

NERA Northeastern Educational Research Association Membership Form and Conference Registration Form¹

39th Annual Conference: Wednesday-Friday, October 22-24, 2008

Please complete this form and send, with appropriate payment (checks payable to: NERA), to:

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (Please **print clearly** or type and fill in all information)

Name: (Title) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____

Affiliation: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (please include zip code)

Street/Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

Preferred Address: Home _____ Business _____

Were you a NERA member last year? Yes: No What year did you first join NERA? _____

Membership Dues for 2008-2009 and Registration Fee for 2008 Conference

PLEASE NOTE: Presenters at the 2008 Conference must become members for 2008-2009. To qualify as a member at the time of the conference, your dues must be paid along with the registration fee.

Membership Dues (Oct. 2008/Sept. 2009)

- \$40 Professional member
- \$15 Retired member
- \$15 Full-time student

Conference Registration Fee (2008)²

- \$65 Professional member
- \$20 Retired member
- \$105 Non-member
- Full-Time Students No Charge
- \$20 Additional Fee will be charged for On-Site Registrations**

\$ _____ TOTAL DUES plus FEES ATTACHED _____ Check # _____

¹ Reservations at the Rocky Hill Marriott may be made online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/bdirh/nera/> or by calling 1-800-228-9290 and mentioning NERA (or the NERA block). Deadline to get rooms at conference rates is **October 1**.

² If you plan on attending either of the pre-sessions, please complete the information on the next page and return it with your registration form.

Registration for Special Sessions October 22, 2008

Although there is no extra cost for either the pre-session or the hands-on afternoon double-session, we ask conference participants to register in advance.

**PRE-SESSION A:
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2008
12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

Thinking Through Qualitative Data
Tom Schram
Associate Professor of Education
University of New Hampshire

This pre-session will focus on how we work with and through data generated through ethnographic fieldwork. What are some fundamental tools of inquiry for making sense of what people do and say? How might we think about the central analytical task of the ethnographer? What are the essential operating assumptions? How can we generate and frame data sets from field notes? And more ...

- Yes, I will definitely attend. No, I will not be able to attend.

**PRE-SESSION B:
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2008
12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

Introduction to Item Response Theory
H. Swaminathan
Professor, Neag School of Education
University of Connecticut

This session will continue the well-received workshop on item response theory conducted by Dr. Swaminathan at the 2007 conference. More details will be provided in the next issue of the *NERA Researcher* but the session is guaranteed to be very interesting and informative.

- Yes, I will definitely attend. No, I will not be able to attend.