

Fall 2011

# North Carolina Association for Research in Education



## 2012 Annual Meeting Winston-Salem, NC

The North Carolina Association for Research in Education (NCARE) invites proposals for its annual meeting, to be held **February 23-24, 2012**, at the **Hawthorne Inn, downtown Winston-Salem**. This year's conference theme is *Education in Tough Budget Times: Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones?* The meeting will feature a full day of sessions on February 24, 2012 and a social the evening of February 23, 2012.

A paper, poster, or symposium on any educational research or evaluation topic likely to interest North Carolina educators will be considered for the program. All proposals will be reviewed by at least two referees, using the criteria of quality, originality, and significance.

Details about the upcoming NCARE 2012 Annual Meeting can be found at the following website.

<http://ncare.us>



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### Call for Papers, Posters, and Symposia 2012 Annual Meeting

All proposals should be submitted electronically. To submit a proposal, individual need to include an abstract (no more than 200 words) and proposal summary (approximately 1200 words or 2 pages single spaced) that includes the following headings: (a) Objectives or research questions, (b) Perspective or theoretical framework, (c) Method or techniques, (d) Data sources, and (e) Results and conclusions.

Go to <http://ncare.us>

## Registration & Housing for the 2012 Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center in Winston-Salem, NC. NCARE has rooms reserved at the Hawthorne Inn for February 23, 2012. If you plan to stay at the Hawthorne on February 23, you will need to make your reservations by 1/22/12 to receive a reduced

rate. More information about reservations is available at the Hawthorne website—(<http://www.wakehealth.edu/>

hawthorne-inn/) or by calling (336) 777-3000. Our group name is NCARE.



Free Food and Drinks at the NCARE Social on the evening of February 23, 2012 at the Hawthorne Inn .

All presentations are on February 24, 2012

## 2011 Distinguished Paper Award

The 2011 Distinguished Paper Award was *Multi-method Evaluation of an Instructional Coaching Program*, by Judith Penny and Marty Ward of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. This paper will represent North Carolina at the upcoming 2012 AERA conference. NCARE provides \$500 to support travel to the AERA conference. Congratulations to Judith and Marty.

## Call for NCARE Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee of NCARE is issuing a call for nominations for the offices of:

- President-elect
- Treasurer

Nominations are also being accepted for the following open positions on the Board of Directors:

- DPI Representative

- Higher Education
- At-large

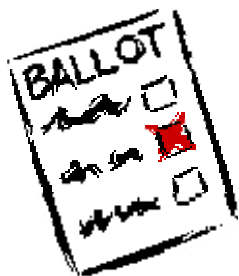
All current NCARE members are eligible to serve on the Board.

Members may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague.

Nominations, including (1) the name of the nominee, (2) the position for which the mem-

ber is being nominated, (3) the nominee's contact information, and (4) a 50-word biographical sketch are due by **December 1, 2011.**

Send nominations to Meagan Karvonen—[karvonen@email.wcu.edu](mailto:karvonen@email.wcu.edu)



## Message from the President

### *Chris Cobitz*

North Carolina is the home of many treasured natural wonders from the mountains to the crystal coast. One incredible asset you will not see on a travel guide is the outstanding cadre of researchers that are part of both the Academy and Public Schools of North Carolina. North Carolina's researchers are investigating new and existing methodologies and policies ranging from STEM participation to Special Education.

At the 2011 NCARE conference, it was wonderful to see and hear how our colleagues are investigating timely issues that impact our practice in both higher education and k-12 education. We are grateful to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools for hosting the conference. This year we return to Winston-Salem for the 2012 conference. This is truly an opportunity to be a part of our community of researchers.

Besides the obvious financial issues that constrain all institutions these days, there are many reasons that NCARE membership makes sense. We are the organization devoted solely to educational research in North Carolina. We are a forum for collegial discussion and an avenue for the voice of local researchers to be heard. As the practice of education at all levels is impacted by increased demand for effectiveness and decreased public funding, we are in an era of change. It is at times like these that thoughtful research can have a major impact on the direction of education in our state for years to come. Such research is empowered through collaboration, the type that NCARE fosters. I encourage you to not only renew your membership but to let your colleagues know of this opportunity to be a part of the state's educational research organization.

## NCARE Membership

***Annual NCARE membership dues are \$20 (full membership) and \$10 for students***

### *Has your NCARE membership lapsed?*

If you have not paid your membership dues within the past year please do so as soon as possible. Look at the mailing label for the number of days since you paid your membership dues. Go to the NCARE website for additional information about renewing your membership: <http://ncare.us>

### *Student involvement in NCARE*

NCARE provides opportunities for students to be involved in research and interact with other researchers. Currently, student membership dues are only **\$10** annually. Students have a discounted rate for the NCARE annual meeting and student presenters are eligible for Marvin Wyne Outstanding Student Paper Award. Applications can be found at the NCARE website.

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