

Hello SIG supporters!

Many thanks to all of you for your interest in our new SIG. We have lots of momentum to build upon, and hope that many of you were able to join us in Denver at our presidential off-site event, "Community Organizing and the Struggle for Equity and Justice in Education: Denver and Beyond," at Academia Sandoval, co-sponsored by Padres y Jovenes Unidos of Denver.

We're looking forward to next year's AERA meeting in New Orleans, where the theme will be "Inciting the Social Imagination: Education Research for the Public Good." The conference is encouraging submissions "that employ situated perspectives and dynamic conceptions of institutions and communities, as well as their members and practices." We think this theme fits especially well with our SIG's emphasis on grassroots community and youth organizing and our desire to showcase research that is integrated with the voices of communities and youth.

As most of you know, the deadline for proposals has been permanently moved up to **July 15**, and many of you may have already started thinking about your proposals. Please consider submitting your proposal through the **Grassroots Community and Youth Organizing SIG**. The more proposals and membership we get, the more sessions we will be able to host. So submit your fantastic research today. Information is provided at the end of this e-mail.

If you're not planning to submit a proposal (or even if you are), there are other ways to be involved:

1. Sign up to be a REVIEWER, CHAIR or DISCUSSANT. Like all AERA SIGs, we rely on volunteers like you to review proposals and facilitate our sessions. You can volunteer by going to the AERA website (www.era.net), logging on, and choosing the option "Volunteer to be a Chair, Discussant or Reviewer." Be sure to indicate which role you are interested in.
2. Sign up as a member of our SIG if you haven't already. **More membership means more sessions for our SIG.** Go to www.era.net <<http://www.era.net>> to register.
3. FORWARD this email to anyone you know who would be interested in participating in our SIG this year! Word-of-mouth is one of the best ways to connect with others who are doing important work with youth and communities.

Any questions about the call for proposals can be sent to the program co-chairs: Jean Wing (jywing@gmail.com) or Soo Hong (shong@wellesley.edu).

Best,

Jean Wing

Soo Hong

Call for Proposals

Grassroots Community and Youth Organizing SIG

American Educational Research Association

What?

We invite you to submit proposals that fit with the mission of our SIG:

We aim to advance research on community and youth organizing, particularly in low income communities and communities of color. We will work to build a research community that engages with practitioners in organizing groups, educational institutions and policy-making circles. We seek to foster research that examines the ways in which organizing efforts affect school improvement and educational equity, youth development, community/democratic revitalization and social justice.

We are especially interested in proposals that present research findings in a creative and engaging format and include representatives from community and youth organizations when possible.

Please note: AERA has adopted some major changes this year. We encourage you to read the entire call, but you should specifically look at the "Facts at a Glance" on page 300 of the Educational Researcher. This information can also be found on the AERA website. Submissions need to adhere to the published guidelines; those that don't will be automatically rejected without review. So please make sure you carefully review all of the information provided in the Call.

How?

Proposals must be submitted online at www.aera.net <<http://www.aera.net>> through the regular submission process. When prompted select the Special Interest Group (SIG) Grassroots Community and Youth Organizing.

When?

Proposals must be submitted by July 15, 2009.