

Education and Educational Research in an Era of Accountability: Insights and Blind Spots

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Department of Educational Policy Studies

University of Wisconsin-Madison
February 7 - 8, 2007
Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., Madison

Wednesday, February 7, 2007, Pyle Center (check Events Board for room location)

7:00 PM Keynote Address

Richard F. Elmore, Gregory R. Anrig Professor of Educational Leadership, Harvard University; Co-Director, Consortium for Policy Research in Education

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Thursday, February 8, 2007, Pyle Center (check Events Board for room location)

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM Philosophical Perspectives on Evaluating Education Reforms

Harry Brighouse, Professor of Philosophy and Educational Policy Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Values in Evaluation: Why Empirical Evidence is Never Enough”

10:15 AM -
12:00 PM

Studying Education Reforms with Quantitative Methods: Emerging Directions and Findings

Adam Gamoran, Professor of Sociology, Educational Policy Studies, and Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis; Director, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“From Discipline-Based Theories to Practical Knowledge: Measuring ‘What Works’ in Education”

Geoffrey Borman, Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, Educational Policy Studies, and Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Final Reading Outcomes of the National Randomized Field Trial of ‘Success for All’”

Douglas Harris, Assistant Professor of Educational Policy Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Reconciling the Short-Term Demands of Accountability with the Long-Term Goals of Education and Research”

1:15 - 3:00 PM.

Studying Education Reforms with Qualitative Methods: Emerging Directions and Findings

Mary Haywood Metz, Professor of Educational Policy Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Accountability “Shines a Light” on the Products of Schools: Studying School Life Outside the Circle of That Light

Patricia Burch, Assistant Professor of Educational Policy Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Markets and the Implementation of Federal Education Policy: The Case of Supplemental Education Services”

Elizabeth Graue, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction; Director of Graduate Training, Wisconsin Center for Education Research; Wisconsin-Spencer Doctoral Research Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Square Pegs, Round Holes, and Contested Agendas: Doing Policy Relevant Research in a Culture of Accountability”

3:15 - 4:00 PM

Conference Summary, Synthesis, and Further Discussion

Michael Olneck, Professor of Educational Policy Studies and Sociology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration and Fees:

The conference is free and there is no pre-registration.

Directions:

Go to <http://www.uwex.edu/about/directions/>.

Parking:

Public parking is available at the Lake and Frances Streets ramps, and the Helen C. White public parking area. Limited parking closer to the Pyle Center is sometimes available for \$9 / day. To obtain a permit before the conference call the Pyle Center Front Desk at 608 / 262-5956.

For More Information:

Call the Department of Educational Policy Studies at 608 / 262-1760.

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