

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

May 1, 2014

The twelfth IERC *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7-8, 2014, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, IL. I invite you to submit a proposal for presentation or for our poster session. This unique forum provides education practitioners, policy makers and researchers with the opportunity to learn from one another about research that is being done on Illinois education from pre-kindergarten through higher education (P-20).

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Concurrent Sessions

Lunch & Plenary Keynote - Dr. Mark Milliron,
Co-founder and Chief Learning Officer of
Civitas Learning

Concurrent Sessions

Reception & Poster session

Dinner

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Breakfast Plenary

Concurrent Sessions

Closing Keynote - Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Director
of the Center for Inclusion, Diversity and
Academic Success (IDEAS), The Ohio State
University

We anticipate selecting 15-20 proposals for presentations and 10-12 proposals for the poster session, depending on the number and quality of proposals received. For the poster session, we encourage you to submit a “work in progress” or completed research study. This is a great opportunity to receive valuable input from education research experts from around the state.

The presenter symposium registration fee is a discounted price of \$100 per person for up to two presenters per paper. The registration fee for all other presenters and attendees will be \$120 per person. Graduate students can register at a \$60 rate.

Selected presenters will have 20–25 minutes with an additional 5–10 minutes for discussion. The poster session will last for one hour during the reception time. Proposals that have been accepted at national or regional meetings within the past year will also be considered.

The IERC *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* attracts participants from higher education, state education agencies, education research centers, the P-20 Council, and education providers in Illinois and surrounding states. Your presentation at the symposium can help facilitate research-informed education policy making and program development in Illinois and the region.

Janet K. Holt, PhD
Executive Director

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Proposal abstracts should be no more than 600 words (excluding references) and should summarize the: study goals or objectives, theoretical perspective, research design and data analysis methods, summary of findings, and implications for Illinois education policy.

Submitters should also include:

- the presenter(s) and their professional affiliation(s) and the presenters' preference for a paper or poster session.
- a biographical statement (one paragraph, approximately 100 words) for the principal investigator(s).
- other venues where this work will be presented prior to October 7, 2014.

The abstracts of the accepted proposals will be published in a compendium that will be distributed electronically. The abstracts may also be included on the IERC website.

Evaluation criteria include:

- The project is relevant to Illinois education policy issues (although may be based on data from other states).
- The methodology used is clear and adequate to support the study's goals.
- Implications for Illinois education policy and practice are clearly described and supported by the results.
- The proposal is based on completed work or the submitter can verify that the results will be available prior to the symposium.

Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Deadline for Proposals: Friday, June 20, 2014

Proposals and inquiries should be directed to:

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Notification of status of proposal will be sent by August 1, 2014