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2014 CAERDA International Conference April 2-3, Philadelphia, PA

Call for Proposals

Addressing Diversity and Social Justice Issues
in Schools and Communities



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Proposal Submission Deadline: **November 18, 2013**

I. General Information

The CAERDA Annual International Conference serves as an open forum for interdisciplinary discussion and scholarly exchange of ideas among educational researchers and practitioners from around the world. The participants, with or without an ethnic Chinese background, present their current research and draw implications for issues related to CAERDA's mission.

The conference program primarily consists of presentations selected through a blind peer-review process. In addition, there are invited presentations, symposia, and panel discussions that feature the annual conference theme. Selected high quality presentations will be invited to submit to the *New Waves Journal*, the CAERDA's peer-reviewed online journal, or an annual feature publication in the CAERDA book series.

The CAERDA Conference is held immediately before the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association at the same location. This affiliation provides added convenience and enriched experience for conference attendees to participate in the programs of both conferences. The 2014 conference will take place on April 2-3, 2014 at one of the AERA headquarter hotels in Philadelphia, PA, USA. At the annual conference, CAERDA will also arrange for various special programs, including **Invited Sessions** and **Promising Scholars Sessions** (for early career researchers).

II. Conference Theme

The theme of the 2014 CAERDA Conference is "*Addressing Diversity and Social Justice Issues in Schools and Communities.*" As the demographics of our population continue to become increasingly diverse, there are more students from culturally, racially, ethnically, and linguistically different backgrounds in today's schools. Additionally, many of these students have various learning needs that require schools to use evidence-based practices and creative ways to address them. We are particularly interested in proposals that address the conference theme in the following disciplinary areas:

Sub-theme 1: Curriculum development and classroom practices – U.S. and global context (including K-12 education, general education and special education, and higher education)

Sub-theme 2: Family, school, and community partnerships, particularly the culturally, racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse populations

Sub-theme 3: Education policies, resources, and leadership

In keeping with the CAERDA conference tradition, we also welcome studies in other areas of research and practice that may not be directly related to the conference theme, but contribute to the understanding of curriculum, instruction, policy, and educational research, or the CAERDA's overall mission.

III. Types of Proposals

Individual proposal. An individual proposal involves a single *paper* or *poster* with one or more authors. All accepted papers are categorized by themes into paper and roundtable sessions by the conference committee. You may indicate your preference for the type of presentation. We will consider your request, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to meet your request. Each individual proposal **should** include the following components: (a) Objectives or Purposes; (b) Perspective or Theoretical Framework; (c) Methods; (d) Data Sources or Evidence; (e) Preliminary Findings/Results; (f) Discussion/Conclusion; and (g) Significance of the Study.

Session proposal. A session proposal is for a *symposium* with multiple presentations to examine a specific topic from various perspectives or to engage in intensive discussions. Sessions are generally scheduled for 1½-hour periods and include four to six presentations or participants. The organizer of the session must identify the session Chair and the Discussant and provide the title, abstract, objectives of the session, a brief summary of the presentations, scholarly or scientific significance of the session, and the structure of the session.

IV. Proposal Submission

Dates: Proposal submissions are accepted beginning on **August 1, 2013** and ending on **November 18, 2013 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time**. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the Online Proposal Submission System, which can be located on our website, www.caerda.org. **Proposals submitted by fax, mail, or e-mail will NOT be considered.**

Format: Authors may prepare their proposals using Microsoft Word and copy and paste each section in the online proposal submission space provided by the system or enter the relevant information directly in that space. **Do not** include figures or tables.

Proposals prepared in English or Chinese are acceptable; however, each submission may be submitted only once, English **or** Chinese. Submitters may not submit the same proposal in both languages. All proposals must follow the same guidelines that are stated in this document. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will be rejected automatically without peer review.

Length: All proposals should include a title (no more than 12 words) and an abstract (50-75 words). An individual proposal should be 300-500 words and a session proposal should be 600-1,000 words, excluding title and references.

Session proposal should describe the session objective(s) in measurable terms (about 200 words) and a brief summary of each individual presentation (about 100-150 words for each of the four to six presentations) within the session.

Eligibility: Both CAERDA members and non-members with or without an ethnic Chinese background may submit proposals for review. An individual may not appear as first author on more than two proposals. The proposal must present original research that has not been publicly disseminated elsewhere. If the proposal content is adapted from a previously presented or published study, it must include new insights in scope and/or depth.

Multiple submissions: You may submit a proposal that has been submitted elsewhere but has **not** been accepted at the time of submission to the CAERDA conference. Once the proposal has been accepted elsewhere, it is your responsibility to notify the Conference Chair to withdraw your submission immediately. You may **NOT** present the paper with the same content at more than one conference.

V. Procedures and Policies

Review Process: All proposals will be blind-reviewed by at least two reviewers. Evaluation criteria include the following: topic (originality, significance, and relevance to the conference theme and the CAERDA mission), theoretical framework (rationale, literature review, and theoretical grounding), method (design, data collection, analytical procedure, and interpretation), significance (conclusion, implications, and contributions), quality of writing (clarity, organization, and style), and audience appeal (popularity and scholarship).

Notification: Proposal submitters will receive email notification of acceptance or rejection in **December 2013**. Only the submitter will receive this notification and detailed information on scheduling and logistics, etc. It is the responsibility of the submitter to inform co-authors of their proposal status and other relevant information. The submitter must also notify all presenters that they must register for the conference in order to present.

Withdrawal: If you are unable to attend the conference, you must notify the Conference Chair by **February 9, 2014** to withdraw your presentation from the conference program. After February 9, 2014, no withdrawal will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the presenter(s) to delegate another person to present.

For questions, comments, or suggestions on this conference, contact:

2014 CAERDA International Conference Chair

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