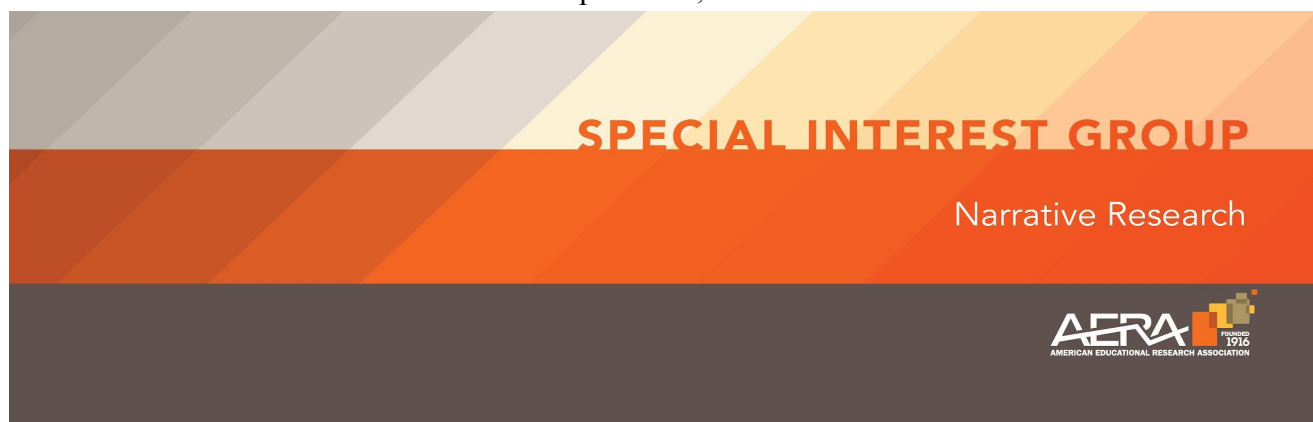


AERA 2026 Narrative Research SIG Call for Proposals

Conference Theme: Unforgetting Histories and Imagining Futures: Constructing a New Vision for Education Research

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The theme for the 2026 AERA Annual Meeting is “Unforgetting Histories and Imagining Futures: Constructing a New Vision for Education Research,” and it calls for education researchers across institutional settings and contexts to remember our common goals towards justice and equity. AERA President Maisha T. Winn requests that we “collectively reflect on how to leverage our disciplinary and methodological diversity in service of unforgetting histories. These histories inform our current challenges in education research and shape policies and practices that will enable thriving futures for learners across the lifespan in a range of contexts.” You can find [the full call here](#).

The Narrative Research SIG provides a forum for exchanging information among individuals interested in informing and/or rethinking narrative research through various narrative research studies with participants in diverse educational settings.

For the 2026 AERA Annual Meeting, we invite proposals that utilize a range of narrative research, including but not limited to the following: (1) Narrative Inquiry, (2) Case Study, (3) Biographical and Autobiographical Studies, (4) Phenomenology, and (5) Ethnography. We are especially interested in proposals where the use and analysis of stories is evident in a variety of educational settings.

As educational researchers at large consider how our work impacts educational outcomes, the Narrative Research SIG seeks proposals that examine stories of experience in order to understand complex interactions and diverse perspectives in education across place, personal and social spaces, and time. We invite scholarly submissions that offer imaginative possibilities for repair and remedy grounded in human experiences and relationships. The AERA online submission system is now open! The submission deadline is **July 25, 2025, at**

11:59 p.m. PST. Details about how to submit can be [found here](#). Submitting a paper, poster, roundtable, workshop, or symposium is possible. As our SIG is allotted limited sessions for symposiums and papers, we encourage authors who submit paper proposals to select all formats in which they would consider presenting their work. Make sure to remove author identification from any submissions.

Please share this call for proposals with all who may be interested in narrative research. The number of proposals and the size of our active membership determine the number of sessions allocated to our SIG. Please consider our SIG as a place to share your work and renew your SIG membership when you submit your proposals. We invite you to encourage students and colleagues to become members of the Narrative Research SIG!

Please contact your Program Chairs with any questions. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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