Welcome to MWERA 2015!

Perspectives, Practices, and Leadership in Global Education

October 21-24, 2015 Hilton Orrington Hotel, Evanston, IL





On behalf of the Board of Directors, officers, and Program Committee, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Mid-Western Educational Research Association (MWERA). The conference planning committee has worked hard to put together a program featuring insightful, challenging, and exciting themes for this year. The variety of choices participants have ranges from keynote addresses to invited speakers. Additionally, we have a thought provoking and high quality array of research based papers, workshops, poster sessions, alternative sessions, best practices fora, special events, research in progress, and symposia, all of which went through a rigorous peer-review process. I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to all chairs and co-chairs, reviewers, conference chairs, and discussants who have made this program possible.

The conference will feature dynamic speakers of interest to both researchers and practitioners. Teachers, administrators, and other school personnel are especially invited to come and share their school-based research and experiences at the 2015 MWERA conference. Noteworthy are the so many varied topics and session formats that fit the theme of the conference: "Perspectives, Practices, and Leadership in Global Education."

Globalization has inevitably impacted many dimensions of education in the US. It has also created a more intellectually and culturally integrated environment that raises new considerations for the work force. Our education system has begun to adapt in order to prepare individuals to respond to these challenges. Effective government initiatives, such as the 100,000 Strong initiative, have increased the number of US students studying abroad to achieve a record high of close to 300,000 US students who studied abroad for academic credit and over 886,000 international students who came to the US to study in the 2013-2014 school year, an eight percent increase from the previous school year.

Global education is no longer just a concept for discussion – it has become a reality that impacts all of us, regardless of age or occupation. This creates new opportunities, from international economic collaboration to artistic exchange, but also challenges we must be prepared to face. We can begin by considering the creation of a global curriculum, the participants in the global education system, and the construction of the system itself.

Education has been the means to empower develop, and build the capacities of individuals, institutions, and communities to make them part of mainstream society. Access to equitable and affordable educational opportunities has gradually enhanced opportunities for children and youth, yet we have more work to do. The conference will create the space for us to discuss and share our research, experiences, thoughts, ideas, and work about the theme within the broad context of our educational systems, organizations, and communities. MWERA would encourage submissions from a range of intellectual, practical, and activist perspectives to produce meaningful dialogue and disseminate high quality research. The various themes unifying the educational discipline would provide insights into theory, practice, methodology, or field work on contemporary research practices.

The conference will start with workshops in the afternoon on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. It will continue early Thursday morning at 8:00 AM with a variety of sessions. We are honored to host Dr. **Francis Godwyll**, Professor and Chair in the Department of Research and Advanced Studies and Director of Doctoral Programs, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of West Florida, for his Presidential Keynote Address – which will be delivered on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 11:00 AM in the Hinman Auditorium.

Our luncheon keynote address will feature Dr. Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw, President of St. John's University in New York. He previously served as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Gempesaw obtained his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the Pennsylvania State University and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from West Virginia University. His address will focus on the conference theme and is titled, "Trends and Perspectives in the Global Education Market (U.S. and China)." The keynote address will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015, at 12:10 PM in the Grand Ballroom. Dr. Gempesaw will be available immediately after the address to have a follow-up discussion with interested participants.

I invite you to participate in this conference to renew and establish friendships as well as enrich your professional knowledge. Please visit with me during the conference if there is anything that I can do to enhance your experience.

Cordially, Aimin Wang, Ph.D. MWERA Vice president and Program Chair of 2015 Annual Conference MWERA Wishes to Thank the EHS College and the Office of Global Initiatives at Miami University for Their Generous Donation to Help Sponsor the 2015 MWERA Annual Meeting



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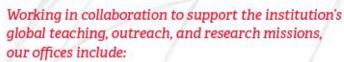
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Conference Events and Highlights

Wednesday at 12:00 PM, On-site registration begins on the 9th floor (foyer area) of the Hilton Orrington Hotel.

On Thursday at 11:00 AM, Dr. Francis Godwyll will present his Presidential Keynote Address in the Hinman Auditorium. Dr. Godwyll will be available following the Keynote Address.

The MWERA Association Council will hold its annual meeting over breakfast on Friday at 8:00 AM in the Holgate Room. All current Association Council members are expected to attend.

The highlight of Thursday evening will be the President's Cracker Barrel Social, scheduled from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Hinnman Foyer. Your host will be the current president of MWERA, Dr. Francis Godwyll. The social is a great way to unwind and catch up with your colleagues. There will be a cash bar for members 21 years of age and older.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual MWERA General Business Meeting scheduled on Friday from 9:25 AM to 10:40 AM in the Hinman Auditorium. President Francis Godwyll will preside over an agenda of issues critically important to the association. Your input is both needed and welcome! Please note that as a result of the importance of the all-members meeting, no other session is scheduled during this period to allow all members to be able to attend.

Another unique feature of this year's conference is the stand alone poster session on Friday morning at 8:00 AM. To ensure maximum participation in the poster sessions, only a very limited number of other sessions were scheduled during that time period. All the poster sessions of the Divisions will take place at the same time and all conference participants are encouraged to be in attendance. Come support, interact with, and learn from the wonderful array of poster presentations at the MWERA 2015 conference.

In an effort to keep members from having to choose between Division meetings and presentation sessions, most Division Business Meetings have been scheduled between 10:50 AM to 12:05 PM on Friday morning. Chairs and co-chairs are expected to conduct these meeting to either elect new chairs and co-chairs or to confirm current ones. They are also expected to elicit the support of members of the Division to explore ways of increasing membership and other ideas about growing the Division. Some Divisions have elected to have invited speakers or student panels in their Business Meeting sessions. These invited speakers and student panels may be of interest to you. Remember that participation in a Division is an important part of MWERA membership. Please acquaint yourself with some of your colleagues in a Division and become active, including helping to recruit new members and assisting in the planning of next year's conference by signing up as a proposal reviewer, session chair, and/or discussant.

At the Friday Luncheon Keynote Address, we are honored to have Dr. Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw as our speaker. Dr. Gempesaw's address is titled, "Perspectives and Trends in Global Education Market (U.S. and China)." Remember, you must pre-register for the conference and select "Will Attend the Luncheon" in order to be guaranteed a seat at the luncheon. Dr. Gempesaw will be available for questions and a small group discussion in the Grand Ballroom immediately after his speech.

Division Chairs and Co-Chairs should attend the Division Chair Luncheon Meeting on Thursday, October 22, at 12:15 PM in the Holgate Room. Dr. Aimin Wang, Drs. Mark Beasley and Kate S. Akers, the 2015 Program Chair and Co-Chairs, and the entire organization are very interested in your feedback. Please complete a conference evaluation so that necessary changes can be made for the 2016 Annual Meeting in Evanston, IL.

General Information

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Mid-Western Educational Research Association will be held from Wednesday, October 21, to Saturday, October 24, at the Hilton Orrington Hotel in Evanston, Illinois. On Wednesday, conference registration will begin at 12:00 PM. Workshops will also start in the afternoon on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will consist of research papers presented in a variety of format sessions, as well as other workshops, invited speakers, meetings, and social events. The conference will conclude following the Board of Directors' meeting at 12:00 PM on Saturday.

Meeting Registration is expected of everyone attending or participating in the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Mid-Western Educational Research Association. Advance payment for full registration for the meeting and current MWERA membership dues are expected of everyone. Registrants are provided a MWERA- 2015 name tag, which must be worn at all times during the conference. Those planning to attend MWERA- 2015 are strongly encouraged to pre-register for the conference and the pre-conference workshops and to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Both conference pre-registrations and hotel reservations must be received by **October 15, 2015.** Conference registrations after October 15th may not be received in time for processing. On-site payment in the form of cash or a personal check will be required. On-site registration and packet pick-up will be available at the registration desk on the 9th floor (foyer area) of the Hilton Orrington Hotel at the following times:

Wednesday, October 21: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 22: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday, October 23: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Membership in the Mid-Western Educational Research Association provides reduced conference registration fees and access to the Mid-Western Educational Researcher, the official MWERA publication. Attendees are encouraged to join. Conference participants must be paid members for 2015.

Other Important Dates to Remember

Early Bird Registration: September 18, 2015

Hotel Reservations: September 18, 2015

Upload full papers for Conference: October 7, 2015

Upload for Distinguished Paper Award: October 24, 2015

MWERA Annual Conference: October 21-24, 2015

Expectations of Presenters

All persons, including graduate students, presenting at the 2015 Annual Meeting are expected to be **members in good standing** and *to register for the full meeting*.

Presenters whose papers have been accepted to a session with a Session Chair and/or Session Discussant are *expected to upload* a completed version of their conference paper through the MWERA website or email the full paper to the corresponding session chair and discussant *two* weeks before the conference starting date (by October 7, 2015). Papers not uploaded to the website or received by the Session Chair and Discussant by this date may be dropped from the program. Presenters should provide copies of their papers in either paper or electronic form to attendees at their sessions.

LCD projectors and screens will be provided by MWERA in presentation rooms. Presenters needing additional computer or audio-visual equipment must make their own arrangements for such equipment (rental from the hotel may be possible at the presenter's own expense).

MWERA reserves the right to reproduce and distribute summaries and abstracts of all accepted proposals, including making such works available in a printed Program Abstract, on the MWERA website, and in press releases promoting the Annual Meeting and the organization. As a condition of acceptance, all authors of papers accepted to the 2015 Annual Meeting explicitly grant MWERA the right to reproduce their work's summary and/or abstract in these ways. Such limited distribution does not preclude any subsequent publication of the work by the author(s).

Authors of accepted proposals assume the ethical and professional responsibility to appear at the Annual Meeting and to participate in their presentation or assigned session. When circumstances preclude the author(s) from doing so, it is the responsibility of the author(s) to arrange a suitable substitute and to notify the Program Chair in advance.

Register for Conference and Paying for Registration and Membership

Registration for the Annual Meeting is available through our secure <u>Online Store</u>. Alternatively, you may print and mail this <u>Registration Form</u>.

Reserve a Room at Hilton Evanston Hotel

Room reservations for <u>Hotel Orrington</u>: Sept. 18, 2015 (a block of rooms has been reserved; first-come, first serve!)

Address and Directions to Hilton Evanston Hotel

Hilton Orrington Hotel, Evanston, IL 1710 Orrington Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60201

Phone: 847.866.8700 **Fax:** 847.866.8724

Directions to Hilton Orrington hotel

Nearby Parking Accommodations

Trip Planner for taking the CTA train from Midway or O'Hare airport to Evanston

Pace Bus Service to/from O'Hare airport (\$1.75 for one way trip)

Downtown Evanston has nearly 90 restaurants and cafes, and an abundance of shopping establishments within easy walking distance of the hotel. Download a <u>Directory</u> of downtown Evanston.

Further Information about Downtown Evanston.

Session Formats

Paper Presentation

Paper sessions are intended to allow presenters the opportunity to make short, relatively formal presentations in which they summarize their papers to an audience. Three to five individual papers dealing with related topics are grouped into a single session running 1 hour 15 minutes. Each paper presentation is allowed approximately 15 minutes (depending on the number of presentations in a given session) to present the highlights of the paper. A Session Discussant is also allowed 10-15 minutes, following all papers, for comments, synthesis, and/or constructive feedback. A Session Chair moderates the entire session. Ideally, presenters should provide all interested audience members complete copies of their papers, a link to the full paper, or a one-page summary of the study highlights along with their contact information.

Paper Poster

Paper Poster sessions are intended to provide opportunities for interested individuals to participate in a dialogue with the presenter(s). Presenters are provided an area in which to display a table-top poster, ancillary handouts, or other A/V materials. Ideally, presenters should provide complete copies of their papers to all interested audience members or, if not feasible, should bring a one-page summary of the study highlights along with their contact information.

The size of the poster board is three (3) feet wide and five (5) feet tall for the 2015 Conference.

Symposium

A symposium is intended to provide an opportunity for examination of specific problems from a variety of perspectives. Symposium organizers are expected to identify the topic or issue, identify and ensure the participation of individual speakers who will participate in the session, prepare any necessary materials, and facilitate the session. It is suggested that the speakers or symposium organizer provide interested individuals with one (or more) papers relevant to and/or drawn from the symposium.

Workshop

Workshops are intended to provide an extended period of time during which the workshop leader helps participants develop or improve their ability to perform some process (e.g., how to provide clinical supervision, use the latest features of the Internet, or conduct an advanced statistical analysis).

Organizers may request from 1½ to 3 hours, and are responsible for providing all necessary materials for participants. Most workshops are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, although others may be scheduled throughout the conference.

Alternative Session

The form, topics, and format of alternative sessions are limited only by the imagination and creativity of the organizer. These options are intended to afford the most effective method or approach to disseminating scholarly work of a variety of types. Proposals for alternative sessions must include a brief rationale for the alternative being proposed and will be evaluated on their appropriateness to the topic and audience, their ability to meet the limitations of time, space, and expense for MWERA, and the basic quality or value of the topic. The organizer of alternative sessions is responsible for all major participants or speakers, developing and providing materials, and chairing the session.

Best Practices Forum

The Best Practices sessions provide opportunities for individuals or groups to present "best" or "promising" practices impacting both K-12 and higher education. These sessions highlight unique and innovative programs that have demonstrated promise for improving and enhancing educational practices. Presenters will be grouped by similar topics to facilitate discussion among the groups and audience.

Research in Progress

Research in Progress affords individual researchers, particularly graduate students and early-career scholars, the opportunity to submit evidence based works that are not fully realized and/or completed, but have enough progression and fidelity to warrant dissemination and discussion among peers. For example, roundtable sessions on **Research in Progress** can be arranged to provide student-participants/new scholars with an opportunity to receive comments on their research in progress for feedback to enhance its potential for publication or presentation at a professional conference.

Panel Presentation

Panel presentations would be a group of presenters (3 to 5) that have been organized by a session chair (or collaboration of teachers and students) around a theme of their choice. Panels would be more flexible than paper sessions. The panelists could discuss a topic as a group rather than giving individual papers with active engagement of the audience. Panels could be scheduled for 50-60 minutes, including the time for audience participation.

MWERA Distinguished Paper Award and Publication Opportunities

As was done last year, the Mid-Western Educational Researcher editors, with the assistance of annual meeting discussants who choose to provide feedback, will select candidates from each division for Distinguished Paper consideration. Discussants will be asked to provide feedback about each completed paper in their sessions; forms will be provided in their conference packets. To be considered, a full paper must be uploaded to the All-Academic website by October 24, 2015. Proposals, outlines, and other incomplete submissions will not be considered. If your paper is selected you will be contacted regarding your wish to begin the peer-review process and potentially publish in MWER. If your paper is not selected as the division representative, we nonetheless highly encourage you to submit your manuscript to MWER through the regular submission process.

One paper from the twelve Division Distinguished Papers will be chosen to represent MWERA at the AERA conference in Washington, DC, in April 2016. MWERA's Association Council and MWER editors will collaborate to select a single paper for this honor. You must be able to attend the AERA conference and present the paper in order to be eligible. A \$150 stipend to cover registration expenses will be awarded by the MWERA Board of Directors.

If you have any questions about either process, please contact Debra Miretzky or Sharon Stevens at mwer1316@gmail.com.

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