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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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Excitement is in the air! First of all, I want to thank my LRA Newsletter Co-editors for volunteering to upgrade our newsletter. They have many innovative ideas to implement in the near future. Our May/June Newsletter is filled with information that you have been waiting for. It includes an announcement about our newly elected board members and our recently approved JLR editors. The Field Council has a new chairperson and several new members – including representatives who will focus on recruiting and retaining members from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The two positions were added to the list of field council representatives to ensure that LRA intentionally recruits in these spaces.

Yes, excitement is in the air. After much deliberation, the Board of Directors voted to have a face-to-face conference this year. So, I'll see you in Atlanta from December 1st through December 4th. Please make hotel reservations right away. Hotel rooms are going fast. In the meantime, be sure to nominate qualified candidates for conference awards, and please support LRA’s summer and fall events. After all, LRA is more than just a conference; we’re a community of scholars.

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Warm greetings to everyone—particularly coming from Arizona!

As Conference Chairs for LRA’s 71st Annual Meeting, Doris and I are looking forward to meeting you face-to-face in Atlanta, Georgia! Plans are well underway with conference research presentations being organized, plenary speakers being arranged, and elements of virtual hybridity being implemented. We will be sharing more of these details in the coming weeks and months. But first, we wanted to provide some further context related to our decision to meet face-to-face in Atlanta, particularly given the recent spate of legislation across the country aimed at restricting voting rights.

Read more >>>

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2021 AWARDS

Call for Nominations

The purpose of LRA’s annual awards is to recognize exemplar members who have provided contributions to our organization. The nomination process for the year 2021 is now open!

Follow the links below to learn about each of the currently open 2021 awards and how to nominate a scholar in our community.

2021 Student Outstanding Research Award (SORA)
MATERIALS DUE AUGUST 15, 2021
Read more >>>

J. Michael Parker Award
MATERIALS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2021
Read more >>>

Albert J. Kingston Distinguished Service Award
MATERIALS DUE AUGUST 15, 2021
Read more >>>

Oscar S. Causey Award
MATERIALS DUE AUGUST 15, 2021
Read more >>>

Arthur Applebee Award
MATERIALS DUE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
Read more >>>

P. David Pearson Scholarly Influence Award
MATERIALS DUE SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
Read more >>>

Brian Street Memorial Award
MATERIALS DUE AUGUST 15, 2021
Read more >>>

The Barr/Mosenthal Award
MATERIALS DUE OCTOBER 30, 2021
Read more >>>
INTRODUCING LRA LEADERSHIP

We share our newly elected and appointed community of scholars - our Board of Directors, JLR Editors, and Field Council Committee - with their diverse mix of expertise and perspectives.

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COMMUNITY OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Our standing committees are a critical part of LRA. Learn more about their responsibilities below.

**Ethics**

**Purpose:** To educate and provide guidance to LRA members and to those with whom they interact about the ethical principles as outlined in the Ethics Statement. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Haeny Yoon (2019 - 2022)
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**Policy and Legislative**

**Purpose:** To keep the LRA membership informed about policy issues and to support the organization in policy and legislative activities. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Danielle Dennis (2019 - 2022)
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**Ethnicity, Race and Multilingualism Committee**

**Purpose:** To increase awareness and knowledge of members about issues of diversity and equity in literacy research and education. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Bogum Yoon (2018 - 2021)
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**Publications**

**Purpose:** To oversee the publications of LRA. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Kristen Perry (2019 - 2022)
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**Field Council**

**Purpose:** To recruit and retain members and to serve as an advisory council to the LRA President and Board of Directors regarding the work of LRA. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Alice Lee (2020 - 2023)
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**Research**

**Purpose:** To monitor and increase awareness of relevant trends in literacy and related research, as well as the overall status of research in the field and within LRA. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Seth Parsons (2020 - 2022)
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**Gender and Sexualities**

**Purpose:** To promote and encourage literacy research that highlights perspectives around gender and sexualities, especially as those identities intersect with race, class, language, nationality, religion, age, ability, and culture. [Read more >>>]

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**Technology**

**Purpose:** To explore and implement means by which technology can benefit LRA. [Read more >>>]

**Chair:** Amy Hutchison (2018 - 2021)
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COMMUNITY NEWS

LRA is on the move! Our ERM Committee is working throughout the summer.

ETHNICITY, RACE, AND MULTILINGUALISM COMMITTEE

Mentoring for Publication Project

2021 Theme: Community Engagement in Literacy

Target Groups: This project is designed for graduate students and junior scholars of color who do not have access to mentorship opportunities through the LRA.

Project Rationale: More specifically, this project will help scholars who are interested in community engagement, activist literacies, translanguaging, community partnerships, home-school-community collaboration, service-learning, crowdsourcing, digital projects, and community-based research in literacy. Graduate students and junior scholars of color can participate in this project to explore the publication and editorial process.

Authors who want to submit manuscripts for this project may include both traditional and nontraditional methodologies such as historical and archival research, commentaries, essays, case studies, ethnography, action research, digital research, phenomenological, grounded theory, narrative, survey research, cross-cultural, critical ethnography, longitudinal, mixed methods, descriptive, critical race research, activist and liberatory research frameworks.

Scholars who draw on traditional or contemporary research traditions which use existing research models or those creating new research models and paradigms are a welcome addition to this issue. Additionally, teacher-scholars and scholar activists who write nontraditional calls for research and identify gaps in the research are encouraged to submit commentaries and/or essays of these types of submissions.

Timeline of Activities
- May-September 2021 - Monthly Workshops on Publishing Research
- June-September 2021 - Learn the Editorial Process for Publication
- July-October 2021 – Nuances of Race Research
- September - November 2021 - Finalize Presentation for LRA Conference
- December 2021 – ERM Brown Bag Session Presentations – Special Theme Editors and Manuscript Authors Talk

*Participants will receive a special certificate as the first cohort for this project.
LRA NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

We share our newly appointed LRA Newsletter Co-editors who helped bring this refreshed version of the LRA newsletter to life.

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