

Important Updates from the SIG Program Chair and Author Notes

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The AERA Online Submission System is now open and receiving proposals for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is MUCH earlier this year. The deadline is **July 15, 2009**. When you choose your preferred session formats, be aware that AERA will be cutting the number of paper sessions and increasing the number of poster and roundtable sessions available. Therefore, it will be to your benefit to select more than one session format option.

In addition, AERA has changed the format of the review process for the 2010 annual meeting. Beginning this year

each division and SIG will establish Review Panels to review proposals for the Annual Meeting. The reviews will be carried out from August 10-September 15.

The full description of the new review process is available on the AERA website:

http://www.aera.net/uploadedFiles/Publications/Journals/Educational_Researcher/3804/298-299_05EDR09.pdf

Thanks so much, and feel free to contact me via email (betsy.mccoach@uconn.edu) with any questions.

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Teachers' Ability to Identify Divergent Thinking in Their Students

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Can Empathy for Gifted Students be Nurtured in Teachers?

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An Inward look: A review of David Lohman's 2006 monograph entitled *Identifying Academically Talented Minority Students*

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Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

AERA 2010 Annual Meeting
"Understanding Complex Ecologies in a changing World"

Friday, April 30 – Tuesday, May 4
Denver, Colorado

NAGC Annual Conference

Thursday November 5 – Sunday November 8
St. Louis, Missouri

SENG Conference: SENG/Florida Association for the Gifted Summit

Friday July 17 - Sunday July 19
Orlando, Florida

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