

Call for SEER Proposals
2012 Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER) at the 40th Annual
International Association of Experiential Education (AEE) Conference in Madison,
Wisconsin, USA, November 1- 4, 2012

Proposals describing new empirical and conceptual research in the field of experiential education are now being solicited for the 12th Annual Symposium for Experiential Education Research (SEER). The symposium is a component of the annual International Association of Experiential Education (AEE) Conference and features formal, peer-reviewed research presentations, followed by questions and comments from the audience as well as comments by a discussant for each themed session. Four 90-minute blocks of time will be allocated at the International AEE Conference for the Symposium, with speakers being allowed 15 minutes for presentation and five minutes for questions and answers. All submitted proposals will be blind reviewed and ranked according to the following criteria: (a) clarity of question or problem; (b) importance of the topic or study; (c) establishment of theoretical and methodological basis for study; (d) appropriateness of analytic methods; (e) evidence or logic that supports the conclusions; and (f) contribution to experiential education field.

Proposals will be grouped according to themes emerging from the 12 highest-ranking papers. Grouping papers by theme encourages greater participation by other Conference attendees and affords more focused discussion in each session.

SEER will continue with a poster session in addition to the normal symposium. Selected posters will be displayed in a visible location for all Conference attendees to view, and time will be scheduled for authors to be present to discuss their research. If you wish to be considered for a poster presentation, please indicate this on the Proposal Cover Sheet. Authors of selected posters will have the opportunity to have their poster abstracts published in the 2012 SEER Book of Proceedings. (Proposals selected for inclusion in the themed oral presentation sessions cannot be presented as posters.)

Conditions for Submission of Proposals

1. Completed studies or scholarly discussions are suitable for submission. Proposals of works in progress may also be submitted provided that *analysis is complete* when the final proposal is due to be presented.
2. Only studies or papers that *have not* been previously published or presented at another professional conference may be submitted. Papers that address the same question, use the same analysis, or develop the same logical argument as previous publications or presentations are not eligible.
3. Proposals undergo blind peer reviews, but Symposium co-chairs make final decisions about acceptance. Papers may be rejected due to time and space limitations, ineffective development within the two-page abstract, violation of the preceding listed conditions #1 or #2, weaknesses in the study/project itself, or failure to follow submission guidelines (see below).
4. Authors whose proposal is accepted are expected to deliver their presentations as assigned during the Symposium. Please do not submit an abstract unless you are committed to attending the Symposium. Presenters are expected to register for the 2012 International AEE Conference.
5. The deadline for submission is **April 6, 2012**. Abstracts *must* be accompanied by the **SEER Abstract Cover Sheet** (available at www.aee.org/re/seer). Authors will be notified via e-mail of the status of their submission by **May 25, 2012**. Presenters will be asked to provide an abstract by **September 7, 2012**, for inclusion in the *Proceedings of the Symposium*.

6. Accepted proposals will be published in the *2012 Proceedings of the Symposium for Experiential Education Research to be handed out at the conference*. Accepted authors are encouraged to bring full-length papers for distribution at SEER and also submit full papers to the *Journal of Experiential Education*. *Following the conference, authors will also be afforded the opportunity to expand their proposal to a three- to six-page research note. Upon acceptance, this research note will be published under a separate cover entitled Research Notes of the Symposium in Experiential Education Research for 2012.*

The submission deadline for proposals is **April 6, 2012**. Submit an *electronic* copy of your proposal to:

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Proposal Preparation Details

1. Proposals must be limited to **two pages** maximum, using 12-point, single-spaced text and one-inch margins on sides, top, and bottom. A third page containing references may be included, but is not required. Proposals not adhering to these requirements will not be reviewed. Files should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
2. Proposals need a **title** that reflects the general nature of the research.
3. Proposals reporting empirical studies should contain **appropriate headings** identifying the following sections: review of literature, method, results, and discussion. Proposals reporting conceptual and theoretical discussions should also have appropriately descriptive headings.
4. **Remove author identification** in properties. (In Word, go to File, then Properties. Choose Summary and remove author name.) Track changes should not be readable.
5. A **list of references**, not exceeding one page, may be included on a third page following the proposal. It should use the same font and margin format as previously specified for abstract proposals. References should be formatted according to the most current edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.
6. Proposals not meeting all the specifications may be rejected from further consideration.
7. Cover Sheet: Abstracts *must* be accompanied by the completed **SEER Abstract Cover Sheet** (available at www.aee.org/re/seer).

For additional information, contact SEER Co-Chairs Dr. Alan Ewert (Indiana University) at (812) 855-8116 or awert@indiana.edu or Dr. Stacy Taniguchi (Brigham Young University) at (801) 422-3844 or stacy_taniguchi@byu.edu.