

2023 NRMERA ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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The **Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association's** 40th annual conference will be held October 4-6, 2023, in Omaha, Nebraska. NRMERA is the regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). We strive to provide a setting where one can present research, receive feedback, and connect with colleagues from throughout the Mid-West/Rocky Mountain Region and beyond. We welcome research from professionals and students.

We invite you to submit a proposal to share your educational research at this conference. A link to the online submission site is available at www.nrmera.org.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Friday, June 30th, 2023**.

Understanding & Untaming Educational Research: Connecting our Past to the Future

We invite researchers, educators, and graduate students to share their research work and experiences as we strive to advance knowledge about education, encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and promote the use of research to improve education in an array of areas. Submissions related to the theme, *Understanding & Untaming Educational Research: Connecting our Past to the Future*, should focus on:

- promoting connections between theory and practice, as well as the role of research in making and clarifying those connections
- examining longitudinal education research
- advancing educational research through an array of educational ecosystems and diverse research teams
- innovative studies that push traditional modes of sharing findings, themes, and insights from research

However, **submissions focused on any area of educational research are welcome**. Visit www.nrmera.org for the link to submit your proposal for a paper session, poster presentation, roundtable learn-at-lunch, symposium or workshop.

Session Formats for Presentations:

There are five different session formats, described below, for which you may submit proposals.

Paper Presentation. These sessions are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. These will most often be reports of research studies that have concluded. Each paper will have 10 minutes of presentation time followed by 5 minutes for audience Q&A (there will be a moderator present).

Poster Presentation. This session is also intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. Posters include the same information as a research presentation. Presenters should have a professional poster prepared for display. There will be one 60-minute session, during which presenters stand by their posters and engage with conference attendees in a conversational approach.

Roundtable (Learn at Lunch). These sessions are particularly conducive for new presenters and graduate students to allow greater interaction and less formality (discuss ideas, works-in-progress, or other developing research projects). Individual presenters are assigned tables in a large meeting room where interested attendees may gather for “Learn at Lunch” discussions with the presenter about chosen topics with those at the table. This session format will be approximately 60 minutes.

Symposium. A symposium provides an opportunity to examine specific research issues, problems, or topics from a variety of perspectives. Symposia may present alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on a specified subject or in relation to a common theme. Symposia may also use a panel discussion format targeted at a clearly delineated research issue or idea. Symposia may be quite interactive, where a large portion of the session may be devoted to activities such as discussion among the presenters and attendees or small-group interaction. This session format will be approximately 75 minutes.

Workshops. A workshop provides an opportunity to exchange information or work on a common problem, project, or shared interest. Presentations are brief, allowing adequate time for reflective discussion and interaction. The workshop format is designed for sessions that provide information relevant to the research process or other elements of the work of research professionals (e.g., obtaining research funding, serving as a peer reviewer, presenting research to public audiences, integrating diverse theories, using a particular research method or technique). Workshop submissions need to be sessions related to the research process or other elements of the work of research professionals.

All presentation rooms will be equipped with screens and projectors. Presenters will need to provide computers and relevant adaptors. Internet access will be available to presenters and attendees in all conference areas.

Submitting Proposals:

Please submit your proposal electronically through the NRMERA website (www.nrmera.org). The following information is required for all submissions:

Presenter Information: Name, affiliation, position, and email address of all presenters.

Session Format: Specify type of presentation.

Session Keywords: Provide up to three keywords that indicate the session topic(s) and connections.

Title: Title must be blinded for review and no more than 15 words. Titles longer than 15 words will be edited.

Session Abstract: Abstracts will be included in the conference program. They should be blinded for review and no more than 50 words. Abstracts longer than 50 words will be truncated for the program if accepted.

2-3 Page Single-Spaced Proposal: Proposals must be blinded for review and prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th Edition (2020) format. Submit as either Word or PDF file. References may be listed at the end of the submission without a page break. Proposals longer than

three pages (including references) and/or not blinded will not be reviewed. Upload your proposal as an attachment to the online submission form. Specific submission requirements:

- **Paper Presentation:** Include the title, relevant background information, purpose, a short review of relevant literature, research methodology, results/conclusions, discussion of the educational importance of the study, and references.
- **Poster Presentation:** Include the title, relevant background information, purpose, a short review of relevant literature, research methodology, discussion of the educational importance of the study, and references. If applicable, include results/conclusions.
- **Learn-at-Lunch Round table:** Include the title, purpose, short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, learning outcomes for attendees, and references. If applicable, include research methodology and results/ conclusions in your proposal.
- **Symposium:** Include the title, purpose, relevant background information, short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, and references. If applicable, include research methodology and results/conclusions in your proposal.
- **Workshop:** Include the title, relevant background information, purpose, a short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, learning outcomes for attendees, and references.

Proposal Review:

The 2023 NRMERA Executive Board members and interested organization members will conduct a blind review of all submitted proposals. If you are interested in becoming a reviewer, please indicate so on the submission form.

Evaluation criteria includes:

- Specific relevance, background, purpose, and rationale
- Purposeful review of literature
- Clear research methodology
- Delineated results and conclusions (if applicable)
- Educational significance/impact
- Appropriate fit with requested presentation format

Proposals are due by Friday, June 30th, 2023. Proposal submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal by the middle of August. Registration for the conference will also be open at that time. All presenters must be registered for the conference by Friday, September 15, 2023, or their session will be canceled.

Questions:

For questions regarding a proposal topic, a session format, or the submission process, please contact either NRMERA President Faye Haggar (faye.haggar@unmc.edu), or Program Co-Chair Sara Westerlin (swesterlin@peru.edu).