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Announcing 2007 CAERDA International Conference

On behalf of Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association, I am pleased to announce the 2007 CAERDA International Conference to be held on April 8-9, 2007 in Chicago at one of the American Educational Research Association headquarter hotels. We are expecting a record-breaking attendance by educational researchers and practitioners from around the globe, including the US, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

The 2007 conference theme is "Demystifying Model Minority's Academic Achievement: Implications of Chinese/Asian Educational Principles and Practices for a Global Learning Community." We gather to engage in an expanded discussion and invigorating dialogue on Asian and Asian American educational experiences from multiple perspectives, including socio-cultural, psychological, ecological, educational, and methodological. We are very excited that we will be joined by internationally acclaimed scholars such as Ling-chi Wang of University of California at Berkeley, Jinfa Cai of University of Delaware, Min Zhou of University of California at Los Angeles, Jamie Lew of State University of New Jersey at Rutgers, Jin Li of Brown University, Vivian Louie of Harvard, Chuansheng Chen of University of California at Irvine, Guofang Li of Michigan State University, and David Yun Dai of State University of New York at Albany, among many other talented researchers, to "demystify" the complex Model Minority phenomena.

In addition to the featured presentations, we also host sessions that are not directly related to the conference theme but aligned with the CAERDA's mission in promoting educational excellence and

Demystifying Model Minority's Academic Achievement



April 8-9, 2007, Chicago

equity for all, particularly among Chinese and Chinese Americans. Altogether, the 2007 conference features two keynote speeches, two presidential panels, thirty-five papers, and more than thirty posters. The tentative conference program can be found at the CAERDA website (www.CAERDA.org).

Last but not least, in keeping with the CAERDA conference tradition we will be hosting a conference dinner banquet on April 8 for a delightful feast as well as social networking. This is a once-a-year opportunity for new friends and old acquaintances to get together to show their support of CAERDA. This is a conference event that you won't want to miss.

Many thanks go to the conference committee members that have worked diligently to make all these exciting conference events possible. They are Aubrey Wang, Ji-Mei Chang, Jie-Qi Chen, Chi-en Hwang, Yann-Yann Shieh, Duc-Le To, and Yong Zhao. Through their concerted effort, I am proud to present the 2007 CAERDA International Conference to you. See you all in Chicago!

Lihshing Leigh Wang

2007 Conference Chair and Vice President

Gearing up for the Conference

Here are a few tips to help you get started

- **Advance registration:** You must register for the conference in order to participate in any of the conference events. You may also enjoy an early-bird discount if you pre-register before **March 7, 2007**. The registration form can be downloaded from the CAERDA website (www.CAERDA.org). The completed form should be sent to CAERDA, P. O. Box 612, Ardmore, PA 19003-9998.
 - **Membership.** This is a good time to renew your membership or join us as a new member. You may enjoy a member discount for conference registration only if you are a due-paying member of the Association. The modest membership fees also help us provide better services to our members. Becoming a life member is the best way of showing your support of the Association.
 - **Visa application and translator service.** If you need a formal letter of invitation for visa or funding application, please contact the Conference Chair (Leigh.Wang@uc.edu). Translator service is available upon request but contingent upon the pool of site helpers we can recruit.
 - **Travel and hotel arrangement.** Arrange for travel and hotel accommodations as early as possible. We have successfully negotiated a special group rate with the Thanks to the hard work of the conference committee led by Dr. Chi-en Hwang, we have negotiated with the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott (216 E. Ontario Street, 312-787-3777) to provide a special discount to CAERDA attendees at \$109 plus tax for single occupancy and \$119 plus tax for double occupancies. These rates are good for any period of occupancy from April 4 to April 13, 2007. More information about the hotel can be found at www.Fairfieldsuiteschicago.com or <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/chifd>. A map showing the location of the hotel relative to the AERA head-quarter hotels can be found at <http://www.caerda.org/conference.htm> under the Hotels and Transportation link. Reservation must be made directly with the hotel before **March 15, 2007** in order to receive the guaranteed discount on a first-come first-serve basis. Be sure to mention the conference name (CAERDA) when making the reservation. Please address questions about the hotel to Chi-en Hwang (HWANGC@cedarville.edu).
- Another possibility is to check popular hotel websites such as www.hotels.com, www.expedia.com or www.travelocity.com for special deals. Of course, you can also register with the AERA Housing Service at <http://www.aera.net/annualmeeting/?id=1514>. If you wish to share a hotel room with another CAERDA attendee, please contact the conference chair at Leigh.Wang@uc.edu.
- **Cancellation.** You will receive a full refund of your registration fee and dinner fare if you submit your request before **March 7, 2007**. Please contact the hotel directly for room cancellation.



CAERDA Board Meeting Invites Input from Members

The 2007 CAERDA Board Meeting will be held on April 7 before the 2007 Conference starts. Members are encouraged to submit concerns, issues, and suggestions to President Aubrey Wang (aubrey_wang@hotmail.com) for them to be addressed by the board members. Among the items on the agenda are outreach, CAERDA book series, New Waves Journal, CAERDA Awards, and fundraising.

JOIN US AT CAERDA DINNER BANQUET FOR SOCIAL NETWORKING

CAERDA has been sponsoring a membership recruitment dinner for many years. These dinners have been well attended by CAERDA members, their family members, and their friends, with an average attendance of 80 people or more.

During the recruitment dinner, members and non-members have a chance to catch-up with one another, make new friends, and join or renew their membership with CAERDA, while enjoying good Chinese food at a discount.

For this year, we have planned another fun dinner for CAERDA members and non-members. We ask you to purchase your discounted dinner tickets either during the conference pre-registration or at the conference site. Each dinner ticket will cost \$25 per person (including dinner and gratuity).

CAERDA discount will not apply if you join us at the restaurant without the pre-purchased dinner ticket.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing about how you've been this year!

DATE: April 8, 2007 at 7 P.M.

PLACE: P.F. Chang's China Bistro
(530 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL
60611,

Tel: 312-828-9977)

COST: \$25 per individual



Important: Please Renew Your Membership Today!

Dear CAERDA Members,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday. As you start to pick up work left unfinished before the holiday, would you please check whether you have renewed your CAERDA memberships for 2007? If you have not, this is the time for you to renew your memberships.

As you may remember, we made some revisions on the membership policies last year. Now, all CAERDA memberships start on May 1 every year and end on April 30 the following year. So, your membership for 2006 is going to expire on April 30, 2007. But, if you have not renewed your membership for 2007, I urge you to do it now. You don't wait until the last day for your memberships to expire. There are many reasons for renewing your memberships now:

First, the CAERDA Annual Conference is coming soon. It will be held in Chicago on April 8-9. If you have a valid membership for 2007, you will be qualified to pay the member conference registration fee – a big discount (\$15 off from the regular registration fee). You can even save more by pre-register for the conference. (See conference registration fees at http://www.caerda.org/conference2007/2007_conference_registration.doc). Second, your membership benefits (e.g., discounted conference registration fee, New Waves Journal, CAERDA newsletters, job and funding opportunities distributed and scholarly exchanges via CAERDA listserv) will not be interrupted if you are busy later and forget to renew the membership on time.

In addition, as you have seen in some of the reports in this newsletter, we have started to plan and conduct a series of activities to provide better services to our members. These include a planning focus group meeting and a career development at the upcoming conference in Chicago, a new CAERDA book series, a new format for the New Waves Journal, and a more effective website and listserv. We are working on improving the quality of our conference (as reflected in our upcoming conference program) and reaching out to other research and development organizations for collaboration and funding opportunities. But, none of our efforts could succeed without your support.

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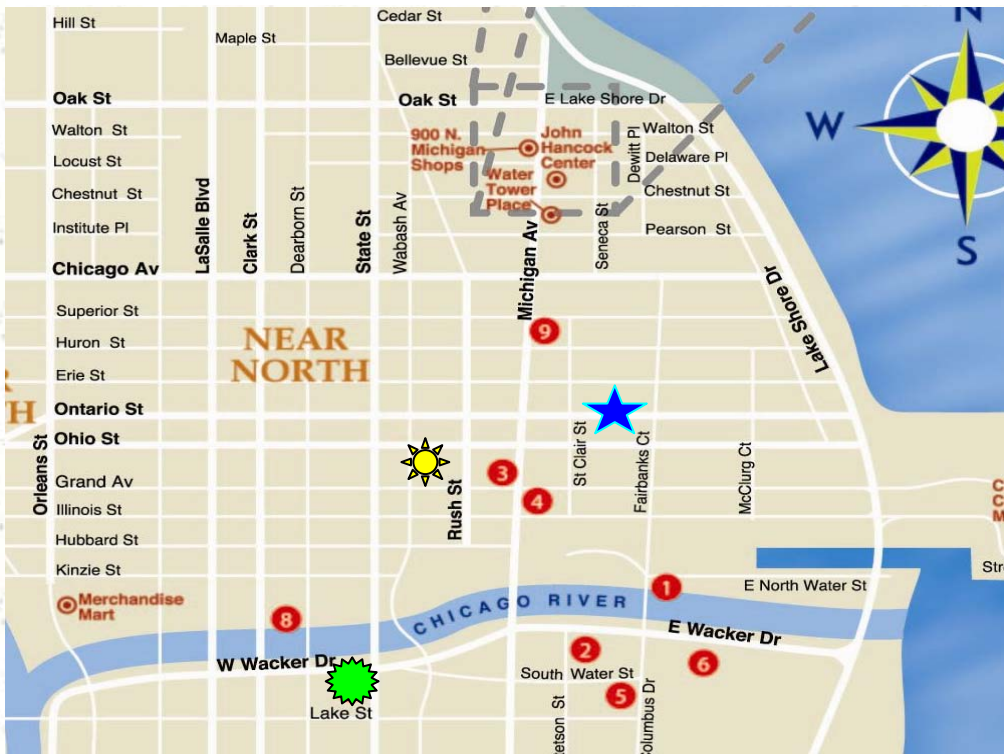
CAERDA Membership Director

Yes, We Need YOUR Support!

We at CAERDA have big dreams and grand visions. We work hard to make a difference. But they are not possible without your generous support. Please join us to make an impact on our global community by giving generously to our association. You may show your support by donating your time or money, or both. Please contact Membership Director Duc-Le To (Duc-Le.To@ed.gov) for volunteering to have your name included in our talent pool so that we may contact you for serving as a board member, conference chair, discussant, and reviewer. Please contact Treasurer Ji-Mei Chang (jmchang@sbcglobel.net) for donating money to help our association grow strong.



Please show that you care.



1. Sheraton Chicago Hotel (AERA Headquarter Hotel)
2. Hyatt Regency Chicago (AERA Co-Headquarter Hotel)
3. Chicago Marriott Downtown (AERA Co-Headquarter Hotel)
4. Renaissance Chicago Hotel (CAERDA Conference, Grand Ballrooms IV, V, VI on 2nd Floor, 1 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-372-7200)
5. Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott Chicago Downtown (CAERDA Housing, 216 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-787-3777 or 800-228-2800)
6. P.F. Chang's Bistro (CAERDA Dinner Banquet, 530 North Wabash Av., Chicago, IL 60611, 312-828-9977)



Reminder to Presenters

This year we received a record-high large number of high-quality submissions competing for limited program slots. As a result, some proposals that might have been accepted in prior years did not make it into the program this year. For those whose proposals were accepted for presentation, our kudos to you. For those whose proposals did not make it to the final cut, we hope you will continue to submit to CAERDA in the future.

There are several actions that require your attention:

Confirmation. All presenters whose proposals have been accepted for presentation must confirm their acceptance of the invitation by sending a confirmation email to the Conference Chair (Leigh.Wang@uc.edu). Confirmation received after **January 10, 2007** is subject to availability of space. If your proposal is assigned to a poster session, there is a possibility that it may be moved to a paper session if space opens up.

Notify co-presenters. The proposal acceptance notification was sent to the person who submitted the proposal only. Be sure to share this notice with ALL co-presenters, if any, involved in your presentation.

Review comments. Each proposal was sent to at least two reviewers for feedback. Contact the Conference Chair if you would like to receive the review comments to improve your work.

Presentation Guidelines: Review the Presentation Guidelines at the CAERDA website (http://www.caerda.org/conference2007/2007_presentation_guidelines.doc). If you are assigned to a paper session, you must send your completed full paper to the Chair and Discussant electronically by **March 15, 2007**. Their email addresses can be found in the Conference Program.

Withdrawal: If at any time you find out you cannot attend the conference, please designate another person to deliver the presentation. If this is not possible, you must notify the Conference Chair immediately to open up



Join Us for a Focus Group Working Lunch

In an effort to improve our service to the members, we are organizing a Focus Group Working Lunch from noon to 1:30pm on April 9, 2007. The purpose of this working lunch is to discuss how CAERDA can better serve its members by identifying the needs and suggesting areas for improvement. Light lunch and refreshments will be served. Please indicate your availability on the Registration Form. The location is to be announced. Please contact Yann-Yann Shieh (Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov) for more information.