ANNOUNCING THE 2012 NCPEA SUMMER CONFERENCE 
CALL FOR PAPERS

SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPETITION AND QUALITY: 21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) announces its summer conference theme of Social Justice, Competition and Quality: 21st Century Leadership Challenges to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 7-10, 2012. NCPEA welcomes proposals which explore research, scholarship and practice connected to these and other critical questions:

1. What are the most important social justice issues facing school leaders as the nation continues to increase its population diversity?
2. How does the prevalence of the ISLLC-ELCC standards improve leadership effectiveness in the schools?
3. In what ways has shrinking state and/or local tax revenues impacted educational program quality?
4. Has the concept of linking leadership compensation to student test scores improved or detracted from leadership effectiveness or student learning?
5. How has the continuing presence of “for profit” models of leadership preparation impacted preparation quality?
6. How does the increasing prevalence of “on-line” degree programs advanced or subtracted leadership effectiveness in the schools?
7. What are the most important benchmarks of leadership preparation program quality?
8. How have school districts approached the implementation of the “common core” curriculum benchmarks? What works and what doesn’t?
9. Has the creation of alternatives to traditional notions of public schools in the form of charters and other concepts (KIPP, etc..) impacted public school leadership and school effectiveness?

10. To what extent have federal or state accountability mandates changed the interest or availability of persons interested in pursuing educational leadership as a career?

There are many more issues and questions than those listed. NCPEA encourages a broad level of participation and response to the conference theme which extend and expand the critical issues facing educational leaders in the 21st century.

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Virtual Presentations

For the first time NCPEA will accept proposals that will be delivered virtually to members of the conference. From 4-6 proposals will be accepted for inclusion in the KC Program and delivered to participants via the Internet. If you wish to submit a proposal virtually please indicate “Virtual Presentation” on the cover page. Rooms will be designated for virtual presentation in the program at assigned times. Membership and registration (reduced) is required for all virtual presentations.

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General Information

The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) Summer Conference 2012 will be held August 7th to August 10th in Kansas City, MO at Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel. All members of NCPEA and others are invited to submit proposals for possible inclusion in the program.

Conference Theme

SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPETITION AND QUALITY: 21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

Conference Strands

- Perspectives on Teaching and Learning Strategies
- Perspectives on Closing the Achievement Gap
- Perspectives on Sustaining Networks and Shared Resources
- Perspectives from Assessment and Evaluation
- Perspectives from University/School Partnerships
- Perspectives from Promising Practices (Roundtables)
- Perspectives from Research on Professional Development
- Perspectives for Developing State and District Policy
Perspectives for Inter-Agency and Non-Profit Collaboration

Proposal Deadlines

Early Submission – December 9, 2011: Proposals submitted electronically by December 9, 2010 will be able to request scheduling preferences, if accepted. Please note that conference organizers cannot guarantee requests, but every effort will be made to accommodate scheduling preferences. Electronic notification of acceptance/rejection will be made on a revolving basis and no later than December 30 2011. Electronic confirmation of official presentation date and time will be sent by June 10, 2011.

Late Submission – March 30, 2012: Proposals submitted electronically will be accepted on a revolving basis until March 30, 2012, but there is no consideration of presenter’s request for specified days and times. Electronic notification of acceptance/rejection will be made by May 15, 2012. Electronic notification of official presentation date and time will be sent by June 10, 2012.

Consistent with the traditions of NCPEA, submissions may address research, teaching, and service in educational leadership. Experienced presenters as well as novice professors of educational administration are encouraged to submit proposals to present at the conference. Proposals for paper sessions, roundtable sessions, and symposia will be considered based on the conference theme under a primary strand. Graduate students and recent graduates of educational leadership, administration, and policy studies are invited to submit proposals for sessions, especially round table discussions and poster sessions.

Poster Sessions: The poster sessions will be held in a large room. Tables will be available for all presentations. Presenters may request easels for their presentations. Presenters will staff their assigned tables for the duration of noted poster sessions in the conference program. Conference participants will circulate among the presenters, asking questions and engaging in individualized, informal dialogue with presenters about their projects. Abstracts (200-300 words) for Poster Presentations should include an overview of the research topic, concept/ideas and type of results being shared, and implication for the profession.

Paper Sessions: Paper presentations are arranged around a general topic. Each participant will make a 15-minute presentation. A 5-minute general discussion will follow the presentation. Papers may be one of the following types:

1) Theoretical, concept or idea-based paper: An abstract (300 words) for a paper presentation should include the concepts/theories/ideas to be addressed; related literature and research; description of how the concepts/theories/ideas fit into the context of existing literature and conference theme; and conclusion or implications for the profession.

2) Research-based paper: An abstract (300 words) or a research-based paper should include the problem statement, question, or hypothesis; context of the problem as
discussed in the literature; research design and methodology; results/major findings; and conclusions/implications of the study.

**Roundtable Sessions:** The Roundtable format allows maximum interaction with the presenters by eliminating the formal presentation. Individual presenters are assigned to numbered tables in a large meeting room where interested persons may gather for discussion with the presenter about his or her paper or project. This format is particularly appropriate for issues best pursued through extensive discussion. Roundtables are to be organized to permit informal discussion by presenters of research projects, doctoral dissertations, innovative instructional or administrative techniques, or new types of instrumentation. Roundtables may be presented in poster format, PowerPoint, or short discussion paper. Abstracts (200-300 words) for Roundtables should include an overview of the presentation; the concept/ideas to be discussed; context as discussed in the literature; structure of participant interaction; outline of questions to be addressed; and implication for the profession.

**Symposia:** Symposia are 50 minute sessions that contain several papers on a single topic. Abstracts (200-300 words) for a symposium should include an overview, summaries of several papers, and suggestions for audience participation. The cover sheet for a symposium should list the organizer as the senior author and should include the title and presenter of each of the papers in the symposium as “Co-authors.” If the organizer presents a paper, that person should be listed among the co-authors in addition to the listing as organizer.
Timeline & Additional Information

All correspondence with individuals submitting proposals for the conference will be done electronically. Proposal and Submission Guidelines are located at http://ijelp.expressacademic.org

- **Early-bird Proposal Submission Deadline:** December 9, 2011
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**Please Note:** Presenters must register for the conference by **June 5, 2012**, Conference & Hotel Registration Information is available at http://www.ncpeaprofessors.org

**Paper Format:** 2 presentations/40-minute session = 20 minutes for each. Presenters should allow time during their presentation time for questions.

**Roundtable Format:** 30 minutes for each session. Questions to be included in allocated session time.

**Symposia Format:** 50 minutes with organizer for several papers on a single topic.

**Handouts:** No handouts are required. All presenters are expected to provide an electronic copy of their presentation in Word format to Susan Cooper at sjcooper@sbuniv.edu by July 1, 2012. This will permit the NCPEA conference to “go green.”

**Conference Proceedings:** Presenters’ papers as submitted by July 1, 2012 will be included on a complimentary thumb drive of the 2012 NCPEA Summer Conference Proceedings.

**2011 Yearbook:** The theme of the 66th NCPEA Conference in Kansas City, MO will also run through the Yearbook. The conference strands that are listed above may provide ideas for research papers for submission to the Yearbook. Refer to the link on the NCPEA website at http://www.ncpeaprofessors.org for guidelines for submitting to the NCPEA Yearbook.

**Audio Visual Equipment:** Each breakout room will have a DLP/LCD projector and screen, as well as laptops available for use. Presenters should bring their electronic presentations on their laptop or on a flash drive. Overhead projectors will not be available.

Questions about presentation proposal submission content:

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Questions about electronic submissions at http://ncpea.expressacademic.org/login.php:

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