

Fall 2009

North Carolina Association for Research in Education

2010 Annual Meeting



Reform in Education: The Role of Educational Research

February 25-26, 2010 ♦ Winston-Salem, NC

Call for Papers

Details about the upcoming NCARE 2010 Annual Meeting can be found at the following website.

<http://ncare.us>

The North Carolina Association for Research in Education (NCARE) invites proposals for its annual meeting, to be held February 25-26, 2010, at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center in Winston-Salem, NC. This year's conference theme is "Reform in Education: The Role of Educational Research." The meeting will feature a **full day of sessions on February 26** and a **social the evening of February 25**.

A paper, poster, or symposium on any educational research or evaluation topic likely to interest North Carolina educators will be considered for the program. All proposals will be reviewed by at least two referees, using the criteria of quality, originality, and significance.

All proposals should be submitted electronically (<http://ncare.us>). To submit a paper or poster proposal, individuals need to include an abstract (no more than 200 words) and proposal summary (approximately 1200 words or 2 pages single spaced) that includes the following headings:

1. Objectives or research questions
2. Perspective or theoretical framework
3. Methods or techniques
4. Data sources
5. Results and conclusions

For a symposium proposal, the organizer will coordinate arrangements and submit a single proposal for the entire symposium. More information about session formats and proposal requirements is provided on the NCARE website.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is **Friday, January 15, 2010**. Presenters will be notified of the status of acceptance of their proposals by **Friday, January 22, 2010**.

Hotel reservation information is on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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Hawthorne Inn

Registration & Housing for the 2010 Annual Meeting

The Hawthorne Inn has guaranteed meeting rates of \$65.90/night for single and \$86.00/night for double occupancy. The Hawthorne Inn will honor reservations at the meeting rate until the cut-off date of **Tuesday, January 26, 2010**. Reservations received after the cut-off date are not

guaranteed the convention rate and will be honored on a space available basis only.

To make your reservation by phone, call 800-972-3774. State that you are with the NCARE meeting in order to receive the special rate
To make your reservation online, go to

www.hawthorneinn.com and click on “reserve online.” Enter 26EOGL in the “group code” box. Your reservation will automatically be calculated at your discounted rate.

The website www.hawthorneinn.com offers directional maps and virtual tours.



Free Food and Drinks at the NCARE Social on the evening of February 25, 2010.

All presentations are on February 26, 2010



Call for NCARE Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee of NCARE is issuing a call for nominations for the offices of:

- President-elect
- Treasurer

Nominations are also being accepted for the fol-

lowing open positions on the Board of Directors:

- DPI Representative
- Higher Ed Representative
- At-large Representative

All NCARE members are eligible to serve on the Board.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2009.

Send nominations to Bill Sugar—
sugarw@coe.ecu.edu



Message from the President

Belinda Black

“Inquiry is fatal to certainty”

(Will Durant, American Writer and Historian)

The time I've served as President of the NCARE organization has seen unusual circumstances, to say the least. In the past year, there has been a burst of the “good times” bubble, a hard fought political victory that bore historical significance, and a resulting political polarization of America. Last year this time I was planning an annual meeting – something that the NCARE President always been done - a given responsibility of the office. As winter drew on, however, it became clear that local and state governments were tightening their belts, and it was doubtful that an annual meeting would be well attended. Thus we moved to the virtual format – the first ever annual meeting held in cyberspace. There were some bumps, but it worked. Now we are in a slight thaw, and looking forward to the next annual face to face meeting.

Still, times are uncertain and daily there are indications that all is not well with the nation's psyche. In these times of eco-socio-political unrest, I remain firm in my belief that research can help us find the way. Scientific inquiry, forming hypotheses that are not driven by political agendas, and testing those hypotheses using proven research methods will help us find a path through the current dark woods. As we plan for economic recovery and search for common ground to attend to America's health care and internal crises, it is absolutely critical that we remember our calling as researchers. We must remain open-minded, sharp, and focused on the evidence. I wish us well on this road to recovery.

NCARE Membership

Annual NCARE membership dues are \$20 (full membership) and \$10 for students

Has your NCARE membership lapsed?

If you have not paid your membership dues within the past year please do so as soon as possible. Look at the mailing label for the number of days since you paid your membership dues. Go to the NCARE website for additional information about renewing your membership: <http://ncare.us>

Student involvement in NCARE

NCARE provides opportunities for students to be involved in research and interact with other researchers. Currently, student membership dues are only **\$10** annually. Students have a discounted rate for the NCARE annual meeting and student presenters are eligible for Marvin Wyne Outstanding Student Paper Award. Applications can be found at the NCARE website.

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