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## Message from the Chair

### Chair's Message

It was wonderful to see so many SSEPC members at the national CEC convention in Boston back in April. Certainly as national venues go – Boston was a great city for hosting CEC's largest annual event. I was fortunate to have seven of my pre-service SSEC members join me and it has been the talk of the campus all year. The TED conference in Dallas appears to be shaping up to be an equally memorable event for teacher educators.

SSEPC members were well represented at the Boston conference and are also on the program for TED in Dallas. One special event, that will now be an annual one, is the SSEPC Symposium. This year's topic, Field Experiences that Shape our Special Educators, will provide SSEPC members a forum to showcase their exemplary programs. Another exciting opportunity for the membership is the next monograph. The topic, *Preparing Teachers for Inclusive Practices*, was approved by the membership and plans for submission deadlines, etc. will be forthcoming in Dallas at our General Business meeting scheduled for Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm.

This year has brought substantive changes in terms of the implementation of legislation for both individuals with disabilities as well as institutions of higher education. With the national election on the horizon its outcome may produce even more changes and challenges for those of us working in the field of special education. Now is the time to stay actively engaged with your legislatures not only at the national, but at the state level. The TED conference always provides current information related to legislative initiatives as well as an overview of how these are being interpreted at the state level. This is obviously essential information to assist us in advocating for our profession and our children. See the TED website <http://www.tedcec.org/tedweb.asp?FileName=home> for details and while there notice we finally have the SSEPC link on the TED homepage!!

On another note, our historical records indicate that the year 2008 marks the thirty year anniversary of SSEPC and as with any anniversary should afford opportunities for both celebration and reflection. At our annual SSEPC Reception on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm we will be recognizing the 9<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Nasim Dil Award as well as celebrating this milestone. We hope you will join us for the myriad professional development opportunities as well as the Caucus' Silent Auction, business meeting and reception.

Hope to see you all in Dallas – I'm confident Texas knows how to put on a great show!



## See you in Seattle for CEC in April 1-4, 2009

### Top three reasons to attend CEC's 2009 Convention & Expo:

1. Get the latest information and evidence-based strategies.
2. Explore topics in depth through a preconvention workshop or strand.
3. Learn, share, and network with your peers from around the world.

**SSEPC Business Meeting**  
**TED conference**

**What is happening At CEC?**  
See: <http://www.cec.sped.org>

### General Business Meeting

This year's Convention promises to be exciting. Please see the Conference Program for information about the **SSEPC General Business Meeting** to be held at the CEC Convention. Be sure to bring any potential members to the meeting.

**Check the Convention Program Booklet for the location of the SSEPC events.**

## Explore Dallas

As described by the site, *Dallas Today*, "Dallas is a richly diverse American city - over the years it has become a melting pot of cultures, religions and lifestyles. This important convergence of uniqueness and differences is reflected throughout the sights and sounds of the city. Dallas' authentic arts, music, food, places of worship, historic landmarks and urban lifestyle all contribute to the city's makeup." For more information click on the following

[http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/about\\_dallas/dallas\\_today/](http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/about_dallas/dallas_today/)

## 31st Annual TED conference TED Conference Dallas, Texas

***Teacher Education and Special Education in Changing Times:  
Personnel Preparation and Classroom Interventions***

November 5-8, 2008.

You can access <http://www.tedcec.org> and click on TED Conference in Dallas – 2008 for further information.

The conference hotel will be the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre, located at 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240.

:Among the special features 3 preconference workshops will be offered:

- *Response-to-Intervention: What It Is and Isn't –Preparing Educators for the Changes in the Schools*
- *Preparing Personnel to Work with Court-Involved Youth*
- *Preparing Teachers to Teach Students who are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse*

For inquiries contact:

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# *Celebrating You*

The South Carolina Office of Exceptional Children has an ongoing initiative to support the preparation of highly qualified Special Educators. One newly identified population to be served is paraeducators with some college preparation.

Dr. Dava M. O'Connor, Lander University Project CREATE Director, received in excess of \$100,000 for the 2008-2009 academic year to provide tuition scholarships to individuals seeking special education certification. In addition to teachers who are seeking add-on special education certification, Lander is currently serving almost 20 paraeducators from surrounding districts who are enrolled in the Paraprofessional to Special Educator program. This is seen as an opportunity for many of the rural districts to "grow their own" special educators.

## **Important SSEPC/TED Meetings**

**Mark your calendar with the following dates and times**

Past Presidents' Meeting – Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:15-5:15 pm

Executive Board Meeting - Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15-6:15 pm in Hamilton A

SSEPC Silent Auction – Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00-2:00 in Ballroom Foyer

SSEPC Business meeting – Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 2:45-3:45 pm room TBD

SSEPC Reception – Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm in the Conservatory Room

## **SSPEC Silent Auction:**

The SSPEC Silent auction will be held Friday, November 7 from 11am to 2 pm. in the Ballroom Foyer

Please contact Kelly O'Neal regarding donations for the auction and if you would be willing to volunteer during setting up and/or managing the auction. ([koneal@emporia.edu](mailto:koneal@emporia.edu))

**For the latest information and up to date issues regarding TED visit :**

[www.tedcec.org](http://www.tedcec.org)

**Check out TED LINES available at**

<http://www.tedcec.org/tedlines/TEDLinesSummer08.pdf>

*A BIG welcome to ALL the new SSEPC officers and members!  
We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of professionals!*

## Faculty Opportunities

### NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Applications are invited for a full-time faculty position in Special Education at our Sacramento Center. Position responsibilities include student advisement, program development, assessment, university service, scholarly activity and community service. Please send a letter of interest, vita and three original letters of recommendation to:

Lucinda Kramer, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Special Education  
Chair, Special Education Search Committee  
National University  
3390 Harbor Boulevard  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Email: [lkramer@nu.edu](mailto:lkramer@nu.edu)

Applications are invited for several part-time adjunct faculty positions to teach online courses in Special Education. Please send a letter of interest and your vita to:

Stuart E. Schwartz, Ed.D.  
Coordinator for Level II and Online Courses  
National University-Special Education  
11255 N. Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037-1011  
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Email: [sschwartz@nu.edu](mailto:sschwartz@nu.edu)

**About Our Organization...**

The Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) is an organization devoted to helping support faculty who work in small sized special education programs at colleges and universities.

Members also include educators who work in state departments of education, as well as educators who are employed in the private sector. Members of SSEPC collaborate on (a) professional development activities, and (b) research aimed at investigating issues related to working in small programs. Information regarding small programs is disseminated through Caucus activities.

**We are on the Web**

See us at:

<http://edtech.wku.edu/~ssepc/>

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**TED Conference**

**November**

**Dallas, Texas**



**"Happiness is time spent with a friend and looking forward to sharing time with them again."  
- Lee Wilkinson**

**Please join us at TED!**

Come see old friends and meet new friends!

**CEC April 2009**

The next CEC Annual Convention & Expo will be in Seattle, Washington April 1-4, 2008  
1.800.232.7733  
<http://www.cec.sped.org>