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The Mid-Western Educational Research Association's 32nd Annual Meeting, October 14–17, 2009

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Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

The Synthesis of Educational Research and Practice



The 2009 Annual Meeting of the *Mid-Western Educational Research Association* will be held in St. Louis with an exciting program of invited speakers, focused workshops, and peer-reviewed papers presented in a variety of session formats. We will kick off the program with our traditional Fireside Chat with **Dr. Ralph Martin**, Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education at Ohio University, who will also be giving our keynote address on Thursday. Our Friday luncheon speaker is **Dr. Ronald Rochon**, Dean of the School of Education and Associate Vice President for Teacher Education at Buffalo State College. We are very fortunate to have two such outstanding individuals giving our invited addresses. Teachers, administrators, and other school personnel are invited to come and share their work and experiences within this theme, as well as other topics, at the 2009 MWERA conference. Educational researchers across North America will once again return to MWERA to renew acquaintances, make new contacts, and engage in exciting conversation in a collegial atmosphere.

Come and be a part of MWERA 2009 in St. Louis!

Conference and hotel registration information and forms are available at the MWERA web site:

<http://www.mwera.org>

Thursday Morning Keynote Address

Featured Speaker
Dr. Ralph Martin



Dr. Ralph Martin (Ph.D., University of Toledo) is Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education at Ohio University, Athens. During his 35 years as an educator, Dr. Martin has taught science lessons and led projects spanning K-16. His research and scholarship has produced more than 15 books and manuals, including the popular textbook *Teaching Science for All Children: An Inquiry Approach* (in its 5th edition). He has obtained millions in grant funding for teacher professional development in science and math. Dr. Martin has received numerous Ohio and national awards in recognition of his teaching and leadership and has coordinated, directed, and chaired many university programs and faculty units. Presently he serves as Chair of the Science Review Board for the Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science and Reading (www.ohiorc.org) and is Co-Director of the South Eastern Ohio Center of Excellence for Mathematics and Science (www.seocems.org), which conducts research, provides professional development programs, and supports educational improvement efforts focused on Appalachian Ohio.

Friday Luncheon Keynote Address

Featured Speaker

Dr. Ronald Rochon



Dr. Ronald Rochon (Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), currently serves as the Dean of the School of Education and Associate Vice President for Teacher Education at Buffalo State College in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Rochon's areas of interest include the recruitment, retention, and successful matriculation of culturally, linguistically, and racially diverse students; strengthening the relationship between communities and universities; and assisting students in examining and deepening their understanding of the ways in which socio-cultural factors influence American educational thought, theory, and practice. Dr. Rochon's research and teaching address the historical and contemporary perspectives surrounding the politics of race and culture within American society. He is committed to community renewal and collaboration. Dr. Rochon works extensively with stakeholders in PK-12 settings and throughout the community to develop systemic community building and empowering relationships. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Rochon has secured millions in private, state, and federal grant funding to establish educational programming and workshops, scholarships for underserved populations, and international exchange programs.



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