

Early Education and Child Development

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Chair's Message

Myae Han

Dear Early Education/Child Development SIG members,

I hope that our members and their loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this unusual time of COVID-19. We have adapted to a new normal life at a personal and professional level. Many of you are probably doing the same routine by now - face covering, physical distancing, working from home, online teaching, Zoom meetings, etc. Perhaps sharing the same challenge together could bring us better understanding toward each other regardless of where we live.

As you are aware, AERA announced a virtual conference in 2021. I am sorry that we won't be able to meet in person but I am hopeful that a virtual conference would offer different advantages to all of us. You will be able to access more presentations at a significantly lower cost. I hope many of you can join the AERA virtual conference in 2021.

Even during the pandemic, our membership is growing. As of September 2020, we have 451 members up from the last year of 413 members, making us one of the largest SIG at the AERA. Thanks to all members who have stayed with our SIG and new members who joined the SIG.

EE/CD SIG executive board has made a smooth transition during the summer and has been busy working for new year's business. Huge thanks to the board members who have been working hard on SIG tasks on top of their regular professional duties. Our SIG is truly special and lucky to have such committed board members. We had two board meetings via Zoom during the summer and even had a virtual happy hour after the meeting!

Special thanks to the program committee this year, Michelle Bauml, Kate McCormick, and Kate Delaney working on the proposal review process and program under the challenging time period. Since AERA extended the deadline for proposal submission but they kept the same deadline for the decision making process, the program committee had to work on this big task intensively during the short period of time. Kudos to the program committee for a successful task and making next year's SIG session possible!



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Members



Call for 2021 EE/CD board member Nomination is now closed. We have multiple candidates for each position. We will have three positions to elect: Senior-member at large, Junior-member at large, and graduate student representative. EE/CD members, Please vote for the candidates when the election poll is open in November.

I would like to thank our award committee chairs, Marty Lash, chair of the distinguished career award committee, Tomoko Wakabayashi, chair of the early career award committee, Alison Hooper, chair of the outstanding dissertation award committee, and Daniel Castner, chair of the graduate student travel award committee. Thanks for creating the announcement, and forming the committee. The nomination information for the awards is announced via our listserv and is included in this newsletter. Please note the deadline for each award and nominate your colleagues and graduate students (or self-nominate).

I would also like to thank Stephanie Curenton for working on nominations for next year's executive board members. We have three positions open next year, Senior-member at large, Junior-member at large, and graduate student representative. With Stephanie's diligent work, we have enough candidates for each position. It will be a competitive year. Please vote for the candidates when the election poll is open in November.

I wish to extend my appreciation to our secretary, Jennifer Baumgartner for keeping our meeting minutes, tracking membership, and managing the budget. The board now has a shared place to work together because of her. Thanks for making our work more efficient.

My big thanks to our visibility team, our website manager, Christine Wang, newsletter editor, Sohyun Meacham, and Listserv manager, Bethany Wilinski. Their ongoing work makes our EE/CD SIG visible and let us communicate with each other.

Lastly, thanks to Melissa Sherfinski, a chair-elect, and Jill Claxton, graduate student representative for their valuable and constructive feedback and input to make our SIG better.

Attention to our Graduate students! I have good news for you. At the last board meeting, the board members decided that we will increase the number of graduate students' travel awards by paying the registration fee for the AERA virtual conference in 2021. The chance of getting an award will be high so please apply and see the information in this newsletter.

COVID-19 has put many of us in a challenging situation but it made many people realize the critical role of early childhood programs as many families have to work at home while caring for their children. Early childhood educators can use this opportunity to voice the importance of early childhood programs and the professional status of early childhood teachers/child care providers. We can always find the bright side during the difficult time. This is also time for more collaboration and innovation in early childhood research. I expect that we will see lots of great research studies in the next conference and am very much looking forward to the virtual conference in 2021.

Thanks to all members making the early childhood community strong and healthy.

Best wishes to all of you!

Myae Han,

Chair of EE/CD SIG
Professor, University of Delaware

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Seeking Nominations for the 2021 Early Career Award

The EE/CD SIG is soliciting nominations for our Early Career Award. All nominations and required materials should be submitted via our online application form (<https://forms.gle/JBSkCvrYE99T4hv47>) by **November 1, 2020, 11:59pm EST**.

The committee urges all EE/CD SIG members to consider nominating a deserving early career scholar. The award recipient will be notified in February 2021 and recognized at the EECD SIG Business Meeting at the AERA meeting. Please see description and nomination guidelines below.

Early Career Award is made annually to an individual with an early and promising record as a researcher and scholar in the early childhood field, as evidenced through competitive publications and other scholarly activity suggesting a vital research agenda. Recipients of this award receive a \$500 monetary prize and are invited to present a brief synopsis of their research and interests at the SIG business meeting.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Viable candidates for the EE/CD Early Research Career Award are no more than 10 years out from receiving their doctorate and have not received tenure.
2. Nominators must be members of the EE/CD SIG.
3. 2019-2020 nominees who did not receive the award are eligible and encouraged to apply, if they still meet the eligibility criteria above.

Application Materials

1. A letter of nomination from a member of the EE/CD SIG, with sufficient justification of nominee's qualifications.
2. A letter of support from a second scholar in the field, who can speak to the nominee's qualifications as well. The second letter does not have to come from a member of the EE/CD SIG.
3. A copy of the nominee's most recent Curriculum Vitae, including complete bibliographic information and present employment status.
4. Copies of 2 or more publications representative of the nominee's scholarly contributions to the early childhood/child development field thus far.

Please upload all required materials as Word or PDF and submit via the online application form (<https://forms.gle/JBSkCvrYE99T4hv47>) by November 1, 2020, 11:59pm EST. NOTE: Upon your submission, you will receive a link to view and edit your responses. You will be able to edit your submission until the deadline.

**For inquiries regarding
2021 Early Career Award,
please contact Tomoko
Wakabayashi
(twakabayashi@oakland.edu)**

Seeking Nominations for the 2021 Outstanding Dissertation Award

Annually, the EE/CD SIG awards the Outstanding Dissertation Award for a recent dissertation of exceptional merit. The recipient will receive a plaque from the SIG and a monetary gift at the EE/CD SIG Business meeting. The recipient also receives an automatic invitation to present the dissertation work as part of the EE/CD Business Meeting. The EE/CD SIG is soliciting nominations for our Dissertation Award. All nominations and required materials should be submitted to Alison Hooper (alhooper2@ua.edu) by November 1, 2020.

The criteria for this award are:

- 1) A completed and defended dissertation accepted by the Graduate School of the nominee's university within two years of the deadline for submission.
- 2) A study that investigates a topic related to the development of children between birth and age 8, including studies focused on families, teachers and others who care for and educate young children;
- 3) A nominating professor who is a current member of AERA.

To be considered for the award, please submit the following items by email:

- One letter of faculty endorsement from a member of the student's dissertation committee who is an AERA member, attesting that the dissertation was completed by the student during the time period specified and that the faculty member nominating or endorsing the nomination served on the dissertation committee. Please also include the oral defense date. This letter should include a brief clarification of the purposes, scope, and quality of the student's dissertation research, as well as an explanation of how the dissertation contributes to the field of early childhood, child development, or early education.
- Title page for the dissertation (including university/college, name of the professor chairing the dissertation committee and a complete list of committee members). In addition, please add to the title page complete contact information (postal and email) of either the student or the nominator that can be used for all correspondence regarding the award.
- Table of Contents from the dissertation.
- Journal-length manuscript summarizing the study derived from the dissertation and written by the nominee. This manuscript should adhere to the APA manual's (5th ed.) guidelines for manuscript preparation, should be approximately 25-30 pages (double spaced), and should be geared toward publication. The summary should include: objectives/purpose; perspectives/theoretical framework; methods/mode of inquiry; data sources and analyses; results/discussion; and conclusion and educational/scientific importance of study. The summary should advance the scholarly publication potential of the research and will be judged primarily by a panel of scholars in the field and former dissertation winners.
- 1-2 page summary (abstract) of the study to be published in the SIG newsletter should the award be given to the recipient.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Dissertation topic should be congruent with the award purposes as described above.
2. The dissertation was completed within the past two academic years (2018-2019 or 2019-2020).
3. Nominees are encouraged to become a member of the EE/CD SIG if not already members. However, membership is not required.
4. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Submit all required materials electronically (Word or PDF documents) to the Dissertation Award Committee Chair Alison Hooper (alhooper2@ua.edu) with subject heading "EE/CD SIG Dissertation Award Submission" no later than November 1, 2020.

2021 Graduate Student Virtual Travel Grants

The EE/CD SIG has had the good fortune of a large membership that has allowed us to amass a strong financial foundation for our work. Recognizing that the money belongs to the members and that the future of the SIG lies in the work of young scholars, we are pleased to announce a competitive funding opportunity for graduate student members of the SIG who plan to attend the 2021 virtual meeting.

We will award virtual travel grants to cover conference registration fees. Grants will be awarded to students that are presenting at the conference, with preference given to first time AERA presenters. To qualify for the grant, students should provide the following information in a single email with attachments:

- Proof of membership in the EE/CD SIG
- A statement of your plans to attend AERA this year as well as how the grant will enhance your professional development. Please include a copy of the letter of acceptance from AERA.
- Please indicate if your institution does or does not provide any support for conference travel. If your institution does support graduate travel for conferences, please indicate the amount provided per year.
- A one page letter of nomination from a faculty member of the EE/CD SIG who knows your work.

Deadline for submission is **December 20, 2020**.

All inquiries and nominations for the Graduate Student Virtual Travel Grants should be submitted to Daniel Castner (djcastne@iu.edu).

EE/CD SIG executive board has made a smooth transition during the summer. We had two virtual board meetings and discussed number of issues for next year.



2020 Budget and Membership Report

Jennifer Baumgartner

MEMBERSHIP

	April 2018 (New York)	April 2019 (Toronto)	April 2020 (No Conference)	September 2020
Current	413	378	413	451
New	89	86	93	113
Lapsed (All)*	340	372	368	350
Lapsed. (Still in AERA)	58	74	109	350

* The "Lapsed (All)" row reflects numbers reported by AERA and represents all lapsed members who let their SIG membership lapse in the previous 2 years (so, for the 2020 year, those who let their SIG membership expire 12/31/2018 and 12/31/2019). This includes people who are no longer in AERA.

+The "Lapsed/Still in AERA" row reflects people who have an active AERA membership but are no longer part of our SIG.

BUDGET

Category	Description/Explanation	2020 (est.)	2019	2018
Starting balance (January)		\$10,016.52	\$7,713.92	\$9,785.73
Income	Membership dues	\$6,000.00	\$7,290.00	\$6,780.00
	Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME		\$7,590.00	\$6,780.00
Expenses	Awards	(\$1,394.39)	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,500.00)
	Plaques	(\$135.00)	(\$135.00)	(\$135.00)
	Conference reception		(\$2,441.00)	(\$4,988.36)
	Board meeting		(\$511.40)	(\$928.45)
	Meeting expenses			
	AERA Management Fee	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
	Web hosting / management	(\$291.49)		
	Reimbursements			
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$2,120.88)	(\$5,387.40)	(\$8,851.81)
Estimated remaining balance		\$13,895.64		
Ending balance (December)			\$10,016.52	\$7,713.92

EE/CD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2020 - 2021

ELECTED MEMBERS



Myae Han

Chair

(2020-2022)

Professor, University of Delaware
Human Development and Family Sciences



Melissa Sherfinski

Chair Elect

(2020-2022)

Associate Professor,
West Virginia University
Early Childhood and Elementary Education



Marty Lash

Past Chair

(2020-2022)

Professor, Kent State University
Education, Health & Human Services



Jennifer Baumgartner

Secretary / Treasurer

(2020-2022)

Associate Professor,
Louisiana State University
School of Education



Stephanie Curenton

Senior Member-at-Large

(2019-2021)

Associate Professor,
Boston University
School of Education



Tomoko Wakabayashi

Senior Member-at-Large

(2020-2022)

Associate Professor,
Oakland University
Education and Human Services



Daniel Castner

Junior Member-at-Large

(2019-2021)

Assistant Professor,
Indiana University
Early Childhood Education



Alison Hooper

Junior Member-at-Large

(2020-2022)

Assistant Professor,
University of Alabama
Early Childhood Education



Jill Claxton

Graduate Student Representative

Oakland University



Sohyun Meacham

Newsletter Editor

(2020-2023)

Associate Professor,
University of Northern Iowa
Literacy Education

EE/CD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2020 - 2021

APPOINTED MEMBERS



Michelle Bauml
Program Co-Chair
(2018-2020)
Associate Professor,
Texas Christian University
College of Education



Kate McCormick
Program Co-Chair
(2019-2021)
Assistant Professor,
SUNY at Cortland
Early Childhood Education



Kate Delaney
Program Co-Chair
(2020-2022)
Associate Professor,
University of Toledo
Early Childhood and Elementary Education



Bethany Wilinski
Listserv Manager
(2019-2021)
Assistant Professor,
Michigan State University
Teacher Education



X. Christine Wang
Website

Professor,
SUNY Buffalo
Learning and Instruction



April 9 - 12, 2021

2021 AERA Annual Meeting Theme

ACCEPTING EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Please Join the 2021 Virtual Conference.