



January 14, 2020

RE: YOUR PARTICIPATION IN LERA'S 72nd ANNUAL MEETING

On behalf of Adrienne Eaton, Program Committee Chair, I offer you congratulations on your inclusion in the program of the *LERA 72nd Annual Meeting, June 13-16, 2020 in Portland, Oregon*. This conference brings together cutting-edge researchers with top practitioners, representing labor, management, neutrals, and public policy. All submissions are competitively reviewed by a large group of leaders in the field, and your inclusion in the final program is a laudable achievement.

Before we officially announce the program to LERA members, affiliates, and the public in February, will you please:

1. **Review your program details:** You will find the complete details of your session(s) online here, (search for your last name at the top): <http://leraoffice.org/drupalinclude/program.asp>. Please review your session information carefully.
2. **Send corrections by Thursday, January 30, 2020:** If you have corrections for the online program, please send them to LERAOoffice@illinois.edu. Please include the number/title of your session, along with any changes in spelling, affiliation, or paper or topic title revisions.

There are a few changes in 2020 that are worth mentioning as you begin considering travel arrangements. First, the **conference will begin on Saturday and conclude on Tuesday**, which departs from our typical Thursday-Sunday schedule.

Additionally, post-conference special events will be offered for the first time. The regional planning team is finalizing details, but special events will be available on **Tuesday, June 16, 2020** afternoon/evening, for those who will return home on Wednesday morning. We will again offer pre-conference events for those who will arrive the day before the conference begins on Friday, June 12, 2020. Pre-conference events will including a Health Equity Tour sponsored by Kaiser Permanente (limited capacity), among other Portland-specific activities.

Our meetings would not be possible without the support of our members. If you are a current LERA member, we thank you. If not, you can join or renew on our website. We regret that we cannot pay registration fees or other expenses for the meetings, and we thank you for your involvement.

I will be back in touch with additional information regarding conference registration, hotel room accommodations, as well as deadlines and details specific to those participating in the conference

as a Chair, Presenter, Panelist, or Discussant. Registration and hotel accommodations are scheduled to open in February 2020.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland, and again, please accept my congratulations on your participation at the *LERA 72nd Annual Meeting, June 13-16, 2020, in Portland, Oregon*, and my appreciation of your support of LERA and the entire field of Labor and Employment Relations.

Sincerely,

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