

Graduate Student members of the Motivation in Education SIG,

Support for graduate students has been a strong tradition of the Motivation in Education SIG. I hope you will all attend the SIG Business Meeting (on Saturday, April 9 from 6:15-7:45) and many of the SIG sessions. The online program is now available for you to begin planning.

In addition, the SIG will sponsor three activities in support of our graduate student members: student travel awards, the Paul Pintrich Memorial Award, and lunch with a motivation researcher.

Award announcements and the lunches will take place during the AERA Annual Meeting from April 8-12 in New Orleans. However, planning for the events needs to begin now. I'm inviting you to participate in one or all of these activities. Detailed information is provided below.

### 1. Student Travel Awards

The Motivation in Education SIG will provide financial support for graduate students who present a first-authored presentation as part of the SIG program at this year's AERA conference in New Orleans. You qualify for a travel award if:

- (1) are a graduate student,
- (2) are a member of the Motivation in Education SIG,
- (3) have an accepted presentation (of any kind---paper, poster, etc.) as part of the SIG program, and
- (4) are the first-author on that presentation.

The amount of the award for this year has not been determined yet, but last year the awards were \$100. We hope to match that amount this year. Awards will be disbursed during the SIG business meeting.

### 2. Paul Pintrich Memorial Award

Each year, the Motivation in Education SIG offers the Paul Pintrich Memorial Award. The proposals and proposal reviews of Student Travel Award recipients are reviewed to determine a small group who will be considered for the Pintrich award. Those finalists will then have their proposals and reviews read by an ad hoc committee of senior SIG members. This committee will select the winner of the Pintrich Award.

To receive a travel award, if eligible, and to be considered for the Paul Pintrich Memorial Award, please send the following materials by email to me

([michael.middleton@unh.edu](mailto:michael.middleton@unh.edu)<mailto:[michael.middleton@unh.edu](mailto:michael.middleton@unh.edu)>):

- a. A blinded copy of your original AERA proposal.
- b. Copies of all the reviews you received for your proposal.

Due Date: Friday, February 25, 2010

### 3. Lunch with a Motivation Researcher

Several graduate student members of the SIG will be invited to have lunch in a small group setting with an accomplished motivation researcher during the 2011 program in New Orleans. More information on this popular event will be provided in a future announcement, but for now I would like to invite you to nominate a prominent motivation researcher to serve as a luncheon host.

(Nominees must be SIG members. See the SIG membership directory on our website--  
<http://www.motivationsig.org>.) You may email me ([michael.middleton@unh.edu](mailto:michael.middleton@unh.edu)) in the next week to nominate up to 3 different people. From your nominations, I will assemble a list of potential hosts, invite 6 to 8 of them to serve as hosts, and send a follow-up email with the name of the hosts along with the time, date, and location of the lunches. At that time you will be asked to sign-up for one of the luncheons. Because this event takes extensive planning, the follow-up email will be sent in early March.

\* To join the Motivation in Education SIG, you must first be a member of AERA. For more membership information, see our SIG website at [www.motivationsig.net/members/html](http://www.motivationsig.net/members/html)<<http://www.motivationsig.net/members/html>>.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Michael Middleton  
Chair, Motivation in Education SIG