



## **ERIC at the AERA 2006 Annual Meeting**

The ERIC team looks forward to talking with education scholars at the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) 2006 Annual Meeting in San Francisco from Saturday, April 8 to Monday, April 10. Staff will be available in Booth 235 of the Exhibit Hall at Moscone West to provide information and answer questions. ERIC Project Director Larry Henry will present an ERIC Update Session on Sunday, April 9, in the Vendor Demo area of the Exhibit Hall. A session highlight will be the release of an ERIC Web site video clip featuring Dr. Phoebe Cottingham of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences, as she introduces ERIC's Online Submission System structured abstract option, released March 27.

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### **ERIC Will Offer Web-based Training**

Web-based training and video briefings on structured abstracts will debut on the ERIC Web site later this spring. Structured abstracts facilitate presentation of common research study elements, with concise and accurate summaries that enable users to quickly identify and evaluate research literature.

The videos will explain the concept of, and rationale for, structured abstracts. Tutorials will demonstrate how to prepare structured abstracts and how to use the Online Submission System. Watch the ERIC News section of [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov) for announcements on structured abstract training.

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### **Developing and Expanding ERIC Features**

ERIC continues to refine search features and

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### **Structured Abstract Option Now Online**

Structured abstract template and guidelines are now available in My ERIC's Online Submission area. A key feature of this initiative is the user-feedback comment box offering contributors the opportunity to provide input from the field to guide final implementation of structured abstracts. ERIC encourages participation and feedback in the structured abstract initiative, while continuing to welcome contributions with narrative abstracts.

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### **ERIC Content Grows in 2006**

Through March 2006, nearly 27,000 bibliographic records from 2004 to 2006 were added to the ERIC database, including 2,900 free full-text documents from the U.S. Department of Education, state education agencies,

improve access to full-text materials. Quarterly updates of the ERIC Thesaurus have begun, and ERIC has established a working group of education librarians interested in vocabulary building and maintenance. ERIC has also partnered with ten colleges and universities in a beta test of OpenURL technology. The ERIC Link to My Library feature allows students and faculty who search ERIC to link from their search results to their libraries' full-text resources. The citation-management feature, My Clipboard, allows ERIC Web site users to save, print, email, and/or export citations to commercial citation management software.

professional organizations, and other nonprofits with grey literature. More than 750 recent journal articles (dated 2004 to 2006) are now available at no cost in full-text format. ERIC has comprehensively indexed articles from more than 500 journals, and added documents from 350 organizations producing non-journal literature.

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