

**University of Colorado Denver @ AERA 2026 — Chronological Schedule  
(CU Denver–Relevant)**

**From Margins to Models: Sustaining Heritage & Dual Language Education  
in Less Commonly Taught Languages**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 308A

Presenters:

\* **Ester de Jong (CU Denver)**

**Virtual Poster Session — Multiple UDL and Measurement Studies**

Date: Wednesday, April 8 – Sunday, April 12

Time: 7:45 a.m. PDT (8:45 a.m. MDT) on Apr 8 to 3:00 p.m. PDT (4:00 p.m. MDT) Apr 12

Place: Virtual Posters Exhibit Hall

Posters by CU Denver Participants:

Poster 1: “Toward Transformative UDL Practice: A Community-Based Assessment of Institutional Understanding, Usage, and Cultural Barriers”

\* **Molly McKeon (CU Denver)**

Poster 2: Centering Disabled Students’ Evaluation of Universal Design for Learning Pedagogy

\* **Molly McKeon (CU Denver)**

Poster 3: A Rasch Analysis of the Couples Satisfaction Index

\* **Colette A. Norgard (CU Denver)**

\* **Tom Su (CU Denver)**

**The Scholarship of Teaching Evaluation**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, 4th Floor, Diamond 7

Paper: “Evaluating systemic bias in faculty course evaluations: Results from an extensive university-wide evaluation”

Authors:

\* **Courtney Donovan (CU Denver)**

\* **Dennis DeBay (CU Denver)**

\* **Abbey Eversole (CU Denver)**

\* **Chelsea Sobczak (CU Denver)**

\* **Cristina Gillanders (CU Denver)**

\* **Jennifer Camacho Taylor (CU Denver)**

\* **Maren Scull (CU Denver)**

**AERA Roundtable Session — Wednesday 9:45 a.m. (Gold 2)**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 2

Papers:

“Unforgetting Migration: Designing Pedagogies of Belonging for Justice-Oriented Classrooms”

\* **Erica Holyoke (CU Denver)**

\* Nasir Kaihan (Arizona State University)

“Gender Roles in the Construction Trades: Barriers and Tools of Resilience as Experienced by Tradeswomen”

\* **Ashley Nesladek (CU Denver)**

### **Beyond the Grade: Advancing Equity Through Assessment Reform and Analytic Innovation**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: “Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 501A

Paper: Uncovering Intersectional Inequalities in Academic Growth: Applying MAIHDA to Student Growth Scores within School-Level Contexts”

Authors:

\* **Kent Seidel (CU Denver)**

\* **Julie R. O’Brian-Oxenford (CU Denver)**

### **Using Multiple Regression with Mixed Data as a Pragmatic Exploratory Approach to Theorizing**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Gold Level, Gold 3

Session: AERA Roundtable Session — Wednesday 9:45 a.m. (Gold 3)

Author:

**Evan McClintock (CU Denver)**

### **AERA Poster Session — Wednesday 1:45 p.m.**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Poster Hall — Exhibit Hall A

Poster 48: A Review of Equity Indicators: What Are We Actually Measuring?

Authors:

\* **Courtney Donovan (CU Denver)**

\* **Angela Rexwinkle (CU Denver)**

\* **Abbey Eversole (CU Denver)**

\* Abigail B. Rose (University of Denver)

\* **Rachel N. Robinson (CU Denver)**

\* **Emilie Waggoner (CU Denver)**

### **AERA Roundtable Session — Wednesday 1:45 p.m.**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level One, Petree D

Papers:

“Conceptualizing Aesthetic Labor as an Education Leadership Challenge: Implications for Teacher Wellbeing and Inclusive School Culture”

\* **George Panayiotou (CU Denver)**

“Proposal for an Ecological Pedagogy of Hope”

\* Kevin Patrick O'Brien (University of Denver)

### **Art + Academe event at AERA**

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 8 – 10 p.m. PST

Place: Venue 146, 146 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St., LA, CA

This event draws education researchers together in and with local community members to enjoy the intersection of art and scholarly expression. **It is co-sponsored by SEHD. All SEHD conference participants are invited to attend.**

### **Navigating Identity, Equity, and Cultural Narratives in Education**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 301B

Paper: “Do Latino and White Parents Interpret DECA’s Behavioral Concerns in Similar Ways: Assessing Measurement Invariance”

Authors:

\* Ji Eun Park (NORC at the University of Chicago)

\* Vi-Nhuan Le (NORC at the University of Chicago)

\* **Diana Schaack (CU Denver)**

\* Laura S. Hamilton (National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc.)

\* Cristal Cisneros (Denver Preschool Program)

\* Jolene Castillo Gregory (Denver Public Schools)

### **Educational Policy, Reforms, and Change in the Middle East and North Africa Toward Social Justice, Equity, and Political Inclusion**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. PDT (3:15 to 4:45 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 304A

Paper: “The Path to a Knowledge-Based Economy through Reforming Public K–12 Education: Educational Policies and Educator Professional Development in Saudi Arabia”

Authors:

\* Hana Alzandi Alghamdi (University of Denver)

\* **Julia Mahfouz (CU Denver)**

### **AI and Action Research: Coding Robots, Literacy, Youth-Led, Assessment, Tensions and Possibilities**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. PDT (3:15 to 4:45 p.m. MDT)  
Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, 3rd Floor, Plaza III  
Paper: "AI in Action Research: Muzzle or Megaphone? Voice, Power, and Pedagogy in Youth-Led Inquiry"

Authors:

\* **Dane Stickney (CU Denver)**

\* Allison JoAnn Lester (Arizona State University)

### **Latinx U.S. Citizens from Mixed-Status Families in Higher Education**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. PDT (3:15 to 4:45 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Petree Hall C

Presenter:

\* **Iris Alexcia Vanegas (CU Denver)**

### **Technology-Supported Collaborative Learning in Preservice Teacher Education: A Systematic Literature Review**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. PDT (3:15 to 4:45 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Gold 2

Authors:

\* Lu Xu (University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign)

\* **Xiaoqian Bi (CU Denver)**

### **Supporting Youth Activism in Hostile Times: Case Studies in Deepening YPAR Practices**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 515B

Organizer: Dane Stickney (CU Denver)

Posters:

1. Broadening Research Methods and Deepening Analysis in Youth Participatory Action Research

\* **Dane Stickney (CU Denver)**

\* **Carlos P. Hipolito-Delgado (CU Denver)**

\* Shelley Zion (Rowan University)

2. Youth Learning Outcomes from Youth Participatory Action Research: A Practical Assessment

\* Ben Kirshner (University of Colorado Boulder)

\* **Carlos P. Hipolito-Delgado (CU Denver)**

\* Salvador Ramirez (University of Colorado Boulder)

3. Brown & Black Girl Leadership through a Critical Race Feminist Lens

\* Carla Cariño (Denver Public Schools)

\* Nayeli Lopez (University of Colorado Boulder)

**“Bad Mentor”: Community Perceptions of “Qualified” Mentors in the Tower and the Block**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Westin Bonaventure, Lobby Level, Los Feliz

**Chair: Robin Brandehoff (CU Denver)**

**Organizer: Robin Brandehoff (CU Denver)**

Papers:

“Behind the Baton: The Double-Bind of Mentorship, Isolation, and Ethical Care in Secondary Music Education”

\* **Andrew Dutch (CU Denver)**

“Wakey, wakey, biatch!”: Spooky’s Lessons on Critical Mentorship”

\* **Robin Brandehoff (CU Denver)**

**Accessibility of Kindergarten English Language Proficiency Assessments for Students with Low Vision: Considerations from Educators**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 4

Session: AERA Roundtable Session

Authors:

\* Anna Rhoad-Drogalis (Wisconsin Center for Education Research)

\* Laurene L. Christensen (Wisconsin Center for Education Research)

\* Kristen Burton (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

\* **Melinda Rossi (CU Denver)**

**AERA Roundtable Session — Friday 1:45 p.m. (Gold 3)**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Gold Level, Gold 3

Paper: “Educational Leadership in Wartime Lebanon: Responding to Crisis with Resilience and Adaptability”

Authors:

\* **Julia Mahfouz (CU Denver)**

\* **Rana Ziad Bassaj (CU Denver)**

**AERA Roundtable Session — Friday 3:45 p.m. (Gold 2)**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. PDT (4:45 to 6:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 2

Paper: “I Am Because We Are: University Students Conceptualize Community through Symbol”

\* **Amy L. Ferrell (CU Denver)**

\* Lisa Williams (National Center for State Courts)

\* **Abigail Rose (CU Denver)**

\* **Mark Simmonds (CU Denver)**

### **AERA Colorado Reception**

Date: Friday, April 10

Time: 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. PDT (8:15 to 10:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Westin Bonaventure, Level 3, Emerald Bay

CU Denver Participation: This reception is **co-hosted by University of Colorado Denver** alongside CU Boulder, UCCS, CSU, and University of Denver.

### **AERA Roundtable Session — Saturday 7:45 a.m. (Gold 3)**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Gold Level, Gold 3

Paper: "Harvesting Diverse Methodologies to Tell a Holistic Story of Early Learning in Museums"

Authors:

\* **Nicole Cromartie (CU Denver)**

\* **Lori Geismar Ryan (CU Denver)**

### **AERA Roundtable Session — Saturday 7:45 a.m. (Gold 4)**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 4

Paper: "Unforgetting Histories in Writing Teacher Preparation: Preservice Teachers' Multimodal Compositions as Windows to Resisting Assimilation"

Authors:

\* Kristen Driscoll (University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign)

\* **Erica Holyoke (CU Denver)**

\* Susan Tily (University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire)

Paper: "Writing as Worldmaking: Digital Pen-Pal Partnership in Teacher Education for Reclaiming Voice, Joy, and Possibility"

Authors:

\* **Erica Holyoke (CU Denver)**

\* Susan Tily (University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire)

### **Emancipatory Pro-Black and Pro-Latinx Reading Research and Teaching**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 301A

Paper: "Why Early Literacy Research in Spanish-Dominant Countries Matters"

Authors:

\* **Lucinda A. Soltero-Gonzalez (CU Denver)**

\* **Cristina Gillanders (CU Denver)**

### **Educators at the Margins: Pathways of Belonging and Resistance**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, 4th Floor, Diamond 7  
CU Denver Role — Discussant:

\* **Margarita Bianco (CU Denver)**

**AERA Roundtable Session — Saturday 11:45 a.m. (Gold 3)**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Gold Level, Gold 3

Paper: “Asian Critical Mentoring as a Third Space of Ontological Resistance”

Authors:

\* **Robin Brandehoff (CU Denver)**

\* **Daranee Taychachaiwongse Teng (CU Denver)**

\* **Amie Hà (CU Denver)**

\* **John Tan Tran (CU Denver)**

\* **Tom Su (CU Denver)**

**Kaambal: Children’s Multimodal Perceptions of Learning in Rural Public Schools in Yucatán**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level One, Petree D

Session: AERA Roundtable Session

Authors:

\* **Adriana Alvarez (CU Denver)**

\* Daniela Brito Calderón (Tecnológico de Monterrey)

\* Dafne Vergara Lozada (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas)

\* Paula Cortina Bonnin (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

\* María Elena Ortega Hesles (Independent Researcher)

**Centering Teachers as Policy Actors: Structuring Inclusive and Sustainable Educator Engagement in Policy-Making**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 515A

**Chair: Valerie Richmond (CU Denver)**

**Organizer: Valerie Richmond (CU Denver)**

**Discussant: Maya Garcia (CU Denver)**

Posters:

\* Teachers as Policy Actors — Valerie Richmond (CU Denver); Maya Garcia (CU Denver)

\* Central Argument — Valerie Richmond (CU Denver); Maya Garcia (CU Denver)

\* Roundtable Structure: Creating Inclusive Pathways for Teacher Voice in Policy-Making — Valerie Richmond (CU Denver); Maya Garcia (CU Denver)

\* Reflection & Call to Action — Valerie Richmond (CU Denver); Maya Garcia (CU Denver)

\* Integrating Educator Expertise: Collaborative and Inclusive Strategies Aimed at Transforming Policy-Making — Valerie Richmond (CU Denver); Maya Garcia (CU Denver)

**Conducting and Disseminating High-Quality Mixed Methods Research: Exemplars and Advice**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown, 5th Floor, Echo Park

Paper: "When Qualitative Data Are Not Enough: Theory-Informed Quantitizing"

Author:

\* **Evan McClintock (CU Denver)**

**AERA Presidential Session - The 29th Conversations With Senior Scholars on Advancing Research and Professional Development Related to Black Education**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 3:45 - 5:15 p.m. PDT (4:45 - 6:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Floor: Level One, Petree Hall C

Paper: "Examining Pathways to a College of Education Deanship: Expectations, Challenges, and Rewards"

\* Robert Q. Berry, Indiana University

\* **Marvin Lynn (CU Denver)**

\* Kimberly A. White-Smith, University of San Diego

\* Laura P. Kohn-Wood, University of Miami

**Early Learning and Development: Tools, Contexts, and Outcomes**

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. PDT (4:45 to 6:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Room 303B

Paper: "The Causal Effects of the Denver Preschool Program's Tuition Credit on Children's Kindergarten Readiness"

Authors:

\* Vi-Nhuan Le (NORC at the University of Chicago)

\* **Diana Schaack (CU Denver)**

\* Cristal Cisneros (Denver Preschool Program)

\* Jolene Castillo Gregory (Denver Public Schools)

**AERA Poster Session — Sunday 7:45 a.m.**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two, Poster Hall — Exhibit Hall A

Poster 8: From Silence to Story: Mapping Climate Justice and Relational Literacies in Early Childhood

Authors:

\* **Jessica Ramos (CU Denver)**

\* Lauren Fletcher (California State University, Stanislaus)

\* **Erica Holyoke (CU Denver)**

### **e-Lightning Ed-Talk — Stage 2**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level One, Exhibit Hall A — Stage 2

Talk: “From Silence to Story: Mapping Climate Justice and Relational Literacies in Early Childhood” (8:53 a.m.)

Authors:

\* **Jessica Ramos (CU Denver)**

\* Lauren Fletcher (CSU Stanislaus)

\* **Erica Holyoke (CU Denver)**

### **Why Do Unhappy Teachers Stay? A Qualitative Analysis of What Keeps Unhappy Teachers from Leaving**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. PDT (8:45 to 10:15 a.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 2

Session: AERA Roundtable Session

Authors:

\* Sophie Gullett (The New Teacher Project)

\* **Nancy L. Leech (CU Denver)**

\* Carolyn A. Haug (Colorado Department of Education)

\* Marisha Lamont-Manfre (University of Colorado Boulder)

### **From Model Minority to MAGA: Indian American Republicanism and the Politics of Racial Identity**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. PDT (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: Los Angeles Convention Center, Level One, Petree D

Session: AERA Roundtable Session

Author:

\* **Madhavi Tandon (CU Denver)**

### **Innovative Mixed Methods Research Practices in Mathematics Education Contexts**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT (12:45 to 2:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown, 5th Floor, K-Town

Paper: “A Case of Crossover Mixed Analyses in Mathematics Education Research”

Authors:

\* **Heather Lynn Johnson (CU Denver)**

\* **Courtney Donovan (CU Denver)**

**\* Evan McClintock (CU Denver)**

**Resistance as Investment in Heritage Language Learning: Reimagining Investment by Centering Community Cultural Wealth**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Time: 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. PDT (2:45 to 4:15 p.m. MDT)

Place: JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Ground Floor, Gold 2

Session: AERA Roundtable Session

**\* Author: Jung-In Kim (CU Denver)**