National Council of Professors of Educational Administration
Summer Conference 2011
Call for Proposals

General Information

The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) Summer Conference 2011 will be held August 2nd to August 5th in Portland, Oregon at The Benson Hotel. All members of NCPEA and others are invited to submit proposals for possible inclusion in the program.

Oregon has a history of attracting fiercely independent people. Its geographic landscapes are both scenic and rugged, are widely varied throughout its regions, and are home to a diverse population of Americans. Recent initiatives to strengthen educational leadership, such as the Wallace Foundation’s “cohesive leadership system,” have led to increased collaboration and partnering among professors of educational administration, state policymakers, and school district practitioners. This conference hopes to attract such people to Portland through convening a discussion on ways to promote access and equity for all students to succeed in our schools, around the nation and in the world.

Conference Theme
Blazing New Trails:
Preparing Leaders for Improving Access and Equity in Today’s Schools

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
• Perspectives to Promote Justice
Proposal Deadlines
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Early Submission – December 3, 2010: Proposals submitted electronically by December 3, 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 17, 2010. Electronic confirmation of official presentation date and time will be sent by June 10, 2011.

Early Submission will facilitate discounted rates for early bird registration by December 30, 2010 at The Benson, the conference hotel, for accepted presenters. Rates include Queen/King beds at $149 or Double/Double beds at $164 – call 1-888-523-6766 and mention the early-bird 2010 rates for the NCPEA 2011 Summer Conference.

Late Submission – March 28, 2011: Proposals submitted electronically will be accepted on a revolving basis until March 28, 2011, but there is no consideration of presenter’s request for specified days and times. Electronic notification of acceptance/rejection will be made by May 13, 2011. Electronic notification of official presentation date and time will be sent by June 10, 2011.

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://www.ncpeapublications.org/

- Early-bird Proposal Submission Deadline: December 3, 2010
- Late Proposal Submission Deadline: March 28, 2011
- Electronic notification of proposal acceptance/rejection: By May 13, 2011
- Electronic notification of presentation date and time: By June 10, 2011

Please Note: If a proposal is accepted by May 13, 2011 and the presenter has not registered for the conference by June 3, 2011, the session will be dropped from the program. 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 Dr. Kim Sherman by July 1, 2011. This will permit the NCPEA conference to “go green.” If presenters are unable to submit an electronic copy by July 1, 2011, they will be dropped from the program.

Conference Proceedings: Presenters’ papers as submitted by July 1, 2011 will be included on a complimentary CD of the 2011 NCPEA Summer Conference Proceedings. 2011 Yearbook: The theme of the 65th NCPEA Conference in Portland, Oregon, 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 available for use. Presenters should bring their electronic presentations on their laptop or on a flash drive. Overhead projectors will not be available.

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