



# The Standard Deviation

Newsletter of the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA)

June 2017

## President's Column



Welcome to this edition of The Standard Deviation Newsletter! As the new President of WERA, I am honored and excited to contribute a few words. As I think about WERA's mission and our established goals to 1) Provide exemplary professional development, 2) Convene & Connect Educators to Inform Practice, and 3) Expand Support for Educational Research, several examples come to mind.

This past February and March, two excellent professional development events took place, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Symposium and the P-3 Early Learning Symposium. Both of these events brought together educators from across the state to learn and network about timely and important topics in education.

Currently, the 2017 WERA/OSPI planning committee is hard at work preparing every detail of the annual conference, which will begin with pre-conference workshops on November 29<sup>th</sup> followed by the main conference November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Save the date and plan on joining us!

Supporting research efforts in education is an important goal. WERA recently awarded a total of \$12,000 in grants to support educational research efforts. This is exciting! You can find a link on WERA's website with more information about the application process and timelines for WERA research grants.

I am proud to share these details about WERA and the commitment of the WERA board, committee members, and supporters to provide an avenue for Washington educators and researchers to come together to learn and grow professionally. These connections are critical as we all work to improve practice and provide the highest quality education for every student, Pre-K through higher education. I encourage you to stay connected and visit the WERA website, <http://www.wera-web.org>, for the latest information. Members can sign up to network via WERA's listserv by sending an email to: [wera-connect-join@list.wera-web.org](mailto:wera-connect-join@list.wera-web.org). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter, **#wearewera**. Be sure to *like* and *share* our page!

Thank you, and I look forward to an amazing year with you!

Susana Reyes, Ed.D.  
WERA President

## In this Issue

President's Column .....	1
Upcoming Events .....	1
Announcements.....	2
WERA Educational Journal May Issue .....	3
Call for Papers for the WEJ .....	4
WERA Board 2017-2018 .....	5

## Upcoming Events

### North Central WA Educators Reception

Thursday, June 22 5:30-7:00pm  
North Central ESD - 430 Olds Station Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wenatchee  
*Join the WERA Board and NCESD for an informal gathering of local educators to enjoy light refreshments and inspiring words from Gene Sharratt, AESD Executive Director. All educators are welcome!*

### August Meeting of the Network of Assessment Directors

Friday, August 4, 2017 8:30 am—12:30 pm  
Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center  
Crystal A Room  
*Annual summer meeting to discuss spring preliminary data, share strategies for addressing our work, and hear from OSPI what to look for in the coming year. This is a WERA-sponsored event. Registration is required, so please click here <https://goo.gl/NJxSqS>  
We hope you can join us!*

### 2017 WERA/OSPI Annual Conference

*"Here and Now: Using Research and Data to Make Decisions that Matter and Put Them into Practice"*  
**New dates:** Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>  
David Conley and Pedro Noguera - Keynoters  
Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel  
Registration Opens mid-September



# The Standard Deviation

Newsletter of the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA)

June 2017

## Announcements

### New Executive Board

The results of the recent election are: Paul Stern, President-Elect and Molly Branson Thayer, Board Member at Large (3 yr). Also, appointed to fill unexpired terms are Nasue Nishida, (1 yr) to fill Paul Stern's position and Travis Schulhauser (1yr) to fill Cindy Duncan's position. Welcome to Andrea Cobb who will be the OSPI representative on the board. Susana Reyes is now President and Teena McDonald is Past President.

Thanks and appreciation to outgoing board members Bob Butts, Cindy Duncan, Fengyi Hung and Glenn Malone for their support of WERA and their work on the board.

### New WERA Executive Secretary

We are pleased to announce the hiring of our new Executive Secretary for WERA. As we announced at the conference in December, Sharon Rockwood is retiring this summer. She gave us plenty of notice so that we could search for, hire, and train our new Executive Secretary, DeAnn Hartman.

DeAnn is an experienced association and event planning professional. For the past 3 years she has provided association management services to the Affordable Rural Housing Council (ARHC) and the Affordable Housing Management Association of Washington (AHMA). Prior to that, DeAnn served the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) for 20 years, creating their events department. She is a member of the Washington Society of Association Executives (WSAE) and Past President of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals.

DeAnn was born in Minneapolis, and grew up in Olympia, WA. She and her husband, Tony, and their two dogs live in Olympia, near their two adult sons and daughter-in law.

### 2016 Awards Summary

**Research Award:** Dr. Marcus Poppen, WSU

**Product Award:** Greg Lobdell, CEE

**Gordon Ensign Award:** Dr. Chuck Salina, Turnaround Principal at Sunnyside HS, Sunnyside

**Art Maser Service Award:** Karen Banks

**Distinguished Paper Award:** Dr. Teresa Ohrt, WSU, *A Case Study of A School District: Administrators' Intentions and Teachers' Perceptions of Professional Development*

**Outstanding Dissertation Award:** Dr. Rita Chaudhuri, UW Tacoma, *The Principal's Voice: Supports Critical to School Principal Effectiveness*

### 2017 WERA Grant Award Recipients

Ann M. Ishimaru, *UW-SPS Racial Equity Teams Pilot Study: Co-designing Equitable Instructional and Organizational Practices*

Andrea Meld, *Evaluating the Impact of Gifted/HiCap Programs on Student Achievement: What Ever Happens to HiCap Students?*

Mat Orndorff, *Improving Teacher Self-Efficacy: An Exploratory Study of Classroom-Level PBIS Professional Development*

Teresa Sinay, *Using Clean Language to Facilitate Strong Learners in Reading and Math*



# The Standard Deviation

Newsletter of the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA)

June 2017

## WERA Educational Journal: May 2017 Edition

The May 2017 edition of the WERA Educational Journal (WEJ) has a special focus on the issue of **trust**. Two essays, one by Megan Tschannen-Moran (a keynote speaker at the December 2016 WERA conference) and another by Cathy Fromme, provide complementary views about the concept of trust. Two studies look at trust at an elementary school and in a small school district, and two books about trust are described in a book summary and a book review.

The edition also includes papers on other topics. Two studies focus on educators preparing for their profession (teachers and female superintendents), a summary of a dissertation that earned WERA's Distinguished Paper award reveals different perceptions of teachers and administrators regarding professional development, a case study examines how teachers and parents view family visits, OSPI's study on how much time districts spend giving state and district assessments is reprinted, and the results of the state's revised Achievement Index are analyzed. The edition ends with three more book reviews.

The titles of the papers and their authors are listed below. All editions of WEJ are available to the public on WERA's publication website at <http://www.wera-web.org/publications/the-wera-educational-journal/>.

---

**The Importance of Trust in Schools.** Megan Tschannen-Moran

**Trust: An Investment with Returns.** Cathy Fromme

**The Cultivation and Manifestation of Trust in Elementary Schools.** Mark Connolly & Glenys Hill

**Studying Trustworthy Leadership Using Appreciative Inquiry: A Case Study in a Small, Rural School District.** Thaynan Lee Knowlton

**The Speed of Trust: The One Thing That Changes Everything.** Book Summary

**Trust Matters: Leadership for Successful Schools.** Book Review by Shannon Calderone

---

**Looking in the Mirror: An Examination of Pre-Service Teachers' Beliefs about Diversity.** Peter Renn

**Women in Educational Leadership: Implications for Preparation Programs.** Glenys Hill, Teena McDonald, and Kelly Ward

**Administrators' Intentions and Teachers' Perceptions of Professional Development: A School District Case Study.** Teresa L. Ohrt

**Family Visits: Parent Voices in a Teacher-Initiated Practice.** Nathanie A. Lee

**Assessment Time Among Washington Districts.** Kara Todd

**Washington's Revised Achievement Index: Are the School Ratings Fair?** Pete Bylsma

---

**Evocative Coaching: Transforming Schools One Conversation at a Time.** Book Review by Teena McDonald

**Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy.** Book Review by Pat Cummings

**The Rise and Fall of American Growth.** Book Commentary by Bill Gates



# The Standard Deviation

Newsletter of the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA)

June 2017

## Call for Papers for the WERA Educational Journal (WEJ)

We are seeking papers and other submissions for the November 2017 issue of the *WERA Educational Journal*. WEJ is a collection of peer-reviewed academic papers, professional reports, research reviews, book reviews, essays, and commentaries of general significance and interest to the Northwest education research and practitioner community. WEJ is issued twice a year (November and May). Papers for the November 2017 issue are due July 15, 2017.

Topics in the WEJ cover a wide range of areas of educational research and related disciplines. These include but are not limited to issues related to the topics listed below.

- Early childhood education
- Curriculum and instruction
- State and national standards
- Professional development
- Special populations (e.g., gifted, ELLs, students with disabilities)
- Assessment results covering various content areas
- Early warning indicators
- Social and emotional issues
- School and district effectiveness
- Teacher and principal evaluation
- Education finance and policy
- Educational technology
- Educational leadership

Papers should be of interest to a wide range of educators in the Northwest. Condensed versions of dissertations and theses that are reader-friendly are encouraged. For more information about WEJ and its submissions, see the [Submission Guidelines](#) posted on the WERA website. If you have questions about the process or about possible submissions, please email Pete Bylsma, WEJ editor, at [WEJeditor@gmail.com](mailto:WEJeditor@gmail.com) or his work email at [bylsmaj@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:bylsmaj@mukilteo.wednet.edu).



# The Standard Deviation

Newsletter of the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA)

June 2017

## The WERA Board, 2017-18

### President

Susana Reyes, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent  
Mead School District  
2323 E Farwell Rd, Mead, WA 99021  
509-465-7600  
[susana.reyes@mead354.org](mailto:susana.reyes@mead354.org)

### President Elect

Paul Stern  
Data Strategist  
Vancouver Public Schools  
PO Box 8937, Vancouver, WA 98668  
360-313-1100  
[Paul.Stern@vansd.org](mailto:Paul.Stern@vansd.org)

### Past President

Teena McDonald  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
Washington State University  
PO Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210  
509-358-7948  
[mailto:tpmcdonald@wsu.edu](mailto:mailto:tpmcdonald@wsu.edu)

### Board Members

Andrea Cobb, MPA  
Executive Director of the Center for the  
Improvement of Student Learning (CISL)  
OSPI  
PO Box 47200/600 Washington St.  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-725-6032  
[andrea.cobb@k12.wa.us](mailto:andrea.cobb@k12.wa.us)

Brian Rick, M.Ed.  
Director of Research and Assessment  
Bellingham Public Schools  
1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, WA 98225  
360.676.6526  
[brian.rick@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:brian.rick@bellingshamschools.org)

Hilary Loeb, Ph.D.  
Director, Puget Sound Coalition for  
College and Career Readiness  
Puget Sound Educational Service  
District  
800 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton,  
WA 98057  
425-917-7603  
[hloeb@psesd.org](mailto:hloeb@psesd.org)

Nasue Nishida, M.A.  
Executive Director  
Center for Strengthening the Teaching  
Profession  
PO Box 4162, Olympia, WA 98501  
360-350-2930  
[nasue@cstp-wa.org](mailto:nasue@cstp-wa.org)

Molly Branson Thayer, Ed.D.  
Director, Quality Youth Development  
University of Washington, College of  
Education  
5001 25th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105  
206-221-8919  
[mbthayer@uw.edu](mailto:mbthayer@uw.edu)

Travis Schulhauser  
Director, Assessment & Program  
Effectiveness  
Spokane Public Schools  
200 North Bernard, Spokane, WA  
509-354-7321  
[TravisS@spokaneschools.org](mailto:TravisS@spokaneschools.org)

### Executive Secretary

Sharon Rockwood  
Washington Educational Research  
Association  
P.O. Box 15822  
Seattle, WA 98115  
Phone: 206-417-7776 ext. 2  
FAX: 206-417-4525  
[weraoffice@gmail.com](mailto:weraoffice@gmail.com)



*The Standard Deviation is published spring, winter, and fall as an online newsletter. Submissions are welcomed from WERA members and others. Kindly submit articles for consideration using APA format to Antony Smith at [smithant@uw.edu](mailto:smithant@uw.edu). Previous issues and submission guidelines are available online at <http://www.wera-web.org>*