

**Call for Abstracts for the 2010 Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER)  
At the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual AEE Conference in Las Vegas, NV  
November 4-7, 2010**

Abstracts describing new empirical and conceptual research in the field of Experiential Education are now being solicited for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium for Experiential Education Research (SEER). The Symposium is a component of the AEE conference and features formal, peer-reviewed presentations, followed by questions and comments from the audience as well as a discussant for each themed session. Four 90-minute blocks of time will be allocated at the AEE conference for the Symposium, with speakers being allotted 15 minutes for presentation and five minutes for question-and-answer. All submitted abstracts will be blind reviewed and ranked according to the following criteria: (a) applicability to the experiential education field; (b) importance of the research topic; (c) methodological appropriateness and quality; (d) strength of connections between analysis and conclusions.

This year, we will again be grouping sessions according to themes that emerge from the highest ranking papers. We are hoping to focus one session on conceptual papers (or at least include conceptual papers in other themed sessions), so we wish to encourage their submission! Grouping papers by theme encourages greater participation by other AEE attendees and affords more focused discussion in each session.

**CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

- 1) Completed studies or scholarly discussions are suitable for submission. Abstracts of works in progress may also be submitted provided that a full report can be given at the time of the symposium.
- 2) Only studies or papers that have not been previously published or presented at another professional conference may be submitted. Papers that address the same question, use the same analysis, or develop the same logical argument as previous publications or presentations are not eligible.
- 3) Abstracts undergo blind peer review, but Symposium co-chairs make final decisions about acceptance. Papers may be rejected due to time and space limitations, ineffective development within the 2-page abstract, violation of conditions 2 or 3 (above), weaknesses in the study itself, or failure to follow submission guidelines (below).
- 4) Authors whose abstracts are accepted are expected to deliver their presentations as assigned during the Symposium. Please do not submit an abstract unless you are committed to attending the Symposium. Presenters are expected to register for the AEE conference.
5. The deadline for submission is April 2, 2010. Please include current contact information (see item 7 below). Authors will receive notification, via e-mail, of the status of their submission by May 28, 2010. Presenters will be asked to provide an abstract by August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for inclusion in the conference *Book of Abstracts*. Presenters will also have the opportunity to have their abstracts published in the *Journal of Experiential Education*.

**The submission deadline is April 2, 2010. Submit an electronic copy of your abstract to:**

SEER Abstracts  
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### **Abstract Preparation Details**

1. Abstracts must be limited to two pages maximum, using 12-point font and one-inch margins on sides, top and bottom and single-spaced text. Abstracts not adhering to these requirements will not be reviewed. A reference list is recommended but not required (see below). The text of the abstract may not exceed two pages. Files should be in MS Word.
2. Abstracts need a title that reflects the general nature of the research.
3. Use appropriate subheadings. Abstracts reporting empirical studies should contain subheadings identifying an introduction, methods, results, and discussion. Abstracts reporting conceptual and theoretical discussions should also have appropriately descriptive subheadings.
4. Remove author identification in properties (In Word, go to File, then properties, summary and remove author name). Tracking changes should not be readable.
5. Reference List: A list of references, not exceeding one-page, may be included on a third page following the abstract in the same font and margin format as specified above. References should be formatted according to Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th edition).
6. Abstracts that do not meet all specifications may be rejected from further consideration.
7. Contact Information: Please provide the following information in a separate file:
  - a. Title of abstract
  - b. Principal author's name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. It is assumed that, unless otherwise specified, this person will make the presentation if the abstract is accepted.
  - c. Full name and institutional affiliation of all co-authors.
  - d. The principal author's contact information over the summer (June 1 to Aug. 31), if different from above.

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