



Complexity Science and Educational Research Conference Call for Papers

February 3-5, 2008



University of Georgia
Faculty of Engineering

Thanks for expressing an interest in attending the fifth Complexity Science and Educational Research Conference, which is being held this year at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia February 3-5, 2008. As with previous meetings, our hope with this one is to open up our understanding of the complexity sciences as they relate to the human sciences in general and to educational research in particular.

Important Dates:

Abstracts (200 words or less) dueDecember 10, 2007
Notice of abstract acceptance.....December 20, 2007
Conference postcards dueJanuary 17, 2008
Electronic book of conference postcards available online.....January 28, 2008

Abstracts: We invite you to submit abstracts for full-length paper presentations. Abstracts are due on December 10th and can be submitted online (preferred) at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=iCW8sTFJP9D6WKLv2iFv3Q_3d_3d or by email. All presenters will be invited to contribute to the online proceedings after the conference.

Based on your input, we have developed the following *suggested* clusters for full-length paper presentations and for working group discussions. Feel free to submit abstracts that do not fall within these categories.

Research

- New science, epistemology, ontology
- Philosophical dimensions and aspects of complexity
- Research methodologies
- Semantics/language
- Scales of organization (not just social)
- Metapatterns

Development

- Practical and applicable models for practitioners
- Deeper evidence for claims made
- Ways to integrate complexity science in various contexts (classroom, curriculum, program, administration, community education, educational organization)

Conference Postcards: All conference attendees are encouraged to submit conference postcards prior to the conference. The purpose of the conference postcards is to introduce conference attendees to one another and to excite fellow conference attendees to follow-up later in the conference or in working groups. The conference postcards will be available online prior to the conference so that you can correspond with authors before the conference and even recognize them as the postcards will have a photo of the author in the place of a stamp. The instructions for conference postcards will be provided in a future correspondence.

Working Groups: Sessions throughout the conference will be reserved for working groups. The intention of these working groups are to encourage new collaborations among conference attendees and to help attendees develop a better understanding of complexity sciences and develop strategies for moving the field forward.

Proposed Conference Structure:



**5th Conference on COMPLEXITY
SCIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL
RESEARCH**

2007 February 3-5

Proposed Conference Structure

SUNDAY, February 3

Registration	Boxed Dinner Available
Keynote 1	

MONDAY, February 4

8:00	Keynote 2	
8:30		
9:00	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
9:30		
10:00	Break	
10:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
11:00		
11:30	Working Lunch: Determine 'Burning Questions'	
12:00		
12:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	
1:00		
1:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
2:00		
2:30	Break	
3:00	Working Groups: Discussion of 'Burning Questions'	
3:30	Plenary Panel: A Linking Conversation	
4:00		
4:30		
5:00		
5:30		
6:00		
6:30		
7:00		
7:30		
8:00		

TUESDAY, February 5

8:00	Plenary or Paper Sessions	
8:30		
9:00	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
9:30		
10:00	Break	
10:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
11:00		
11:30	Working Lunch: Wrap up Working Groups Prepare Final Reports	
12:00		
12:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	
1:00		
1:30	Paper Sessions 2 or 3 tracks	Working Groups
2:00		
2:30	Break	
3:00	Working Groups: Final Reports 5 minute Report from each Group and Informal Discussions among Groups	
3:30	Keynote: Conference Synthesis	
4:00		
4:30		
5:00		

Please let me know if you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas concerning this meeting.

With warm regards,

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