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Susan Kochan, our SIG:SIP Program Chair, has announced the following sessions of the SIG at the AERA Annual Meeting in Montreal, April 19-23.

All members are asked to attend the annual session for SIG:SIP members on Wednesday evening. We will be joined by a panel of state-level researchers who will discuss their recent experiences in developing and implementing accountability systems and reports. The meeting will also feature refreshments, networking, and a good opportunity to catch up with people in your field--all with a special Quebec flavor!

For AERA registration information visit <http://www.aera.net/meeting/regis99.html>.

Wednesday, April 21, 6:15-7:45, Sheraton, Salon H (Level A)

School Profiles and Indicators Membership Meeting and Panel Discussion

SIG/School Indicators and Profiles

Panel Discussion: Education Indicators and Accountability Systems: Critical Issues in Development and Reporting--Recent Experience of States

Moderator: Rolf K. Blank, CCSSO

- Ellen Forte Fast, Connecticut Department of Education
- Brian Gong, Advanced Systems (formerly of the Kentucky Department of Education)
- Susan Kochan, Louisiana Department of Education
- Joseph Johnson, University of Texas-Austin
- Gerry Richardson, Florida Department of Education

Issues for Discussion:

- Indicators and performance scores that are understandable, useful, and statistically reliable
- Measuring progress, setting baseline and targets
- Integrity of data, e.g., test scores
- Special populations and accountability
- Reporting to the public (e.g., identifying schools for improvement)

Business Meeting:

Rolf Blank, Chair

Gretchen Ridgeway, Secretary-Treasurer

- Election of SIP Program Chair
- Officer Reports
- Discussion of SIG Activities
- Refreshments and Informal Discussion

Thursday, April 22, 12:25-1:55, Marriott, Terasse Room (Plaza Level) ***Measure for Measure: Varying Perspectives on How We Measure and Translate School Performance***

SIG/School Indicators and Profiles; SIG/School Effectiveness and School Improvement

Chair: Lee Hoffman, National Center for Education Statistics

Discussant: Bobby Franklin, Louisiana Department of Education

Papers/Presentations:

- *Indicators of School Performance: The Barometer of Educational Transformation in South Africa.*

Charles Sheppard, Human Sciences Research Council, William J. Smith, McGill University Office of Research on Public Policy

- *Validation of Competing Statistical Formulas of School Effectiveness.* Eugene Kennedy, Louisiana State University, Maryann Durland, Arthur Andersen Center for Professional Education
- *Schools Speaking to Stakeholders: Putting the School Performance Puzzle Together.* John MacBeath, University of Strathclyde Quality Education Center; William J. Smith and Carolyn Sturges Sparkes, McGill University Office of Research on Educational Policy
- *Use of Educational Indicators in State Reports: Cross-State Analysis, Methods of Reporting, and Use of Technology.* Jennifer Manise, Rolf Blank, Council of Chief State School Officers
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Tuesday, April 20, 11:25-12:05, Hilton, Fontaine B (Level F)
Contributions to School Performance Research

SIG/School Indicators and Profiles; SIG/School Effectiveness and School Improvement

TABLES:

- *A School Improvement Case Study from the Louisiana School Effectiveness and Assistance Program (SEAP).* Deborah S. Heroman, Sharon L. Pol, Elizabeth A. Kemper, Louisiana State University
- *Support Services to Promote Cost-Effective Schools.* Es C. Steyn, Potchefstroom University, South Africa
- *Senior Project: Performance Based School Improvement Program.* Mark A. Winters, Georgia Southern University
- *Effective School Organization: Multiage, Multigrade, Nongraded or Single Grade Classrooms?* Barbara Nelson Pavan, Temple University
- *Indices of Community SES and Poverty: Predictors of School District Achievement.* Rich Hofmann, Miami University

Thursday, April 22, 4:05-6:05, Sheraton, Salle de Bal Centre (Level 4)
Exploring the Context of School Performance and School Improvement: Multi-National Perspectives

SIG/School Indicators and Profiles

Chair: Maryann Durland

Discussant: Jerry Bamburg, University of Washington

Papers/Presentations:

- *What Do You Call People with Visions? The Role of Vision and Goals in School Leadership.* Philip Hallinger, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University
 - *Estimating Neighborhood Effects on School Outcomes and Post-School Destinations: The Case of Northern Ireland.* Peter Daly, Ian Shuttelworth, Queens University, Belfast
 - *Validating a Regression Model for Predicting School Effectiveness.* Amy Westbrook, Dianne L. Taylor, Eugene Kennedy, Louisiana State University
 - *Student Progress in Australian Schools: A Multilevel Multivariate Model.* Deidra J. Young, Curin University of Technology
 - *Double Jeopardy: Being Disadvantaged in a Disadvantaged School.* George Frempong, Doug Willms, University of New Brunswick
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Friday, April 23, 12:25-1:55, Queen Elizabeth, St. Francois Room (Lobby Level)

Exploring the Contributions and Impact of Teachers in Creating Successful Schools

SIG/School Indicators and Profiles; SIG/School Effectiveness and School Improvement

Chair: Deidra J. Young

Discussant: Peter Daly, Queens University, Belfast

Papers/Presentations:

- *Professional Development and Student Achievement: Making the Connection.* Jeanie Weathersby, Georgia State University
 - *Influences of Workplace Conditions on Teachers' Job Satisfaction.* Xin Ma, University of Alberta; Robert B. Macmillan, St. Francis Xavier University
 - *What Teachers Think About Their Schools: A Meta-Analysis.* Jennie Gill, Charles Teddlie, Louisiana State University
 - *Managing Incompetent Teachers.* Gill Hayes, Rosemary P. Chamberun, Ted Wragg, Caroline Wragg, University of Exeter, U.K.
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SIG:SIP Web Site

Check out our web site at <http://www.wcer.wisc.edu/sipsig/>.

The web site is a work in progress. Please send Rolf Blank (rolfb@ccsso.org) your suggestions and ideas for additions or improvements. Let us know how the web site can help you do research, interact, establish contacts, and provide information. We could use help with

organizing and editing material for the site. Please contact Rolf if you can help!

If your organization maintains a web site, please consider linking to the SIG:SIP address. Also, please forward the SIP web site information onto your colleagues and friends who may want to join SIG:SIP.

Membership Information

The current list of paid SIG members is shown on the web site. If you find any corrections are needed to your address, or if you want to add your e-mail address, please send them to Gretchen (gretchen_ridgeway@odedodea.edu).

We are mailing this newsletter to "former members," as well as all current members (former=\$5 annual membership not paid as of 9/30/98). We hope you will choose to renew your membership (a form is on the web site).

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