# AERA SIG: Ecological & Environmental Education NEWSLETTER Spring, 2000

## **Chair's Report**

by Dilafruz Williams

This has been a good year for us at the SIG. At the last AERA meeting in 1999, the program committee, with Henry St. Maurice's tremendous diligence, aimed at increasing SIG memberships. Michael Apple's keynote and the reception that followed drew a large audience and we were able to recruit new members. Thanks to that effort in particular, and with further follow-through, our membership has enabled us to increase the number of paper presentations this year.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all each and every member — for your support, and hope that we will sustain the membership. Let's each make a pledge to recruit just one new member during 2000-2001! Having sown the seeds and worked the soils, we can ensure strength in growth.

I hope that many of you will come to AERA this year. Peter Corcoran has planned a great program with a local site visit. Combined with the particular charms of New Orleans the E&EE SIG community should have a memorable time next month.

I have enjoyed my tenure in this role and hope to connect with many of you at AERA.

## **E&EE SIG Officers 1999 - 2000**

*SIG Chair:* Dilafruz Williams Portland State University, Oregon, USA

*Program Chair:* Peter Blaze Corcoran Florida Gulf Coast University, USA

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#### International Research in Geographical & Environmental Education.

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Advance Notice: Seminar 0043

## Environmental Education: From Theory to Practice

4 to 10 March 2001

Directed by Justin Dillon, International Education Unit, Kings College London

Topics will include: - EE and development - EE and health education - International environmental policy - Local Agenda 21 - Evaluating curriculum - Teacher development - Student learning and attainment

(programme subject to change)

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#### Roster of the AERA Ecological & Environmental Special Interest Group

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## **Re-introducing AJEE**

The Australian Journal of Environmental Eduction is now edited by the collective of Annette Gough (Managing Editor) and Noel Gough from Deakin University, and John Fien and Debbie Heck from Griffith University. The format for AJEE is to have three main sections:

• Feature articles (up to 3500 words) are refereed articles contributing to the theory and practice of environmental education.

• Classroom/field/practical notes (up to 1000 words) provide an opportunity for environmental educators to share ideas and experiences about teaching techniques, and particular experiences .

• Resource reviews (up to 3500 words) are a significant component of the journal. Reader response research indicates that reviews are the most read section of a journal, so we intend to publish a significant number each year. If you would like to join the panel of reviewers please contact Annette at the address below.

The deadline for contributions to the 2000 issue of AJEE is 30 June. If you would like to submit an article but may need a little longer than 30 June, send Annette an e-mail giving her a submission date, and then negotiate!

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### 2000 SIG Program

BUSINESS MEETING & ADDRESS: Education for Sustainability and the Environment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions. Collette Hopkins, Clark Atlanta University

#### SESSION XX.X (HOTEL X, ROOM Y)

SYMPOSIUM: Critical Issues in Significant Life Experiences Research and EE Curriculum.

Chair: Dilafruz Williams, Portland State University. Presenters: Justin Dillon, Kings College London; Annette Gough, Deakin University; Noel Gough, Deakin University; Stephen Gough, University of Bath. Discussants: Kathleen Kesson, Goddard College-Vermont; William Scott, University of Bath

#### SESSION XX.X (HOTEL Z, ROOM D)

#### **PAPERS:** Going Green and Acting Sustainably: Research Stories.

Chair: Peter Blaze Corcoran, Florida Gulf Coast University; Discussant: William Hug, Portland State University.

- Greening the Curriculum of Universities: A Cross University Study. Kim Walker, University of Technology Sydney: J. Thomas, PMIT, Melhourne: ArienWels, Wegeningen, Agricultural University
- Technology-Sydney; I. Thomas, RMIT, Melbourne; ArjenWals, Wageningen Agricultural University-Netherlands.
  - Observations on the Conduct of 'Authentic' Ecology Research: A Cautionary Tale for Educators. G. Michael Bowen, Trent University-Ontario.

- Environmental Education: Participatory Action Research Case Studies. Kalay Mordock, Cornell University.

- Does an Interdisciplinary Modular Curriculum Unit Affect Students' Motivation for Environmental Involvement? Uri Zoller, Haifa University; Michal Gross, Haifa University.
- Education for Sustainability, Biodiversity, Ill-Definedness and Pluralism. Arjen Wals, Wageningen Agricultural University.
- Conservation/Creativity: An Ecological Model of Creativity and Human Development for Education. Sonia MacPherson, University of British Columbia.

#### SESSION XX.X(HOTEL A, ROOM C)

#### **ROUNDTABLE**\S: Teaching and Learning Environmental Education

- Roundtable Discussions at a Youth Conference: What's Being Learned? How Do We Measure It?. Marsha Alibrandi, North Carolina State University; Will Snyder, William Miller, University of Massachusetts.
- An Assessment of Growing Up in Cities: An EE Program for Children in Johannesburg, South Africa. Louise Chawla, Kentucky State University.
- Using Environmental Education to Promote Educational Reform and Effective Technology Integration: eeZone Online. Christine M. Kelly, Bricolage Interactive Design.
- Teaching EE Using an Inductive Inquiry in a Computer-based Instructional Program. Brenda C. Litchfield, John V. Dempsey, University of South Alabama.
- Researching Schools' Contributions to Sustainable Development: Perspectives on EE and Environmental Mangement. William Scott, Stephen Gough, Alan Reid, University of Bath.
- Learning, Community and Ecology: Building a Sense of Place for First year Students as a Transition into College. William M. Timpson, G.M. Kimball, A.M. Merline, G. Digregorio, P. Shang, R. Gasser, D. McKelfresh, Colorado State University.
- *EE in the Early Years: An Integrated Issues Approach.* Cameron S. White, University of Houston; Carole Basile, University of Colorado-Denver.

#### SESSION XX.X (HOTEL B, ROOM Z)

#### **ROUNDTABLES:** Developing Ecological Theory, Literacy and Action.

- Theoretical Foundations of an Eco-Justice Pedagogy. C.A. Bowers, Portland State University
- Global Warming: What Do Students Know 10 years on? Edward Boyes, Martin Stanisstreet, University of Liverpool.
- Green is the Democratic Classroom. James Kilbane, Indiana University.
- Exploring Professional and Personal Experiences of Environmental Educators: Defining Sense of Place. Anneliese Mueller, Eleanor Abrams, University of New Hampshire.
- The Environmental Literacy of Urban Middle School Teachers. Marcia Owens, Emory University.
- Constructions of Self, Community and Nature. Henry St. Maurice, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; Wallace Sherlock, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report	AERA Ecological & Environmental SIG Roster Data
by Henry St. Maurice	
As of June 1, 1999, the Ecological & Environmental	Name:
Special Interest Group had a roster of 131 current members, of whom 108 were members of AERA.	Position:
Therefore, our SIG has been allocated two paper sessions at the 2000 Annual Meeting. The 1999-2000	Affiliation:
officers have set a goal of increasing our paid current membership to more than 129 AERA members, at	Mailing Address:
which point we would gain another paper session at the 2001 meeting.	
Before we meet in New Orleans, please help our	
group meet this goal by renewing your membership and recruiting eligible new members. There can be no	Telephone:
easier investment in research on ecological and environmental education than your dues. Listed with	Fax:
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should renew your membership now to stay on our mailing list in 2000-2001.	Interests:
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## To check our roster and communicate on the Internet with all of us in the EEE SIG, go to our web site: http://www.uwsp.edu/acad/educ/hstmauri/eesig.htm

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