

National Council on Measurement in Education 2003 Annual Meeting

April 22–24, 2003, Chicago, IL

SELECTED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- Teaching for the Test: Validity, Fairness, and Moral Action—*Linda Crocker*

CAREER AWARD ADDRESS

- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Amiable Allies or Phony Friends?—*Honoree: Jim Popham, Discussants: Lorrie Shepard, Andy Porter*

INVITED SYMPOSIA

- **Adequate Yearly Progress Under NCLB: Various Considerations for Design and Implementation**

Organizer, Moderator, and Discussant: Stan Rabinowitz

- Reliability Considerations: What are the Reliability Tradeoffs Associated with Various State Models?—*Richard Hill*
- Validity Considerations: What are the Validity Tradeoffs Associated with Various State Models?—*Sri Ananda*
- Implementation Considerations: What Factors Affect Statewide Implementation of a AYP Model?—*Paul La Marca*
- Assistance Considerations: How Do You Determine Which Schools Really Need Assistance?—*Brian Gong*

- **Dimensions of Research on Accommodations: Emerging Connections to Practice**

Organizer, Moderator, and Discussant: Gerald Tindal

- Examining the Validity of Testing Accommodations: Looking at DIF Results and Testing the Interaction Paradigm—*Stephen Elliott*
- Targeting Appropriate Math Accommodations Using Oral and Listening Comprehension Proficiency—*Keith Hollenbeck*
- The Role of IEP Team Members in Participation and Accommodation Decision Making: Reliability, Validity, and Legal Defensibility—*Lizanne De Stefano & James Shriner*
- State Variations in Policy and Practice—*Martha Thurlow*

- **Readiness Assessment for Young Children: A Case Study Based on the South Carolina Readiness Assessment**

Organizer: Huynh Huynh, Moderator: Teri Siskind, Discussants: Samuel Meisels, Joan Herman

- Issues in Assessing Readiness in Young Children—*Teri Siskind*
- Evolution of Readiness Assessment in South Carolina—*Susan Prior & Dorinda Gallant-Taylor*
- Documenting the Technical Quality of a Readiness Assessment—*Dorinda Gallant-Taylor, Susan Prior, & Huynh Huynh*
- Documenting the Validity of a Readiness Assessment—*Huynh Huynh, Dorinda Gallant-Taylor, & Susan Prior*
- Addressing Consequential Validity of a Readiness Assessment—*Jim Casteel*

- **Making Test Results More Useful and Understandable: Advances in Admissions Testing, State and National Assessments, and Credentialing**

Organizer: Ronald Hambleton, Chair: Lisa Keller, Discussants: Linda Crocker, Ronald Hambleton

- Student Level and Aggregate Diagnostics That Can Inform Instruction: PSAT Enhanced Score Reporting—*Wayne Camara*

- Reporting Student Results on State Assessments: Current Practice, Problems, and Possibilities—*Dean Goodman*
- Making the Numbers Count: Lessons Learned From Reporting National Assessment of Educational Progress to the General Public—*Jay Campbell*
- Applications of Multidimensional Diagnostic Scoring for Certification and Licensure Tests—*Ric Luecht*

- **Measurement Challenges in State Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities**

Organizer and Moderator: Ed Roeber, Participants: Daniel Wiener, Teri Siskind, Carolyn Haug, Discussants: Joe Ryan, Huynh Huynh, Meagan Karvonen

- **Assessment's Brave New World: Issues in Computer-Based Testing (Invited Graduate Student Symposium)**

Organizer: William Skorupski, Participants: To be chosen based on proposal submissions

COMMITTEE SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

- **Assessment as Advocacy: Enhancing Educational Opportunities for Poor Children and Children of Color (Minority Issues and Testing Committee)**

Organizer and Moderator: Sharon Robinson, Discussant: Gwyneth Boodoo

- Essential Elements for Instructionally Valid Assessment—*Asa Hilliard & Nana Baffous Amenkwatia*
- Assessment and Equity in a Multicultural Society—*Jacqueline Jordan Irvine*
- Date Indicators on the Success of Early Childhood Intervention Programs—*Chrys Dougherty*
- Effective Early Childhood Assessment Systems—*Jacqueline Jones*

- **No Child Left Behind: One Year Into Implementation (National Association of Test Directors)**

Organizer and Moderator: Judith Levinson

- Federal Perspective—*Zollie Stevenson*
- Perspective From a Consultant to States—*Glynn Ligon*
- Perspective From a Large Urban School District—*Phil Hansen*
- Perspective From a Small Urban/Suburban School District—*Allan Alson*

- **Uncharted Territory: Questions That Take Us Beyond Current Measurement Conceptualizations (Graduate Student Issues Committee)**

Organizer and Moderator: Jennifer Dunn

- Computerized Adaptive Testing—*Mark Reckase*
- Item Response Theory—*Wendy Yen*
- Equating—*Mike Kolen*
- Hierarchical Linear Modeling—*Steve Raudenbush*

NCME FITNESS RUN/WALK

- Run 5K or walk a 2.5K course along the lakefront in Grant Park.
- Commemorative T-shirts will be given to all participants.
- Check the NCME website in the spring for details: <http://ncme.org>

Chicago

Chicago . . . America's "Second City" . . . the hub of the Midwest . . . a lively and extravagant metropolis. Chicago is extrav-

agent in both its architecture and style. Such architectural giants as Louis Henri Sullivan, William LeBaron Jenney, and Frank Lloyd Wright have left a permanent elegance about Chicago's buildings and boulevards.

But Chicago is more than just buildings. It has beaches, a lake, and over 430 parks. Chicago also has plazas, fountains, and works of art by such names as Picasso, Calder, Miro, and Chagall. The city is blessed with an opera company, a world-class orchestra, many jazz clubs, and countless theaters.

In 1833, Chicago was a village with 350 residents but by 1850 it had become the world's busiest rail center; today it has the world's busiest airport. Chicago immigrants quickly and proudly became American and yet held onto something of their own, giving the city its distinctive flavor. Visit Chinatown, Germantown, or Greektown. Swedish, Mexican, Polish, and Irish . . . they all came, fell in love with the place, and stayed. It's easy to see why.

Registration

It is the policy of NCME that all persons, including participants, who plan to attend one or more sessions at the NCME Annual Meeting are required to register. Registration is not transferable.

Badges should be worn at all times, not only as a courtesy to other registrants but also as an indication that registration has been completed before participation in any scheduled event. Badges must be worn to gain admission to the Exhibit Hall and Placement Service. In addition, badge wearing will be monitored at selected sessions.

Advance Registration

Advance registration provides several advantages:

- A discount on registration fees
- Assured housing at special guaranteed rates
- No delay or inconvenience on-site (only pick-up of the Program Supplement and a badge holder is necessary)
- Registrant's hotel address will be listed in the advance directory that is available at the beginning of the meeting.

Deadline. Advance registration will close March 19, 2003. On-site registration will be at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. There will be an early bird registration from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 20, 2003.

Nonmembers. You may register in advance or on-site. Nonmembers may register at member rates if a membership application and dues payment accompany the advance registration. An application appears in this issue of *EM:IP*. Registration fees do not include membership in NCME. An application for membership and payment must be sent with the advance registration form in order to join and register as a member.

Guest Registration. Guest registration is designed for the spouse or family of the registrant. Guests may visit the exhibits and attend the session in which the registrant is a participant. Guest registration is not applicable for professionals (including students) in the field who will be attending sessions or presenting papers. Guest registration must be included as part of the registration of another individual. Only *one* guest is allowed per registrant.

Badges. Badges will be mailed on March 26, 2003. If you have received confirmation of your registration, but did not receive your

badge, a new badge can be printed for you at the registration desk on site. ***Please bring your badge to the meeting.*** There will be a \$2 replacement fee for lost badges.

Payment. Make checks for registration and housing payable to NCME/ExpoExchange in U.S. Dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. Purchase orders are accepted for registration fees ONLY.

Attendees may charge their registration fees to VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or Diners Club.

Refunds. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$10 service charge, if a written request is received at the AERA Housing/Registration Bureau by March 7, 2003. Refunds cannot be made after March 8, 2003. Also, please note that registration is not transferable.

NCME

The National Council on Measurement in Education is a professional organization that will hold its Annual Meeting from April 22–24, 2003, in conjunction with that of AERA. It is possible to register for both Meetings by completing *only* the registration block marked JOINT.

Housing and Hotel Rates

Special convention rates have been negotiated with hotels in the area of the meeting site. Because rooms are available on a *first-come, first-served* basis, you are urged to register and to make your housing request as early as possible.

Hotel rates for the NCME Annual Meeting are listed with this form. All rates are per room night and are subject to Chicago taxes. The rates include a small rebate to the Association to help defray a portion of the expenses for conducting the Annual Meeting. The special NCME rates can be guaranteed only if the request is accompanied by the Advance Registration Form and payment of the registration fee, and only until March 19, 2003. *During the advance registration period, the hotels **will not** accept reservations directly.*

To avoid unnecessary delays, please be sure to include the registration and housing fees and to supply all requested information on the Registration and Housing Request Form, *including your dates of arrival and departure*. If necessary, estimate your arrival and departure dates and adjust them later.

As the date of the convention draws closer, there is no guarantee you will obtain a room in the first hotel you request or at the rate you request. If your first choice is not available, a comparable hotel will be assigned, or rooms will be confirmed at the next highest rate.

Persons sharing accommodations should submit their registration forms and payment together. The Housing Bureau will send a confirmation to all persons who requested the room.

Confirmations. The Housing Bureau must receive a deposit of \$150 per room before your hotel reservation will be processed. One-bedroom suites require a \$300 deposit and a deposit of \$450 is required for 2 bedroom suites. Reservation requests will not be processed without a credit card or check. All rates are per room, per night and are subject to local taxes. The Housing Bureau will send you an acknowledgment of your meeting registration and hotel reservation. Your confirmation should arrive 5 to 7 days after receipt. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive your acknowledgment in this time frame, please contact the Housing Bureau

(847-940-2150). You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.

If sending a check, the Housing Bureau will accept one check that combines the registration fee and housing deposit.

Changes or Cancellations in Dates. Reservation changes can be made over the phone, through e-mail, or via fax. Cancellations must be made in writing via fax or email to the NCME/AERA Housing Bureau (fax 800-521-6017 or 847-940-2386; or e-mail aera@expoedge.com). All changes and cancellations must be made by March 19, 2003. For changes and cancellations after this date, continue to contact the Housing Bureau through March 25, 2003. However, changes and cancellations cannot be guaranteed after March 19. If hotel reservation cancellations are made within 72 hours of arrival attendees will forfeit their deposit.

Hotels

Sheraton Chicago, 301 East North Water St., 312-464-1000. Located in downtown Chicago, the hotel is ideally situated within walking distance of the Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier. Amenities include coffee makers, mini-bars, voicemail, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, and complimentary newspapers.

Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Dr., 312-565-1234. Hyatt Regency Chicago situated on the acclaimed Magnificent Mile in the heart of downtown—near everything Chicago has to offer. Newly renovated guestrooms feature dual phone lines, mini-bars, irons and ironing boards, complimentary use of the fitness center, and video and voicemail check-out.

Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 North Michigan Ave., 312-836-0100. A convention hotel with a premiere location on Michigan Avenue that allows attendees accessibility to convention functions while enjoying the sights of Michigan Avenue shopping and entertainment. The hotel offers (1,192) spacious guest accommodations, complimentary health club and great restaurants, and the Marriott Rewards program.

Courtyard by Marriott, 30 East Hubbard St., 312-329-2500. This amazing product is 1.5 blocks from Michigan Avenue. Another Marriott product that allows attendees accessibility to convention functions while enjoying the sights of North Michigan Avenue shopping and entertainment. The hotel offers (337) spacious accommodations, complimentary health club and great restaurants, and the Marriott Rewards program.

Fairfield Inn and Suites, 216 E. Ontario St., 312-787-3777. The Fairfield Inn and Suites is the newest development located 1.5 blocks from Michigan Avenue as well as convenient for attendees to enjoy accessibility to convention functions. This amazing 185-room hotel offers spacious guest accommodations and complimentary continental breakfast as well as the Marriott Rewards program.

Hilton–Palmer House, 17 East Monroe St., 312-726-7500. The Hilton–Palmer House is a four diamond, three star hotel located in the heart of Chicago's downtown business district, just 1 block off Michigan Avenue and just minutes from Lake Michigan. The hotel offers exquisitely appointed guest rooms and suites, a full service health club, enclosed shopping arcade, business service center, and a variety of restaurants and lounges.

Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, 505 North Michigan Ave., 312-944-4100. The Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago originally opened as the Medinah Men's Athletic Club. The 807-room property is located in the heart of the city's business, entertainment and shopping districts, and includes 30 meeting rooms, six unique ballrooms, a fitness center with an award-winning junior Olympic-sized pool, and restaurant Zest.

Renaissance Chicago Hotel, 1 West Wacker Dr., 312-372-7200. Located in the heart of Chicago's North Loop, the stylish and elegant Renaissance Chicago Hotel is the quintessential meeting location—within walking distance to the Central Business District, a renewed Theater District, and the famous Magnificent Mile shopping and dining avenue. Four star, four diamond property and award-winning food beverage/Chef of the Year. The guest rooms offer hair dryers, coffee makers, high speed internet access, triple sheeted beds, complimentary newspaper delivery, 24 Hour Room Service. The health club is complimentary to all guests and includes a pool, whirlpool, and sauna.

Residence Inn by Marriott, 201 East Walton St., 312-943-9800. Located one block from the John Hancock Building, this hotel offers apartment type accommodations with accessibility to NCME functions. The hotel offers (221) units, fully equipped kitchens with microwaves, complimentary daily breakfast buffet and accessibility to great shopping on Michigan Avenue. Complete hotel renovation in 2002 and offers Marriott Rewards.

Swissotel Chicago, 323 East Wacker Dr., 312-565-0565. Luxury modern European-styled hotel that offers 632 oversized and recently renovated guestrooms. The hotel is centrally located with unsurpassed views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. Other amenities: Penthouse Healthclub, pool, 4 restaurants and 24-hour room service.

The Fairmont Chicago, 200 North Columbus Dr., 312-565-8000. Chicago's most exciting grand hotel, The Fairmont Chicago overlooks Lake Michigan, Grant Park, and the Monroe Yacht Harbor. Located mid-city, The Fairmont Chicago offers 692 guest rooms and suites with spectacular lake and city views and is one of the most beautiful and luxuriously appointed hotels ever built in the country. Its facilities, amenities and services are designed with five-star standards in mind and are equal to those found in the grandest hotels anywhere.

Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn St., 312-744-1900. The Westin Chicago River North is Chicago's leading upscale downtown hotel, offering a total of 424 guest rooms and 28,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space.

General Information

Airfare. The Association has arranged exclusive discount airfares for the Annual Meeting registrants with Delta and United. Inquiries on travel arrangements should be directed to Delta and United through their special convention desk lines. If you normally use the services of a travel agent, have the agent place your reservations through the toll-free number to obtain the same advantages for you. Delta may be contacted at 1-800-241-6760. Give the AERA file number DMN178047A. United may be contacted at 1-800-521-4041. Give the AERA file number 597BT.

Headquarter Hotels. All sessions will be conducted in the two co-headquarter hotels: The Sheraton Chicago and the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Exhibits (April 22–24) will be held at the Sheraton.

Placement Service. A Placement Service, with interview facilities, will be conducted during the Annual Meeting. Registration request forms are at <http://www.aera.net> and will also be available from the Central Office. Copies of the list of positions available can be purchased at the Meeting or by contacting the AERA Central Office. Placement will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Program and Supplement. The official Program, containing a complete list of Meeting events, will be mailed to *all* NCME members (whose memberships are current) by mid March. Nonmembers whose registration is received after March 7, 2003 (January 24, for non-U.S. addresses) will not be mailed a Program before the Meeting, but may pick up a copy on-site in the registration area of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. There will be a charge of \$12.00 at the Meeting for additional or replacement copies of the Program.

The Program Supplement, containing important late changes, additions, and corrections, will be issued on-site at the registration area of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Supplement also contains an AERA dining guide.

Information for Persons with Disabilities. NCME encourages persons with disabilities to attend the Annual Meeting. Most hotels are accessible to the disabled. To reserve a hotel room better suited to meet the needs of the disabled, please indicate your needs in the appropriate space on the Housing Request Form. Individuals with a disability should check the appropriate

box on the registration form and attach a note outlining specific needs to make the Meeting more accessible. This includes participants who may need interpreting assistance or any other special assistance. A note from a physician should accompany your request.

Child Care. Services will be provided by KiddieCorp for all ages from infants to adolescents at one of the co-headquarters hotels. Experienced staff will include an on-site supervisor and the organization is licensed, bonded, and insured. Nutritious snacks and beverages along with age-appropriate toys, games, movies, and cartoons will be provided. Ratios of staff to children are 1 to 2 for infants, 1 to 3 for toddlers, and 1 to 5 for school age children.

The Child Care Center will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on the first day of the Annual Meeting, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on subsequent days except for the last day (Friday, April 25), when it will close at 3:45 p.m. To ensure the center is properly staffed and to facilitate planning games and other activities for the children, advance registration is required. On-site registration may be possible on a space available basis and at a slightly higher cost. Those interested in receiving further information and the registration form should mark the appropriate space on the Advance Registration Form. You can also contact KiddieCorp directly at the following number: 858-455-1718. Rates are included on the materials you will receive. The deadline for child care registration is March 24, 2003. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Register Early! Despite a large block of rooms available in Chicago, this destination is so popular that early registration is recommended so that attendees can make reservations at the hotels of their choice.

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HOTEL RATES

Map Key	Hotel	No. of Rooms	Single (1 person)	Double (2 persons)	Triple (3 persons)	Quad (4 persons)	Suites
1	Sheraton Chicago (headquarters hotel)	1,050	\$155	\$175			
2	Hyatt Regency Chicago (headquarters hotel)	1,200	\$143	\$168	\$189	\$214	\$595-\$2,500
3	Courtyard by Marriott	100	\$135	\$155	\$175	\$195	
4	Fairfield Inn and Suites	100	\$135	\$145	\$155	\$165	
5	Hilton-Palmer House	700	\$139	\$159	\$179	\$199	\$475 and up
6	Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago	400	\$145	\$145			
7	Chicago Marriott Downtown	300	\$145	\$165	\$185	\$205	
8	Renaissance Chicago Hotel	300	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$495 and up
9	Residence Inn by Marriott	100	\$139 (studio)	\$159 (1 bedroom)			
10	Swissotel Chicago	350	\$149	\$149			
11	The Fairmont Chicago	600	\$142	\$142	\$167		\$242 (1 bedroom)
12	Westin Chicago River North	200	\$149	\$167			

Note: Prices do not include 14.9% Sales Tax.