

- 1966 The Equality of Educational Opportunity Study (The Coleman Report) is published
- 1966 AERA Newsletter renamed *Educational Researcher*
- 1969 *Sesame Street* debuts, the first time educational goals and a curriculum are used to shape the content of a television show
- 1974 Busing of African American students to predominantly white schools is ordered
- 1967 AERA becomes fully independent of NEA, constitution adopted in July 1968
- 1968 AERA expands to include Special Interest Groups
- 1972 National Institute of Education (NIE) established in the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
- 1975 AERA researchers attend a Tuesday at the White House event to discuss the needs of the research community
- 1974 - 1975 AERA begins examining participation of women in the 1974 Annual Meeting

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"With the possible exceptions of psychology and economics, educational research workers have contributed to and used stronger and more powerful research procedures than have other social scientists. Our colleagues in other fields have recognized this and occasionally accuse us of using 'elephant guns to shoot at fleas.'"

Benjamin Bloom
President, 1965 - 1966

- 1978 AERA's *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* journal is established
- 1979 Iranian Hostage Crisis begins, more than 60 Americans are held in Tehran for 444 days
- 1979 AERA central office purchases its first computer
- 1979 President Carter signs bill establishing the U.S. Department of Education; includes Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI); Shirley Hufstetler appointed first Secretary of Education
- 1980 AERA Council designates the committees on the role and status of women and of minorities in educational research and development as standing committees
- 1978 - 1984 Three New AERA Divisions established: (I) Education in the Professions, 1978; (J) Postsecondary Education, 1980; and (K) Teaching and Teacher Education, 1984
- 1981 First personal computer introduced by IBM
- 1982 AERA joins the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
- 1983 The National Commission on Excellence in Education issues report, *A Nation at Risk*
- 1981 Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman confirmed to the Supreme Court

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"In education research we need more scholarly effort concentrated on the problem of finding the knowledge that lies untapped in completed research studies."

Gene V. Glass
President, 1975 - 1976

- 1989 The Berlin Wall comes down, reuniting East and West Germany, symbolizing the end of Communism in many European countries
- 1988 AERA publishes first edition of the *Handbook of Complementary Methods in Education Research*
- 1991 Minnesota passes the first "charter school" law
- 1991 AERA takes a position on test-based accountability
- 1990 The Hubble Telescope is launched into space
- 1990 Minority Fellowship program is approved to be implemented by 1992
- 1990 AERA Grants Program is established with funding from the National Science Foundation
- 1995 The Oklahoma City Bombing occurs, 168 Americans killed including 19 children. At the time, the worst terrorist attack on American soil
- 1995 Council reaffirms AERA's research advocacy role and votes that the Association should take positions on social issues only if they relate to education or discrimination and are supported by two-thirds of the Council members

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"I believe that the contribution of educational research most often lies in constructing, challenging, and changing how policymakers and practitioners think."

Richard J. Shavelson
President, 1987 - 1988

- 1996 New Division established: (L) Education Policy and Politics
- 2000 Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore is contested in Florida, Bush is declared winner 36 days after Election Day
- 2000 First electronic submissions for the AERA Annual Meeting
- 2001 Al Qaeda inflicts 4 terrorist attacks in the United States
- 2001 The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is approved by Congress
- 2002 Congress establishes Institute of Education Sciences (IES); replaces OERI
- 2003 AERA files amicus briefs in *Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger*; Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cites the AERA et al. brief in the Court's opinion on *Grutter*
- 2003 AERA Council establishes the Brown Lecture in Education Research to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*; in 2004 Edmund W. Gordon gives inaugural lecture
- 2005 Graduate students granted the right to vote in AERA elections
- 2003 Mapping of the Human Genome is declared complete

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"Because education is a moral endeavor, educational researchers should be scientists as well as citizens who are committed to promoting democratic ideals."

James A. Banks
President, 1997 - 1998

- 2006 AERA adopts standards for reporting on empirical social science research in AERA publications; in 2009 adopts standards for humanities-oriented research
- 2007 AERA publishes *Estimating Causal Effects* an accessible methods volume on drawing causal inferences with large-scale data set
- 2008 A financial crisis starting in the housing market leads to a global recession
- 2008 AERA membership exceeds 25,000
- 2009 Barack Obama takes office as the first African American President of the United States
- 2009 First cohort of AERA Fellows selected
- 2009 AERA supports establishment of World Education Research Association (WERA), becomes founding member
- 2014 AERA begins accepting submissions for *AERA Open*, a peer-reviewed, open access journal
- 2011 AERA Council approves Code of Ethics; first AERA ethical standards adopted in 1992
- 2012 AERA files amicus brief supporting affirmative action in *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* Supreme Court case
- 2013 - 2015 AERA releases research agenda setting reports: *Prevention of Bullying in Schools, Colleges and Universities* (2013) and *LGBTQ Issues in Education* (2015)

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"To study how people learn and develop over time as learning unfolds in the rich fullness of the ecologies of their lives is the quintessential purpose of a science of learning."

Carol D. Lee
President, 2009 - 2010

- H. Res. 664 Introduced to Recognize the 100th Anniversary, March 23, 2016
- HONORABLE MICHAEL M. HONDA OF CALIFORNIA H. Res. 664, Recognizing The 100th Anniversary March
- Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the largest national interdisciplinary research association devoted to the scientific study of education and learning, celebrating its achievements, and expressing support for the designation of April 8, 2016, as "National Education Research Day".
- 2016 Knowledge Forum
- National Centennial Lecture Series
- Congressional Fellowship Program
- Dynamic Second Century Web Portal
- Second Century Conference Center
- Special Centennial Publications:
 - Educational Researcher* - A Living Lens: AERA Past Presidents Reflect on 100 Years of Education Research
 - Review of Research in Education* - Education Research and Its Second Century
 - American Educational Research Journal* - Education Research for the Next 100 Years
 - Review of Educational Research* - 100-Year Literature Reviews
- 2017 and Beyond
 - Early Career Scholars Communication Institute
 - Visiting Scholars Program
 - Continued Policy and Public Engagement Programming
 - Expansion of Virtual Research Learning Center
 - Complementary Methods*: A Web-based, Peer-reviewed Information System

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