

LERA 78th Annual Meeting

May 28 - 31, 2026
Minneapolis, MN

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Calls for Papers and Posters

for the LERA 78th Annual Meeting, May 28 – 31, 2026, Minneapolis, MN
for details and submission forms, visit: <http://www.leraweb.org/deadlines>

LERA Papers—Deadline Nov. 15, 2025

Submit an abstract (up to 300 words) of your research paper to be considered by the LERA Program Committee for inclusion in the program in a symposium. Complete papers will not be due until May 2026 if accepted, and selected papers from the program are invited to publish in the *LERA Proceedings of the Annual Meetings* and may also choose to participate in a journal publication competition with the *ILR Review* as well.

LERA Posters Competition—Deadline Nov. 15, 2025

The conference will feature LERA Poster Sessions. This session attracts a wide audience and encourages feedback on work in progress or recently completed. Abstracts on topics of interest to the membership are posted and may be distributed but are not presented in a symposium. Authors present research visually and have the opportunity to discuss their research one-on-one with attendees.

LERA Competitive Papers—Deadline Dec. 15, 2025

Papers up to 30 pages in length are invited to be submitted to the double-blind competitive review process. Authors of selected papers will be invited to present at the conference and to be published in the *LERA Proceedings of the Annual Meetings*. Also, the best papers presented at LERA may be considered for additional journal publication as well.

LERA/AILR Best Papers Competition (Research Proposals)—Deadline Jan. 15, 2026

Editors of *Advances in Industrial and Labor Relations* (AILR), published by Emerald, have announced a deadline for the submission of abstract/paper proposals for the annual competition. Abstract proposals should be no longer than 3 pages (with papers due the following April). Winning papers will be presented and expeditiously refereed for publication in Vol. #32 of AILR.

LERA/ICJI Research Competition (Research Proposals)—Deadline Jan. 15, 2026

The Illinois Climate Jobs Institute, based at the University of Illinois, has announced a deadline for the submission of research/paper proposals for its annual competition. Abstract proposals should be no longer than 3 pages (with papers due in April). Winning papers will be presented at the next LERA annual meeting.

James Scoville Best International Paper Competition—\$500 Cash Prize—Deadline Jan. 15, 2026

The best international and comparative employment issues paper of the year (published within the last year) are eligible. We invite you to nominate colleagues' papers – whether written by faculty, students, researchers or researcher/practitioners – for this award. Self-nominations will not be considered. The winner will receive a plaque and a cash award of \$500.

DCDC Best Student Papers—\$300 Cash Prize—Deadline Jan. 15, 2026

The Deans, Chairs, and Directors Council sponsors a student (first author is a student) paper competition at the LERA Annual Meeting each year, offering selected authors the opportunity to present their papers, plus a cash prize to the top paper. Completed papers of up to 20 pages should be submitted, and the lead author must be a student.

DCDC Best Student Posters Competition—\$300 Cash Prize—Deadline Nov. 15, 2025

The LERA Poster Session is meant to preview research ideas or paper drafts or feature newly completed papers. Student posters (first author is a student) will be judged by the DCDC on-site, and a certificate of award and cash prize will be conferred on-site for the best student poster. (Submit a paper/poster to the general paper/poster submission form and indicate that the lead author is a student.)

Thomas Kochan & Stephen Sleigh Best Dissertation Award—\$1,000 Cash Prize—Deadline Jan. 15, 2026

The 20th annual competition is open to doctoral students who completed their thesis at an accredited college or university in the field of industrial relations or related fields such as history, political science, economics, sociology, etc. —as long as they are broadly related to employment relations. Dissertation completion must be between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2026.