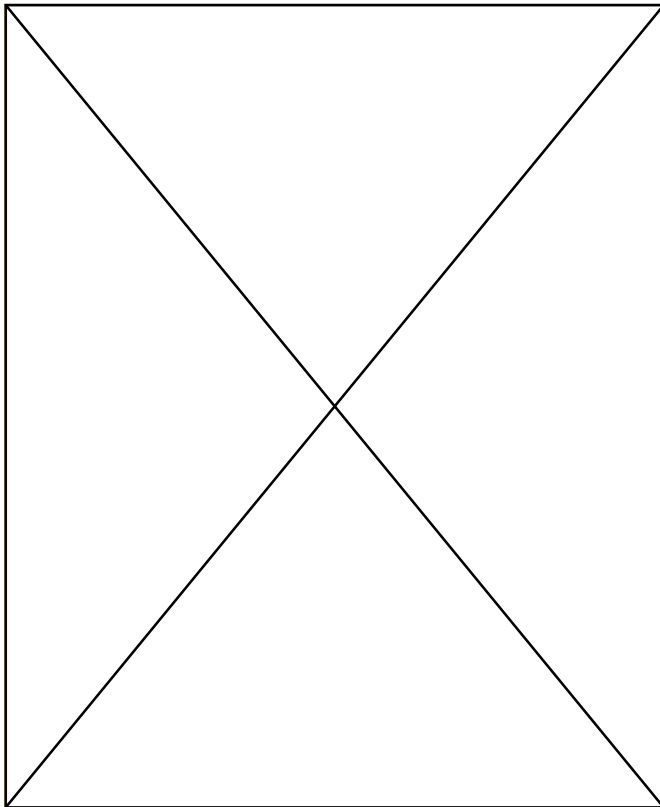


Newsletter

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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame...and the beat goes on!

The 20th annual Organizational Systems Research Association Conference

Moving Into the New Millenium: A conference for advancing research in information technology, learning, and performance

**Downtown Cleveland—
February 22-24, 2001**

The 20th annual OSRA Conference is being finalized for our members and colleagues. This outstanding Research Conference is a once a year opportunity to meet and mingle with top practitioners and researchers from both education and industry. It's your opportunity to tap a "gold mine" of ideas, techniques, and teaching strategies.

Learn from the Best!

Your professional growth requires a continued stream of fresh ideas. Your success in the classroom or in the workplace is enhanced as you gain exposure to contemporary ideas from practitioners and researchers in the profession.

Best Conference Ever!

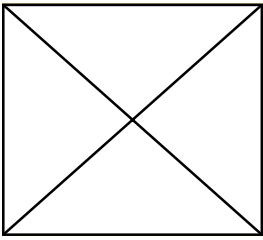
Conference 2001 is likely to raise the benchmark for professional development in distance learning, e-technology integration, web design, technology policies, Internet privacy issues, networking, and curriculum development.

As OSRA celebrates its 20th anniversary, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania host committee challenges the enthusiasm of prior conferences as Cleveland works to prove its position as the NEW AMERICAN CITY, attendees can expect the most of this year's OSRA conference. Join us in Cleveland on February 22nd. For more information check out the web site at www.osra.org for up-to-date details.

Dr. Bill McPherson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Wayne Moore, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Conference Co-Chairs OSRA 2001



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President's Corner

Connect, Collaborate, and Cooperate With Colleagues!!

As Information Technology professionals, we are faced with constant challenges; our greatest challenge is remaining current. The field is increasing

at a faster rate than anyone expected, and we are striving to keep abreast of trends, advances, and enhancements. This year's 20th Anniversary Research Conference will provide the perfect venue for enhancing our knowledge of information technology and end-user support.

Mark your calendars for February 22-24, 2001! The conference theme, *Moving Into the New Millennium: A Conference for Advancing Research in Information Technology, Learning, and Performance*, promises to provide members with unequaled educational opportunities through a combination of workshops, keynote speeches, and sessions on leading-edge technologies.

The focus for Thursday is "Distance Learning Across the Curriculum" and begins in the morning with featured speakers and panels. The afternoon will be spent touring the John Glenn NASA Research Center highlighting satellite communications and exploratory information technologies. Thursday evening is the traditional "Dutch Treat" dinner followed by a 20th Anniversary Reception.

Friday features keynote speakers with outstanding credentials from industry and education bringing you dynamic sessions on timely topics including the U.S. Technology Policy, Web Based Community Building, as well as cutting-edge research sessions presented by your peers. In the evening, join us as we recognize past presidents, past executive directors, and all who have made significant contributions to the field. Please e-mail me (lfszul@iup.edu) with information about yourself or a colleague—we don't want to forget anyone!

Saturday's sessions revolve around the themes of innovative curriculum design and publishing opportunities. The conference ends with the luncheon featuring a keynote speaker and member recognition awards. Round out your stay in Cleveland on Saturday afternoon with a trip to the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame. Visit our web site at www.osra.org for complete conference information.

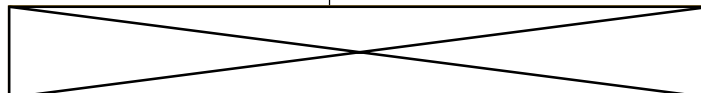
Look forward to seeing you in February!!

Linda F. Szul
President

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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Make Connections!...with Colleagues

Congratulations to **Donna J. Cochran**, Bloomsburg University--the new NBEA president! She will be president when NBEA comes to Philadelphia, PA, in 2002!

Linda Szul, president of OSRA, was elected the Program/Research Coordinator for NABTE for the year 2000-2001.

Dawn Woodland and **K. Virginia Hemby** received tenure and promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

From **Marcia James**: The Department of Business Education/Office Systems at the University of Wisconsin has been renamed the Department of Business Education/Computer and Network Administration.

Dennis Gehris, Associate Professor of Business Education and Office Information Systems at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, has authored a textbook entitled, *Communication Technologies*, for Prentice Hall Publishing Company. It will be released in July 2001. The textbook follows course OEIS-6 of the Organizational and End-User Information Systems model curriculum.

John Olivo and two adjunct faculty members, **Ann Kieser** and **Scott Cecco**, have coauthored an article entitled, "Getting Your Students Involved Day One" that will be published in the February issue of the *Business Education Forum*. The article was also presented at the National Business Education Association Convention in Anaheim, CA, in April, 2000. John is a professor at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

and make connections!...with the Interim Executive Director

I look forward to meeting you in Cleveland in February! From this perspective, the organization looks strong and viable... and is growing! Invite your colleagues who are not members of OSRA to attend the conference! I think if they try it, they will like it! Please let me know if our office can assist you in any way. We're rockin' and rollin' to Cleveland!

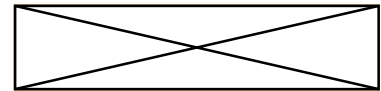
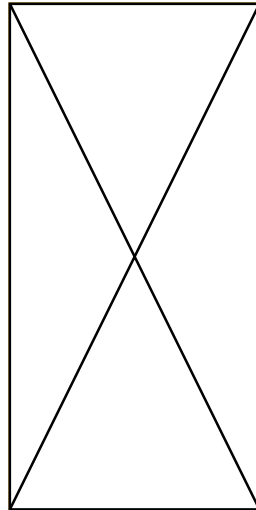
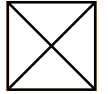
Donna R. Everett

Come to Bloom in June!

Update your technological skills, enhance your instructional presentations, or enrich your instructional content by attending **hands-on** workshops at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, in June 2001. (You can also earn up to **60** Act 48 Professional Development hours.) The workshops cover the following topics:

- Ways to Use Technology to Enhance Teaching and Learning
 - Networking for Teachers
 - Incorporating Office 2000 with the Internet and Web Pages
 - REAL Entrepreneurship
 - Classroom Management
 - Above and Beyond the Basics of Office 2000

For more information, contact Cindy Hack (chack@bloomu.edu) for costs, etc. A continental breakfast and executive bag lunch (included in fee) will be served daily. You will receive individual hands-on training and a wealth of instructional materials.



THANKS!

I would like to thank everyone who submitted either a refereed or a non-refereed proposal for the Cleveland conference. We received a very good response to the call for papers. It is gratifying to see the support that our research community gives to our organization. I can guarantee that, if you attend the conference in February, you will hear about some very exciting, innovative, and stimulating concepts regarding technology.

Those of you who submitted refereed proposals will hear from me as soon as the review process is completed. Again, thanks so much for your support, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND ROCKS...AND SO DO OUR RESEARCHERS!

Dawn Woodland
Call for Papers Coordinator

OSRA NEWSLETTER

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS FOR ITL&P JOURNAL

The journal of the Organizational Systems Research Association--*Information Technology, Learning, and Performance*--invites your articles for the next issue--Volume 19, No. 1.

Manuscripts should be submitted exclusively to the *Journal*. Previously published manuscripts are not acceptable. Manuscripts are selected through a blind review process involving the editors and referees selected from the Editorial Board. The *Journal* is indexed in the *Business Education Index*, the *Current Index to Journals in Education*, and the *Computer Literature Index*. Submission deadline is ongoing.

Send four (4) hard copies of your manuscript to:

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RECENT ERIC PUBLICATIONS

The OSRA office has received hard copies of the following publications from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education for the first half of 2000:

- *The Workforce Investment Act: Some Implications for Adult and Vocational Education* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 11)
- *Virtual Learning: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 12)
- *Career Development Specialties for the 21st Century* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 13)
- *International Perspectives on Adult Education* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 14)
- *Vocational Education Research Trends* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 15)
- *Career Certificates: High Quality and Cutting Edge?* (Trends and Issues Alert No. 16)
- *Health and Adult Literacy* (Practice Application Brief No. 7)
- *Surviving the Career Doldrums* (Practice Application Brief No. 8)
- *Parenting and Career Development* (ERIC Digest No. 214)
- *Preparing Limited English Proficient Persons for the Workplace* (ERIC Digest No. 215)
- *Welfare to Work: Considerations for Adult and Vocational Education Programs* (ERIC Digest No. 216)
- *The New Meaning of Retirement* (ERIC Digest No. 217)
- *Benefits of Vocational Education* (Myths and Realities No. 8)
- *Lifelong Learning* (Myths and Realities No. 9)

If you would like a copy of any of these publications, please let me know.

Donna R. Everett
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Organizational Systems Research Association Small Grants Program 2001 Call for Proposals

Members of the Organizational Systems Research Association (OSRA) are invited to apply for small grants to support research. These grants, of up to \$1000 each, may be used for research in any area of organizational and end-user information systems inquiry. However, for 2001, OSRA will give preference to research projects related to end-user learning and training. The small grants may be used as seed money for new research, to support dissertation research, or in conjunction with other financial support.

An OSRA committee will review proposals. Recipients of the grants will be notified by August 15, 2001. An article presenting the findings of the project must be submitted for possible publication in the *Information Technology, Learning, and Performance Journal*.

Specific Guidelines

A complete proposal should be **no longer** than 5 double-spaced pages and should include:

- a. Abstract: One paragraph, separate from the body of the proposal, including title.
- b. Problem or topic area and its relevance to organizational and end-user information systems.
- c. Plan of work or research design including, where relevant, instruments and measures to be used, experimental tasks, criteria, time intervals for re-testing, availability of research participants and confirmation of access to them.
- d. Anticipated results.
- e. Time schedule and budget or how the grant will be used.
- f. Specify if this project is part of a doctoral dissertation. In cases where monies are to be used for dissertation research, proposals must have been approved by the School/University, and a letter of support from the chair of the dissertation is required.

Submit 5 copies of the proposal by **June 1, 2001**. The following support documents must accompany the request:

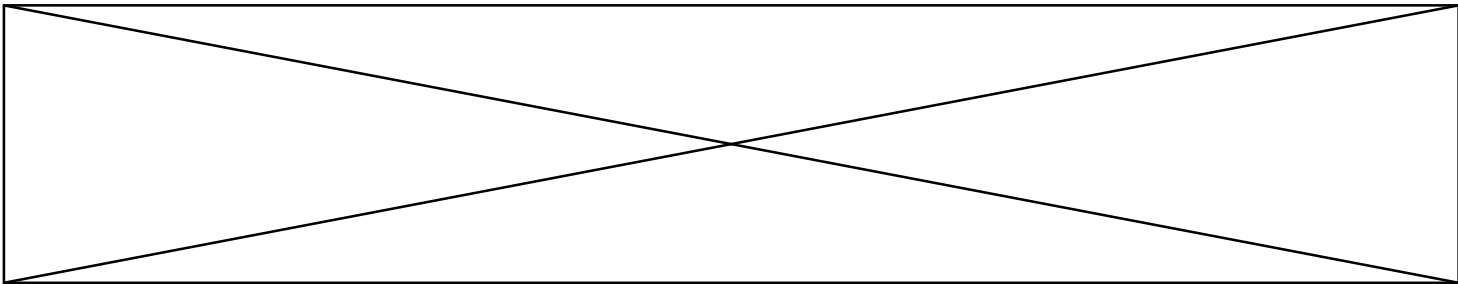
- a. Small Grant Application Form
- b. Vitae or brief listing of research and resulting publications/presentations (one page)
- c. Support letter from sponsoring faculty (if doctoral dissertation research)

For more information and the application form, contact

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

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Which of the following best describes your situation? (Please check one.)

_____ **Individual membership: \$55.** Individual involved in office systems as an educator, manager, consultant, practitioner, or one who has an interest in the results of office systems research.

_____ **Corporate membership: \$300.** Corporations interested in cooperating in the application of research, sharing the results of research, or sponsoring research. Membership includes all individual membership benefits plus one paid attendance at the annual research conference.

_____ **Student membership: \$25.** Student concentrating in office systems or related discipline.

Faculty signature required: _____
Faculty Member Institution

Return your completed form and your check (U.S. funds only) payable to OSRA to:

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