula served as the secretary for the Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics, chaired conference committees for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and currently conference chair for the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching. During her career, she worked in both rural and urban schools, provided staff development, and leadership in mathematics to teachers. She has been an invited panelist and has served as a principal and co-principal investigator for several National Science Foundation teacher enhancement programs.



*Paula Moeller,  
Texas Instrument &  
Richardson ISD*

**Tony Onwuegbuzie,  
Professor**

Tony serves as Member at Large (2005-2007) on the SERA Executive Board. Currently, he is a professor at the University of South Florida teaching mixed methods, qualitative, and statistics courses in the Department of Educational Measurement and Research.



*Anthony "Tony" Onwuegbuzi,  
University of South Florida*

**Robin Henson, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor**

Robin is currently a Member at Large on the SERA Executive Council, and has served in the past as newsletter co-editor and Division III chair. He is an Associate Professor at the University of North Texas, Department of Technology and Cognition, where he teaches statistics, measurement, and research design. Robin received his PhD in educational psychology from Texas A&M University in 1999. He is married to Rachael, and has two children, Leah (8) and Micah (5).



*Robin Henson,  
University of North Texas*

**William Jasper,  
Associate Professor**

If you walk into a strange classroom at Sam Houston State University and see a professor writing notes on a blackboard, it's probably not Bill Jasper, the 2006 Excellence in Teaching award winner.

Bill retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel after 22 years of service in the United States Air Force. He earned his PhD from Texas A&M in 1997. He taught math at Blinn College and in College Station ISD. After teaching two years at Stephen F. Austin State University, Jasper joined the SHSU faculty in 2000.



*William "Bill" Jasper,  
Sam Houston State University*

# ***SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION***

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE  
2007 ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 10, 2007  
THE ST. ANTHONY HOTEL  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

## **Program Chair:**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association will be held

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2007**

at the St. Anthony Hotel, 300 East Travis, San Antonio, TX 78205 [Ph.: 210.227.4392]. Both members and non-members may submit proposals for consideration. 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 SERA website at:

<http://www.sera-edresearch.org>

by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**. Proposals are invited on topics from all disciplines related to education.

**PLEASE NOTE** that conference registration and payment are required within one month (i.e., BY OCTOBER 18, 2006) of the proposal submission deadline.

**First**, registration must be completed on-line using the SERA website: <http://www.sera-edresearch.org>

**Second**, payment may be made either using the web site and its Pay Pal features, or by postal mailing a check or purchase order to the address indicated on the conference registration form.

Any persons who have all of their proposals rejected may request a conference registration refund. The **proposals of any persons not completing both conference registration and payment BY OCTOBER 18th, 2006 will be rejected.**

Persons submitting proposals will be notified of the disposition of their proposals by the end of November.

**THE FIRST SESSION WILL START ON WEDNESDAY AT NOON.**

## General Regulations for Participation

**Principal authors are expected to register for the annual meeting and present their papers in person.** If circumstances prevent principal authors from doing so, they must designate a substitute to make their presentations. Each contributor may participate as principal author in no more than three (3) sessions. *All persons making presentations must register for the annual meeting.* **All meeting rooms at the annual conference will be equipped with an overhead projector and screen. Presenters must supply all other audio-visual equipment.**

### PROPOSALS

**ALL PROPOSALS** for inclusion in the program must be submitted electronically using the SERA website. <http://www.sera-edresearch.org>. Proposals should be no more than two (2) pages in length. **Conference registration and payment is required at the time of proposal submission.**

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

Paper sessions are organized around topic areas selected by the Program Committee. Participants will each be given approximately 12 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. An asterisk (\*) next to a presenter's name indicates selection as the session chair.

*Conference registration and payment is required at the time of proposal submission.  
All presenters must register for the annual meeting.*

#### **2. Tutorials**

Tutorials provide an opportunity to provide instruction and/or information on a specific topic to the audience in a paper-type format of approximately 12 minutes. Like the paper session format, sessions will be organized around specific topic areas selected by the Program Committee. To propose a paper for a tutorial 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.

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#### **3. Proposals for Symposia**

A symposium provides an opportunity to address a specific problem or a complex topic from a variety of perspectives. 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.

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All presenters must register for the annual meeting.*

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

Proposals for sessions employing innovative formats are welcomed. Proposals for structured debates on specific, controversial issues are particularly 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.

*Conference registration and payment is required at the time of proposal submission.*

*All presenters must register for the annual meeting.*

#### **5. Graduate Student Seminars for RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (Submit to 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. (NOTE: Completed research by graduate students is **not** appropriate for these seminars.) 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 Monday, January 29, 2007**.

*Conference registration and payment is required at the time of proposal submission.*

*All presenters must register for the annual meeting.*

#### **Remember:**

- There is a limit of 3 submissions by a principal author.
- All 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.
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Submit proposals online at: <http://www.sera-edresearch.org/>

Proposals should be submitted to only one division. The program committee reserves the right to reject proposals that appear to be “duplicate” submissions by the same author(s). Please feel free to contact one of the following division chairs.

**Division**

**Division Chairs**

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## POSSIBLE DESCRIPTORS

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

Achievement	Early Childhood Education	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 Education	Student Motivation
Culture	Higher Education	Preschool Education	Student
Curriculum	In-service Education	Preservice Education	Violence/Conflict
Development	Instruction	Principals	Teacher Characteristics
Discipline	International Education	Private Schools	Technology
Drug Education	Language	Professional Development	Tests
			Vocational Education

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## 2007 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

Authors are encouraged to revise and submit five (5) copies of the paper submitted for presentation at the 2007 annual meeting to the SERA Executive Director, Bruce Thompson, by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007**. A committee appointed by the Program Chair will review all papers received by the deadline. The winner of the OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD will be announced in the newsletter, 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, and be recognized at the luncheon during the 2007 SERA annual meeting. A stipend of \$500 to help defray the costs involved in attending the 2007 AERA meeting will be awarded to the winner.

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

- Papers presented at the annual meeting may be revised before being submitted for the competition.
- Five (5) hard copies of the presented paper (i.e, NO electronic copies) must be submitted to the Executive Director 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. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- **Active officers of the SERA Executive Council, including appointed officers, are not eligible for this competition.**

*Send completed papers for 2007 SERA Outstanding Paper Award by POSTAL/COURRIER SERVICE ONLY to:*

**BRUCE THOMPSON, SERA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**2007 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD**  
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## 2007 SERA OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

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