



2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHAT'S AT THE CORE OF THE IOWA CORE CURRICULUM?

DECEMBER 4, 2009
SCHEMAN BUILDING
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA



DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Our 2008 IEREA Conference in Johnston reminded us again that a high-quality gathering of educators from across the state can add synergy to the queries surrounding last year's theme of "Standards for Success in Our Schools: Fact or Fiction." This year we move to the Iowa State University Campus at the Scheman Building of Iowa State Center, where once again there will be focused and relevant conference sessions along with superb accommodations and free parking adjacent to the site.

The theme of the 2009 conference, "What's at the Core of the Iowa Core Curriculum?" goes beyond last year's look at standards, to examine where we are heading with the Iowa Core, what are the expected benefits to students, what form of teacher preparation is likely to be needed, how the probability for overall success can be enhanced, where the relationship with the federal government is heading, and what assistance local schools may receive in meeting expectations.

The December conference comes at the end of a year that has seen a great deal of change in government, education, and society in general. Kicking off the day will be Kevin Fangman, Administrator of the Division of PK-12 Education for the Iowa Department of Education. Breakout sessions will offer strands on the evaluation/research component of the Iowa Core and on related formative and summative assessment issues. The day will close with another of IEREA's spirited panel sessions, dealing with the roles of the various organizations and institutions necessary for successful implementation of the Iowa Core. Of issue will be the interactions and new partnerships needing to be developed among the DE, AEAs, LEAs, Universities, and other educational entities.

With the quality speakers and research-based poster sessions, this is a must-attend conference.

Mark December 4, 2009 on your calendar and complete/return the registration form no later than November 20th.

Mack Shelley
2009 Conference Chair

Phil Berrie
2009 IEREA President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Education stakeholders in Iowa have begun to work in earnest to implement the Iowa Core. In the midst of all the preparation and planning, the National Governors Association and the Chief Council of School State Officers are developing Common Core Standards. At the same time, the new education secretary, Arne Duncan, is laying out an aggressive education agenda focused on standards and assessment, data systems that support instruction, teacher and administrator effectiveness, and innovation. Our keynote speaker, Kevin Fangman, will share how all the external forces directing education interact with the work of the Iowa Core. Though the task before us is large and the work intensive, the potential impact on instruction and student learning is revolutionary.



THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CHANGING NATIONAL LANDSCAPE IN EDUCATION AND THE IOWA CORE

Kevin Fangman, Administrator of the Division of PK-12 Education for the Iowa Department of Education

Kevin Fangman is the current Administrator of the Division of PK-12 Education for the Iowa Department of Education. Kevin graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1990 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Spanish. He holds endorsements in literacy and early childhood education and received his master's degree from Iowa State University in 1998. He has worked in education for the past 18 years. He was an educator in Des Moines Public Schools, served as a reading and early childhood consultant at the Iowa Department of Education, and was an elementary principal in Ottumwa, Ames, and West Des Moines.

Time Period	What's at the core of the Iowa Core?	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration Dianne Chadwick, Treasurer, IEREA	
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome Phil Berrie, President, IEREA Introduction of Keynote, Mack Shelley, President-Elect, IEREA	
9:10 - 10:15 AM	Keynote Address: <i>"The Dynamic Interaction Between the Changing National Landscape in Education and the Iowa Core"</i> Kevin Fangman, Iowa Department of Education	
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Poster Session I	
Strand	Evaluation / Research	Assessment
11:00 - 11:45 AM	Evaluating the Iowa Core Curriculum <i>This presentation will discuss:</i> (1) the rationale for and a description of the evaluation approach (2) and overview of the evaluation phases (3) next steps and future directions. Presenters: Barbara Ohlund, Iowa Department of Education Dave Tilly, Heartland AEA 11	Assessment for Learning at the Core <i>This session will address the Iowa DOE's efforts in systemically introducing formative assessments practices in Iowa.</i> Presenter: Colleen Anderson, Iowa Department of Education
11:45 - 12:30 PM	Buffet Lunch	

12:30 - 1:15 PM	Poster Session II	
1:15 - 2:00 PM	<p>STEM Research and Evaluation under the Core Curriculum <i>What does it mean for state/local policy making? How does it fit nationwide? What does it mean for Schools? What does it mean for evaluators and researchers?</i></p> <p>Presenter: Tom Andre, Iowa State University</p>	<p>Balanced Assessment at the Core <i>Using the Iowa Core Curriculum as a base, Iowa Testing Programs has initiated the design and development of the next generation of the ITBS/ITED assessments and a series of end-of-course assessments to serve as the foundation of an overall assessment system.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Stephen Dunbar and Catherine Welch, Iowa Testing Programs</p>
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Break	
2:15 - 3:45 PM	<p>Iowa Core Curriculum Collaboration (IC³) <i>What are the roles in implementation of the Core Curriculum and what are the interactions / partnerships among organizations?</i></p> <p>Panel Guests: Julie Hukee, AEA Role; Carl Smith, and Nadene Davidson, College / University Role; Kathy Schladweiler and John Carver, LEA Role Moderator: Michelle Swanson</p>	
3:45 - 4:00 PM	<p>Closing Session <i>Presentation of 2009 IEREA Distinguished Research Award</i> Xiaoping Wang, Past - President, IEREA</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks</i> Mack Shelley, President - Elect, IEREA</p>	
4:00 - 4:15 PM	<p>Open Business Meeting <i>Finances, passing of the torch, debriefing, suggestions</i></p>	

IEREA POSTER SESSIONS

Two Poster Sessions will be held as part of the 2009 IEREA Conference (see conference schedule), and all conference attendees are invited to attend both sessions. The Poster Sessions highlight excellence in educational research throughout the state and are structured to promote conversation between poster presenters and conference attendees. During each session, posters summarizing research projects are displayed in a common area, and refreshments are provided to facilitate browsing and informal visiting.

Note: The Poster Session presenters are selected in accordance with the 2009 Call for Proposals. For more information about the Call for Proposals, the selection process, or the slate of 2009 Poster Session presenters (to be posted upon completion of the refereed selection process), please consult the IEREA Web site: <http://www.ierea.org>. For more information, please contact Jan Walker, Conference Poster Coordinator, at 515.271.3719 or jan.walker@drake.edu.

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD

The 2009 IEREA Distinguished Research Award winner is selected by a panel of judges and the winner will receive a plaque, an invitation to present their research at the 2010 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference in Denver, and a stipend (\$500) to support AERA-related travel expenses. The winner of the 2009 IEREA Distinguished Research

Award will be announced at the closing session.

Note: For more information about the submission requirements and the selection process, please consult the IEREA web site: <http://www.ierea.org>. For more information, please contact Mariann Culver, Distinguished Research Award Coordinator, at 515.270.9030 or mculver@aea11.k12.ia.us.

IOWA ASSESSMENT NETWORK

The Iowa Assessment Network (IAN) is a discussion group centered on issues surrounding K-12 assessment, student data, and research. IAN meets four times each year with the December meeting held the day before the IEREA conference. IAN will meet on Thursday, December 3 in Ames. For additional information please contact Tom Deeter at 515.242.5616 or tom.deeter@iowa.gov.





LODGING OPTIONS

Lodging options may be obtained from the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau online at http://www.visitames.com/come_and_stay/ or by calling 515.232.4032 or 800.288.7470

DIRECTIONS TO SCHEMAN

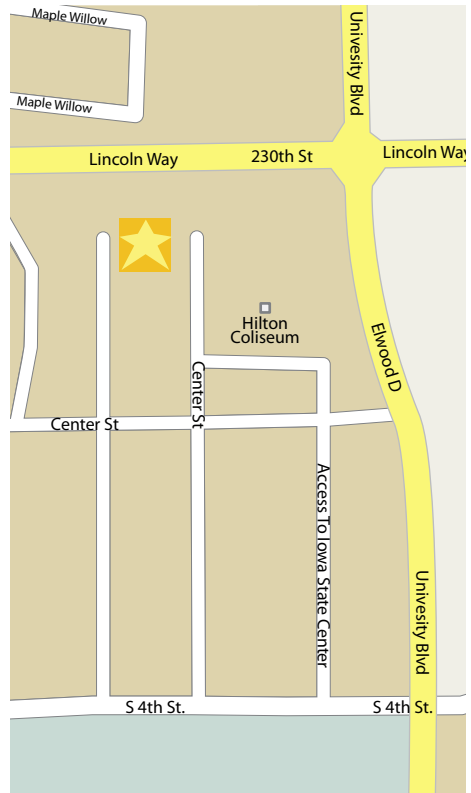
Address: Iowa State Center, Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa 50011-1113;
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From the south: Interstate 35 north to exit 111B, US Hwy 30 west to University Blvd exit 146, right onto University Blvd north to Iowa State Center, left onto Center Drive.

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CONFERENCE PARKING

Complimentary parking is available immediately adjacent to the Scheman Building.



REGISTRATION

YES! I WANT TO ATTEND THE IEREA CONFERENCE DECEMBER 4, 2009.

PLEASE REGISTER ME NOW!

For further registration information, please call Dianne Chadwick at 515.281.3718 or e-mail Dianne.Chadwick@iowa.gov.

Registration is requested by November 20, 2009.

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