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**2019 Award & Board
Position Nominations**

Be on the look-out for nomination deadlines in the summer newsletter!

Begin thinking about excellent, inspiring colleagues and students for the early career and dissertation awards!

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Message from the Chair

Nancy File, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Dear EE/CD SIG Members,

Taking on the role of SIG chair is a 6-year commitment, which at one point seemed to stretch endlessly into the future. And yet, here following 2 years as the chair-elect, I am writing my final column after 2 years as the chair. It has definitely been a privilege to take on a bit of responsibility for helping this SIG meet the interests of its members.

This is an incredibly strong SIG! The membership numbers remain high. Importantly, a significant percentage of our members are students right now, a group that we believe indicates the future strength of the field. We hope that students find this SIG to be one of your professional homes throughout your careers!

Yes, New York City is an exciting place to have a conference. It’s expensive, but the possibilities for good food and perhaps an afternoon of hooky from professional stuff are endless. For those looking for sweet treat fun (my favorite kind), as well as a little exploration of the city, I heartily recommend Doughnut Plant (7th and W. 23rd, easy on the subway) and Leva in Bakery (W. 74th, easy on the subway). They are among my regular sojourns, though I really just need to stop myself now because I am nowhere near done on this topic.

On the other hand, I also have to advocate for staying at the conference and attending our SIG sessions. The conference committee, Anne Douglass, Aubrey Wang, and Deb Ackerman, have done a tremendous job this year. They received far more proposals than ever before, and after the huge task of assigning and receiving reviews, they did a masterful job of pulling together a program that includes as many presentations as possible. With more proposals comes the reality that they committee can only accept a limited number of proposals and many worthy papers will not be heard. This is disappointing to those who worked hard to submit them, but we hope you don’t stop submitting. Our SIG is strong in large part because we have so many members doing incredible work!

The difficult part about a NYC conference is the venues themselves. All of the SIG sessions (except for the business meeting) take place at a single hotel. However, other SIGs and divisions are holding sessions at a number of different hotels. It is far less likely that we will be running into each other as it is when we are roaming the halls of a single convention center.

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Chair's Message Continued...

So, shout out a hello when we see each other! Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about the agenda for the business meeting. As I wrote to you via the listserv earlier, we requested a move for our meeting to avoid a time conflict with the Critical Perspectives on ECE SIG. I'm sorry to those of you who are disappointed or left out by the move. It was the best option for helping each SIG to have a full and fulfilling time together, and I hope that it works for most of you.

Finally, as I began the column, I have but a bit of responsibility for the SIG. Our work is accomplished by many volunteers. Some, like me, are finishing their offices. I want to thank Patsy Cooper, senior member-at-large, Sara Michael-Luna, junior member-at-large, and Jennifer Vu, secretary-treasurer, for all their efforts over the past two years. Chris Brown is finishing his past-chair stint, and I thank him for a full 6-year-round of SIG service.

Finally, Katy Chapman has been an enthusiastic graduate student representative in the inaugural year of this position. Continuing members include Jennifer Baumgartner (senior member-at-large), Kate Delaney (junior member-at-large), Monica Yudron (newsletter), Christine Wang (website), and Melissa Sherfinski (listserv). I am also ready to welcome Marty Lash as the new chair – she takes over at the end of the business meeting when I run out looking for another new (or old favorite) NYC bakery! Finally, after the recent election, we will welcome new board members. And I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in NYC!

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2018 BUSINESS MEETING

This year's business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm. It will take place in the New York Hilton Midtown, 2nd floor, Sutton Center. Please note that this is an entirely different hotel than all of our other SIG sessions.

The business meeting will be a very busy evening! We have awards to present – the Dissertation Award and the Early Research Career Award. In addition, we will be giving travel awards to graduate students. The Distinguished Career Award is being given in honor of Deb Cassidy's career contributions to the field. For those of you who might never have met her, Deb had a long career at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro while also making many contributions in the field to professional development. She had just retired but also taken on the role of President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children when she passed away after a very brief illness. SIG member Martha Buell, who was Deb's first doctoral student at UNCG, will be on hand to help us pay tribute.

In addition, we will hear perspectives and have time to dialogue with a group of panel members. The panel represents professionals who are working with complex and large research networks. These networks include researchers, funders, program personnel and policy-makers. My goal in inviting them is for us to be able to think about the promises and challenges of this work, in consideration of the value being given to multi-site, ECE program-based research. Joining us are: Sherry Cleary, representing the New York City Early Childhood Research Network; Noreen Yazejian and Diane Horm, representing the Educare Learning Network; and Brent McBride, representing the perspective of Child Development Laboratory Schools.

We will finish these professional pieces with time to enjoy food and camaraderie. We have planned a great menu of appetizers. Because catering costs are steep in NYC, the executive board made the decision to offer non-alcoholic drinks gratis but hold a cash bar for wine and beer. I look forward to welcoming you to the business meeting this year!

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2018 SIG Conference Sessions

Unless otherwise noted, all rooms are in the Crown Plaza Times Square Hotel.

Friday, April 13, 2018

Time	Title	Session Type	Location
12:00-1:30	Assessment in Early Childhood Settings	Paper	Times Square Rm A
2:15-3:45	Cultural Studies in Early Education and Care	Paper	Times Square Rm A
4:05-5:35	Early Childhood Impacts	Paper	Times Square Rm A

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time	Title	Session Type	Location
8:15-9:45	Cultural Studies in Early Childhood	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
8:15-9:45	Cultural Studies in Settings Serving Young Children	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
8:15-9:45	Family Partnership in Early Childhood	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
10:35-12:05	Early Childhood Impacts	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
10:35-12:05	Early Childhood Social Emotional Issues	Paper	Rm 1503
12:25-1:55	Early Childhood Policy Issues	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
2:15-3:45	Early Childhood Language	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
2:15-3:45	Early Childhood Math Learning	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
2:15-3:45	Early Childhood Social Issues	Paper	Rm 1503
4:05-5:35	Executive Function, Emotional Development, and Learning	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
4:05-5:35	Early Childhood Workforce and Leadership	Paper	Rm 1503
6:30-8:30	EE/CD SIG Business Meeting		NY Hilton Midtown, 2 nd fl. Sutton Center

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Time	Title	Session Type	Location
8:15-9:45	Social Emotional Teaching and Learning	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
8:15-9:45	Early Childhood Workforce & Professional Development	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
8:15-9:45	Early Childhood Literacy	Paper	Rm. Act I-II
10:35-12:05	Leadership & Change in Early Childhood	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV
10:35-12:05	Teaching Math in Early Childhood	Roundtable	Rm Act III-IV

Monday, April 16, 2018

Time	Title	Session Type	Location
8:15-9:45	Early Childhood Math	Paper	Rm Act I-II
8:15-10:15	Exploring Research Practice Partnerships in Early Childhood Settings: Opportunities, Strategies, and Key Findings	Symposium	Rm 501/502
10:35-12:05	Universal Prekindergarten in NYC: Implications for Policy and Practice in a Changing Landscape	Symposium	Rm. Act I-II
12:35-1:55	Early Childhood Science	Paper	Rm. Act I-II
2:15-3:45	Early Childhood Policy Challenges	Paper	Rm. Act I-II
2:15-3:45	Supporting Attendance Among Our Youngest Students: Emerging Evidence Around School Practices and Policies	Symposium	Rm 509/510
4:05-5:35	Relationships and Partnerships in Early Childhood Settings	Paper	Rm. Act I-II

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Time	Title	Session Type	Location
8:15-9:45	Early Childhood Language and Literacy	Poster	NY Hilton Midtown, 3 rd fl Americas Hall 1-2, Exhibit Hall

2018 AERA Conference Statistics

Debi Ackerman, Anne Douglass, and Aubrey Wang
Program Co-Chairs

This year we received 202 Paper proposals and 14 Session proposals. Based on information reported in previous SIG newsletters, this not only represents an increase over last year, but appears to be a new total submissions record since 2012.

Conference Year	Paper Submissions	Session Submissions	Total
2018	202	14	216
2017	152	8	160
2016	183	11	194
2015	140	23	163
2014	152	16	168
2013	156	12	168
2012	150	At least 2	≥152

Of the 216 proposals received, 4 were removed due to the submitter requesting us to do so. In addition, we needed to disqualify 2 submissions due to the inclusion of the authors' names on the proposals. Just as a reminder, AERA requires that the submissions be blinded. The remaining submissions were reviewed by 99 volunteer reviewers.

AERA allotted the SIG a total of 14 paper sessions and 53 roundtables or posters. We set aside 11 sessions for individual papers and the remaining 3 for session proposals. By slotting 6 papers in each of the 11 individual paper sessions, we were able to accept:

- 119 paper submissions to be presented as part of the 11 sessions or in roundtables or posters (59% acceptance rate), and
- 3 of the 14 session proposals for an acceptance rate of 21%.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a proposal to the SIG, and especially to those of you who served as our volunteer reviewers!

Follow this link to find a complete listing of all EE/CD SIG sessions: <http://tinyurl.com/ybx4vcgt>

2018 SIG Board Election Results

Our election results have been released by AERA. First, a word of thanks to all who agreed to stand for election. AERA leadership has offered their recognition that we have competitive elections, rather than single candidates, which is what they want. This fact allowed us to keep our board membership larger than AERA recommended. But with competitive elections, we have people who received fewer votes – we hope that all of you in that position will continue your interest in the SIG.

This year's election results are as follows:

Chair Elect: Myae Han, University of Delaware

Secretary/Treasurer: Melissa Sherfinski, West Virginia University

Senior Member-at-Large: Mary Jane Moran, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

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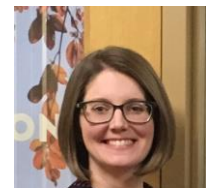
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