Greetings, RWE SIG Members:

Our 40th Annual Fall conference *(Pushing Forward with Resilience and Grace: Reverencing Women’s Work in Eclectic Communities)* at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana was a memorable event thanks to all committee members, non members, and presenters who contributed their time and talents to its success!

Special acknowledgements to our distinguished speakers, (Dr. Pamela Waldron-Moore, Dr. Rosalind Pijeaux Hale, and Dr. Beverly Irby), our much deserving Committee Service and Activist Award winners *(Q.U.E.E.N.S. – Quantifying Undisputed Existence Excellence and Noble Standards, and Women with a Vision)*, and our Selma Greenberg Dissertation Awardee, (Dr. Amneh Al-Rawashdeh) with her address *Muslimat Faculty: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study of Navigating the Tenure Process in Research Universities in the United States*.

In an effort to remain open to innovation about ways our work about can be presented, we adapted a thematic/conceptual approach where a mix of session formats were combined into single session slots. Additionally, time slots were allocated for special topic resource sessions. Overall, both presenters and session participants seemed pleased by the configuration and many were able to continue their research interest conversations with one another including interested individuals in the audience. In the RWE spirit of excellence, collaboration, and social justice, all participants had multiple opportunities to think, learn, question, and grow.

As the Spring 2015 AERA Conference rapidly approaches, we eagerly await the array of high quality RWE SIG conference presentations, including roundtables. You will receive a list of sessions, presenters, and times shortly. We appreciate your support and urge you to join us for our RWE Business meeting, which will highlight our outstanding Willystine Goodsell awardee from 2014 Dr. Barbara Thayer-Bacon.

Thank you all again for keeping our SIG vital and strong! We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

All the best,

Michele and Darlene
Please don’t miss attending some of our RWE sessions at AERA 2015 in Chicago! This year, due to the number of proposals and our relatively large membership in AERA, we were able to place 12 paper presentations, 7 round table sessions, 1 symposium, and 1 general session with the Willystine Goodsell Address. That’s a total of 21 sessions. Each one of these sessions promises to be of high quality and targeted to the needs of our membership. Topics range across subject areas, methodologies, and geographic regions. As you plan your itinerary, please include RWE SIG sessions in your schedule. All members will receive a “mini program” of these sessions before the conference. (For those of you have been around for a long, long time, the RWE sessions used to be given to members on a bookmark!)

Key Dates

• Late-February – Online Program Schedule Available
• March 6 – Early Registration Rate Deadline
• March 10 – Program Changes Deadline (paper titles, session titles, authors, session chairs and discussants)
• March 26 – Paper Upload Deadline (the initial submission will constitute the final paper if a final paper is not uploaded)
• Early April – Mobile App for AERA Available

Hope to see you there!!

Barbara Polnick and Julia Ballenger, Program Chairs/Past RWE SIG Chairs

2014 Willystine Goodsell Award Winner to Deliver Address at AERA

Congratulations to Dr. Barbara J. Thayer-Bacon, professor of educational psychology and counseling at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville! Barbara, former Research on Women and Education chair, was selected as the 2014 recipient of the prestigious Willystine Goodsell Award. As a recipient of this award she will deliver the Goodsell address at the 2015 AERA Annual Conference in Chicago. Barbara is a reknowned researcher of feminist theory and pedagogy and cultural studies in education. She is the editor of the journal International Education and has over 90 publications, including five books. You will love hearing her inspiring message on how we can get the stories and research of more women in print!
2014 RWE Fall Conference

The Fall 2014 RWE Annual Conference was held in New Orleans, LA on October 16th - 18th, 2015. The 40th Annual Fall Conference integrated the theme of *Pushing Forward with Resilience and Grace: Reverencing Women’s Work in Eclectic Communities* with the eclectic selection of presentations and award recipients.

The conference began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rosalind Pijeaux Hale from Xavier College. Dr. Beverly Irby provided an informative session on the history of RWE and our conferences.

We had an eclectic and vibrant array of research presentation at various stages of progress.

Dr. Pamela Waldron-Moore gave a powerful and interesting keynote address that discussed democratization, social justice, global citizenship, political change, and the political economy of development.

The organization *Quantifying Undisputed Existence Excellence and Noble Standards (Q.U.E.E.N.S.)* was awarded the Women Educators’ Leadership Award and *Women with a Vision* was awarded the Women Educators’ Organization Award.

At each annual meeting we try to build a sense of collegiality and fellowship among conference participants, presenters, and board members. Our conference follows a format where presentations are based on different stages of a research project. Some
presenters shared completed research while others shared research that was emerging and needing feedback. In a small conference environment, we hope to create a safe environment that supports people in furthering their research and career agenda. We do that by holding a Graduate Research Roundtable that was attended by graduate students who were in different stages of their dissertation or doctoral work. Conference participants provided feedback to presenters who were in the beginning stages of their research and in different sessions discussed ideas with presenters about completed research work.

**Board Meeting Summary**

We are looking for people to fill vacancies on our board. Currently we are looking for:
Member at Large #3
If you are interested please send your contact information and cv to Michele Jean Sims and Darlene Russell our RWE co-chairs.

Thank you to Teri Sosa, our new Women Educator’s Chair and congratulations to Kriss Kemp-Graham our newly elected Diversity Task Force Chair

**2014 Awards Recipients**

**Selma Greenberg Dissertation Award – Dr. Amneh Al-Rawashdeh**

Dr. Amneh Al-Rawashdeh made the 2014 Selma Greenberg Dissertation Award address from New Mexico State. Dr. Al-Rawashdeh is a college Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Administration at NMSU.

Prior to coming to NMSU to work on her Master’s degree and Ph. D. she was a teacher in her home country, Jordan. There, she received a Bachelor’s degree in English Literature. Dr. Al-Rawashdeh is involved in various community projects within the Muslim community and the Las Cruces Public School District to support the success and the engagement of young Muslims and Muslimats within their communities and schools.

The title of Dr. Al-Rawashdeh’s dissertation *Muslimat Faculty: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study of Navigating the Tenure Process in Research Universities in the United States*. In this study, she examined how Muslimat
(Muslim women) faculty in tenure-track positions negotiated and practiced their agency, surviving and challenging the interlocking discourses in seeking tenure at universities in the United States. The study explored the opportunities that helped Muslimat faculty to navigate the tenure process. It also explored the challenges that hindered their navigation of the tenure process.

**Women Educators Leadership Award – Q.U.E.E.N.S.**

*Quantifying Undisputed Existence Excellence and Noble Standards (Q.U.E.E.N.S.)* was founded in 1994 by Patricia Alexis with the support of her husband Carl Alexis. They wanted a faith based organization for their daughter to be associated with to prevent from being negatively influenced by reckless behaviors surrounding her on the streets of New Orleans.

Q.U.E.E.N.S. is a non-profit organization for middle and high school females that seek to transform their attitudes and social agenda from violence to non-violence, from drugs to sobriety, from lack of values and respect to understanding of and appreciation for cultural aesthetics, and from mis-education to education. The objective is to transform the lives of kids for the better: to change the conversation, agenda, and social fads of youth from negative to positive. While the incidence of teenage pregnancy, youth violence, and school dropout rates are increasing, Q.U.E.E.N.S. offers refuge from the wiles of present-day society.

The young ladies actively participate in community development projects especially their Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, which service the elderly in their local community. The organization take these young women on a tour yearly to expose them to different parts of the United States; some of these young women never left New Orleans until they became members of Q.U.E.E.N.S. Trips have been taken to CA, GA, IL, AL, PA, TX, VA, and TN.

**Women Educators Organization Award – Women with a Vision**

Deon Haywood is the Executive Director of Women with a Vision, Inc., a New Orleans-based community organization founded in 1989 to improve the lives of marginalized women, their families, and communities by addressing the social conditions that hinder their health and well being. Since Hurricane Katrina, she has led the organization to a vibrant locally rooted international network addressing the complex intersection of socioeconomic injustices and health disparities.
In 2009, Deon oversaw the launch of WWAQ’s NO Justice Project, a campaign to combat the sentencing of women and transgender people arrested for street-based sex work under Louisiana’s 203-year-old “crime against nature” felony-level laws, which resulted in federal judicial ruling and the removal of more than 700 women from the sex offender registry.

In recognition of her leadership at the intersection of HIV/AIDS, harm reduction, LGBTQ rights, reproductive justice, and decriminalization, Deon has participated in numerous panels and received several awards. Most notably, the 2011 Political Activism Award from the Forum for Equity and 2012 Health Hero from BET.com. Currently, Deon also sits on the board of BreakOUT!, a youth-led organization fighting the criminalization of LGBTQ youth in New Orleans. She also holds the auspicious honor of being crowned the Mardi Gras 2012 Queen of New Orleans’ own Krewe du Vieux.

About the Newsletter

The RWE Newsletter is circulated to all members three times a year (Winter, Spring and Fall). It provides a means of communication and information sharing between members of the SIG. It also enables the Board to keep members up-to-date with news, conferences and other events concerning research on women and education. The Newsletter provides a forum for publicizing your events and informing members about other activities and projects. The contents of the Newsletter depend partly upon what has been submitted for circulation by our members. So please feel free to send information about Conferences, Events, News, Job Postings, anything you think would be of interest to RWE members. Send information to the editor, Maureen Neumann, at: mneumann@uvm.edu. Our newsletter is also posted on our website (rwesig.net).

RWE Mission

The RWE Special Interest Group was established in 1973 and has two purposes: (1) To provide a structure within the American Educational Research Association for the promotion of research concerning women and girls in education and (2) To provide a mechanism to facilitate communication among researchers and practitioners who are concerned about women and education at the intersection of race, class, gender, and culture.
Announcements

2015 Selma Greenberg Dissertation Award Nomination Call

**Description of the Award:** This award was named after Dr. Selma Greenberg in 1997, a founding member of the SIG who was a world-class researcher and died in 1997. Before the name of the award was changed, it was the SIG/RWE dissertation award for years dating back to 1980.

The author must be a member of the Research on Women and Education (RWE) SIG.

The dissertation must have been completed within two years of the application year. This year's recipient must have published her/his dissertation in 2012 or later.

The author is expected to present a summary of his/her dissertation findings at the 2015 RWE Fall Conference.

**Nomination Process and Timeline:**

1. Please submit your nomination materials (PDF and MS Word), including dissertation electronically to: danachri@nmsu.edu.

2. **Deadline** for submission is *February 9, 2015*, by midnight MST.

3. The author must submit the following in **two different electronic submissions**:

   A-E is one submission in a PDF:

   (a) A **nominating letter** from the author’s dissertation chair, major professor, or committee member (the nominator does not need to be a member of RWE).

   (b) The author’s **vitae** or **resume**.

   (c) Attach a 1-2 page essay that includes the following: how you chose this topic, the date of your oral exam, any on-going work (derived from your dissertation) in which you are currently engaged, and potential research, service, and/or practical work that might extend the dissertation.

   (d) A sheet including the author’s name, name of dissertation, institutional affiliation, address, fax, phone, and email.

   (e) Attach an **Abstract**.

   F is second submission in a separate Word document:

   (f) **In a separate document,** submit one electronic copy of the dissertation **without** the author's name, institution, or personal information. This is to allow for blind review. Please include the title of the dissertation on the first page and in the title of the file.
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