



Labor and Employment Relations Association

Call for Symposia & Paper Proposals

LERA@ASSA 2026 Meeting, Philadelphia (in conjunction with ASSA/AEA)

January 3-5, 2026 (*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday*)

For full information: <https://lera.memberclicks.net/2026-lera-assa-cfp>

Submission Deadline: Submit to the LERA website by March 15, 2025 (without exception)

The LERA Program Committee seeks proposals offering original and high-quality research on employment and labor relations topics for its winter meeting held in conjunction with the Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA). We welcome proposals on a broad range of issues, such as wages and inequality, labor market regulation, social insurance, economic justice, technology and work organization, workplace benefits (e.g. retirement and health insurance), and work-life balance, as well as topics of current interest or related more generally to the mission of LERA.

Proposed sessions should include a total of 7 participants with either 1 chair, 3 presenters, and 3 discussants OR 1 chair, 4 presenters, and 2 discussants. The Committee also accepts individual paper proposals, although preference is given to session submissions.

Membership Requirement: In order to give a paper at a LERA session, presenters must be current in their LERA membership. (Join LERA <http://www.LERAweb.org/join-lera>.) Proposals that include participants with diverse gender and ethnic backgrounds will be favored.

Publication in ILR Review: Participants in the LERA@ASSA 2026 are eligible to submit their papers to a competition held jointly with the ILR Review. The LERA Program Committee will select up to three of the best papers to receive a guaranteed review by referees selected by the ILR Review. Completed papers must be submitted by January 15, 2026. Papers are eligible for consideration if based on an accepted LERA paper presented at the 2026 meeting and participation in this competition is optional.

Papers presented in LERA symposia at the LERA@ASSA 2026 will be invited to be published in the LERA Proceedings. Visit the LERA website for complete information about our Proceedings and submission requirements.

To submit an online proposal, visit <https://lera.memberclicks.net/2026-lera-assa-cfp>. To give the program committee an understanding of the proposed panel, we request that symposia organizers provide:

- Symposium title
- Brief abstract describing overall theme of the session
- Listing of session participants, their affiliations, their role in the session, and their email addresses
- Paper titles and brief paper abstract for all papers to be presented in the session

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be submitted or reach the LERA Office no later than **March 15, 2025**. Contact LERAoffice@illinois.edu with questions.

LERA Program Committee for the LERA@ASSA 2026 Meeting *in Conjunction with ASSA/AEA*

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