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**MOTIVATION IN EDUCATION SIG**

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## Purpose of the survey and survey participants

This annual survey is conducted by the Graduate Student Committee of the AERA Motivation in Education Special Interest Group (SIG) and is given to graduate student members of the SIG. The SIG greatly values its graduate student members and dedicates the majority of its resources to support them through travel awards, the Paul R. Pintrich award, opportunities for involvement in the AERA review process, and social events. The main objective of this survey is to seek graduate students' opinions about ways in which the SIG can best support them, to evaluate existing SIG events for graduate students, and to identify ways in which these events can be improved in the future. The results will be shared at next year's SIG business meeting at AERA.

- 51** graduate student SIG members responded to the survey
- 48** of the survey respondents participated in AERA 2016 in Washington DC
- 17** of the survey respondents participated in the Lunch with a Motivation Researcher event (5 additional respondents had signed up for the event, but did not get a spot)
- 10** of the survey respondents participated in the SIG graduate student social event
- 16** of the survey respondents participated in the Motivation Mentors event
- 26** of the survey respondents presented at AERA, 9 within the Motivation SIG

## "Lunch with a Motivation Researcher" event

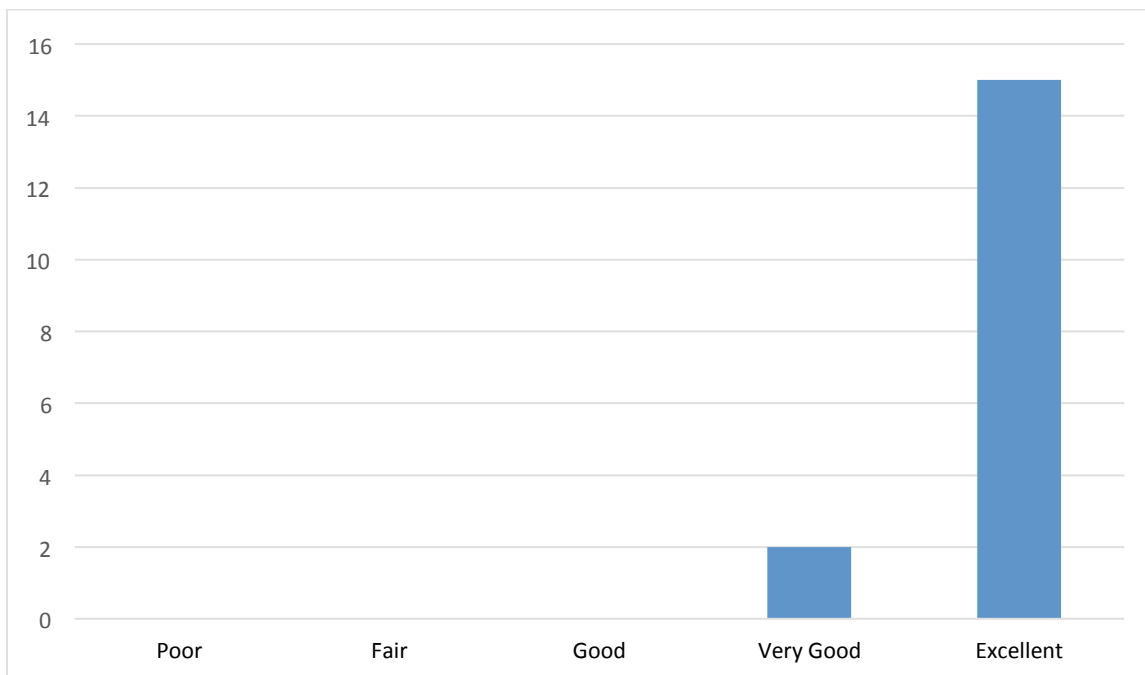
### Purpose of the event and organization

A Motivation in Education SIG tradition is the “Lunch with a Motivation Researcher” event at the annual AERA conference. Several accomplished and well known researchers, who are recommended each year by graduate students in our SIG, agree to host lunches with a small group of graduate students and engage in conversation about motivation and research. The purpose of this event is to allow students to meet with and ask questions of a motivation researcher of their choice in a small group setting. Furthermore, this popular event helps to support a sense of community and professional development within the SIG.

This past year, 47 students signed up for the event, and 36 were able to participate (6 students each with 6 motivation researchers). More students signed up than there were spaces available, so participants were selected using a tiered lottery system (preference given to those who had not participated in the event before).

### Evaluation of the event at AERA 2016

How would you rate the "Lunch with a Motivation Researcher" event (n = 17)?



Why did you give that rating?

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| <b>Excellent</b> | Dr. Usher and my fellow graduates students were so accommodating with their time and responsive in their commentary. I followed up with Dr. Usher after AERA and she kindly put me in touch with someone who can inform me about their use of a scale I am interested in using. |
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|  | This was an amazing opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed the conversation with the Researcher and fellow graduate students. I highly recommend students sign up for this.  |
|  | It was wonderful to be able to talk candidly with a researcher and to hear her wisdom.  |
|  | I was fortunate to be selected for lunch with Dr. Ellen Usher. I found the intimate context of the lunch preferable to other networking opportunities and I appreciated Dr. Usher's time and insights as well as the opportunity to meet with some of my peers. I know that preference is given to those who have not had this experience, but I would like to attend another lunch at future AERA meetings, if possible. |
|  | Perfect balance of informal/professional. Plenty of time to talk about our own research with the group while also discussing bigger issues in the field. Free food is nice, too.  |
|  | It was great getting to know my assigned researcher (Ulrich Trautwein) and the other students at the event. We had lots of interesting discussions about important current issues in the field (e.g., replicability, piecemeal publication) with Ulrich providing some insight, and we all got to know about each others' research.   |
|  | My researcher did an excellent job of driving the conversation, connecting me with other researchers through the conference, and generally taking me under her wing. It was like I was a graduate student of hers for the week!   |
|  | I thought it was great to be able to speak with a distinguished motivation researcher, as well as other graduate students who have similar research interests.  |
|  | Ellen and the other grad students were really nice and our lunch went really well. It was so great having a chance to chat in a smaller, more casual environment.   |
|  | I had a great chat with my group and Ulrich Trautwein. We were able to discuss some broader issues about motivation and it was really interesting to hear his perspective.  |
|  | Dr. Graham not only shared a lot of useful information, but was very interested in us and our stories. It was great to meet other students with similar interests and hear stories and advice from such a great researcher!   |
|  | I was able to connect with several prominent researchers and a handful of graduate students around the country. The intimate setting allowed us to really talk and I felt we all received individual attention. I highly recommend this program and I hope I can participate again!   |
|  | Our original researcher needed to cancel and instead several professors joined our lunch. It was great to have a variety of perspectives and more than one person to speak to. The professors also asked each other questions, which led  |

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|           | to interesting reflections on their careers that likely wouldn't have happened with only one professor present. I actually thought this impromptu format was more successful and helpful than the traditional format for Lunch with a Motivation Researcher (which I have attended in the past). |
| Very Good | I appreciate these opportunities; it's one of my favorite parts of the SIG.  |
|           | Great opportunity to meet with a researcher. Restaurant was a bit noisy.   |
| Good      | N/A  |
| Fair      | N/A  |
| Poor      | N/A  |

**If not, why did you not sign up or attend? (n = 20)**

| Reason  |   |
|---|---|
| Scheduling conflict   | 7 |
| Missed deadline   | 4 |
| Already participated, wanted to give others a chance                        | 3 |
| Didn't know about event   | 1 |
| Other (dropped out after being assigned, not eligible to participate, etc.) | 5 |

**What recommendations, if any, would you make for next time (incl. sign-up procedure, etc.)?**

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| Excellent | For me, the experience was just wonderful! I feel fortunate to have been given "a spot at the table."   |
|           | I think the system was fair, I like that first time attending students have priority. My only recommendation would be to try and get more researchers to volunteer for this so more students have the opportunity to attend.  |
|           | It would be helpful to have a support system for new attendees and graduate students. I was assigned a graduate mentor, but she was relatively unavailable and we never met during the conference. Given that this was my first time attending AERA, I found navigating the conference a little bit overwhelming.   |
|           | Our moderator did a great job preparing things to talk about that the whole table could speak to. We spoke about some of the larger issues in the field and what some of the overarching challenges researchers deal with are. I'd just recommend making sure the moderator knows to come with talking points. It could easily have been a slow event if he hadn't. |
|           | Perhaps getting more researchers to participate in order to accommodate more students (if possible)   |
|           | Honestly it all went wonderfully, I don't have any other recommendations!   |

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|   | I think it would be helpful to know which researchers have attended the lunches in the past. This would help orient new students to key people in the field and encourage variety in who is nominated.   |
|   | I loved this event. I do not have recommendations for making it better, other than to suggest bribing other researchers to join the group! I would be willing to pay for their lunch to have the chance to meet with additional professors. :)                   |
|   | Have small groups of professors if possible! Perhaps there could be less of an emphasis on "big names" and more of an emphasis on broader collegiality and group discussion. Or, there could be a mix of single-professor groups and groups with 2-4 professors. |
| <b>Very Good</b>  | I think it may be a good idea to find a way to make it clear to graduate students that it's not a job interview, but instead an opportunity to gain insight from someone other than the faculty at their institution into the field, the conference, etc.        |
|   | Priority in sign-up should be given to students who have not gotten to participate in previous years (i.e., not completely random selection)   |
| <b>Good</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Fair</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Poor</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Students who did not sign up or attend</b>   | Try to improve the student/researcher ratio, make the emails and deadlines clearer   |
|   | I'm not sure how I missed the announcements, but somehow I did.  |
|   | More hosts?  |
|   | I didn't quite understand how AERA works. I think having someone guide me through the process of the conference would have helped.   |
|   | Encourage more professors to sign up, possibly. Otherwise, I don't believe anything needs to change.   |
|   | Include little bios of the professors who have volunteered so we can be better informed in our rankings.   |
|   | Why don't we give a priority to new-comers who haven't experienced it before?  |
|   | None- I so appreciated that this was organized, even though it didn't happen to work out for me.   |
|   | That the lottery is more transparent.  |
| I don't know. As I'm a grad student, it sounds like it was a good thing I didn't sign up! |  |

**Planned changes for future Lunch with a Motivation Researcher at AERA 2017**

| Concern  | Suggested Solution  |
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| <p>Not enough space, not everyone who wants to participate is able to do so.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We expanded the lunches between 2015 and 2016 so that we could accommodate more students. We will look into expanding this program even further in 2017 and whether it is feasible to invite more professors and students to participate in the lunch (possibly with less of the lunch being paid for by the SIG).</li> </ul>  |
| <p>New students should have priority in attending the lunches.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First-time lunch attendees currently do have priority in attending the lunches. We plan to continue doing this in 2017.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>The lunch selection process should be more transparent</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be more open in communicating how lunch participants are selected when we send out information about this program in 2017. The lunch selection process for 2017 will look very similar to prior years. Specifically, we will first create a pool of first-time lunch attendees and randomly select them. We assign them to professors based on their indicated preferences (if their first choice is full they will go to their second choice, if that choice is full they will go to their third choice). Once all first time students are assigned to a lunch, we randomly select additional students from the list one at a time and assign them to lunches based on their stated professor rankings until all students are assigned. We do not assign students to professors who are less than their 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked choice. Students who are not selected for a lunch will be placed on a waiting list randomly and contacted one at a time if space opens up on the list.</li> </ul> |
| <p>We should provide information about past lunch participants to encourage variety in nominations, and invite more professors to participate.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can provide a list of past lunch participants when we encourage students to nominate professors for the lunches. As noted above we will look into expanding this program in 2017 and whether this is feasible given the SIG budget.</li> </ul>  |



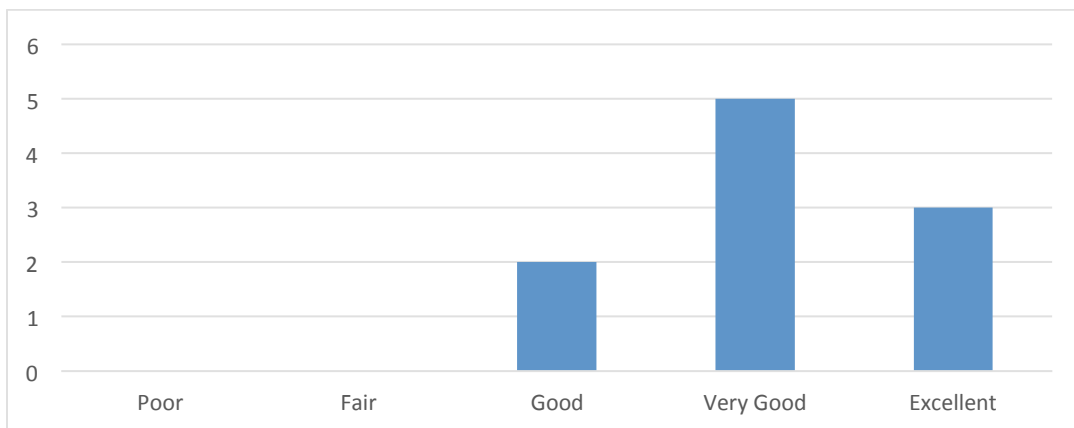
## Motivation in Education SIG Graduate Student social event

### Purpose of the event and organization

We organized a combined graduate student social event with Division C in order to reduce the number of AERA events that participants wanted to attend and to include a larger number of students with whom participants could network. The purpose of the event was to help graduate students from a wide range of institutions to meet each other and network with their future colleagues. The event was formally announced and organized ahead of AERA, rather than informally organized during the conference. Unfortunately, the event was scheduled without input from the Motivation SIG Co-Chairs, and it fell on the same day as the Motivation SIG dinner. Thus many students were unable to attend this year.

### Evaluation of the event at AERA 2016

How would you rate the Motivation SIG Graduate Student Social Event (n = 10)?



### Why did you give that rating?

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| <b>Excellent</b> | Well I'm not actually sure I attended the right event. I went to the Division C grad student social which in previous years has been scheduled with the motivation sig but I wasn't sure if it was this year b/c it was the same time as the sig dinner. And i heard that they had co-programmed with division e or something. Either way, the event I went to was great. It's always my favorite event of the conference and this year was no exception. |
|                  | I thought this event was great - lots of people, great food, and open bar all helped to make the event better!  |
|                  | I met many fantastic researchers. I came away with ideas for future research and offers to collaborate.   |
| <b>Very Good</b> | Best event at AERA each year, very well catered and attended by the motivation community. Great opportunity to network. I would either make   |

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|      | the cost optional or at least check for tickets at the door so that everyone pays - people just show up at the event without paying which is frustrating for those who do.   |
|      | I really enjoyed my experience at the MOTSIG social. Fortunately for me I am an extrovert; however, for my introverted friend, I could tell that the event was overwhelming. I think newbies would benefit from having a "date" for this event who can help navigate all the networking. |
|      | I only attended one of the events, so I'm not sure how to rate the Division C one. But I really liked how the Motivation SIG was set up and I got to meet and talk to a lot of new people, which was especially helpful as a first year student!   |
| Good | It may have had more food than previous years, but I still wouldn't consider what was provided to be "dinner."   |
|      | I thought it was a great experience but the venue was too small.   |
|      | I really liked the drink tickets and it was great to talk with new and not-so-new friends, but it didn't seem well-attended and it was at the same time as the motivation SIG dinner.  |
|      | It was extremely well attended. That made it challenging to move around and talk.  |
| Fair | N/A  |
| Poor | N/A  |

**Reasons for not attending the Motivation SIG Graduate Student social event (n = 28):**

| Reason  |    |
|---|----|
| Did not have time to attend/schedule conflict | 22 |
| Did not know about event                      | 3  |
| Forgot  | 1  |
| Other   | 2  |

**Do you have any recommendations or suggestions for future social events?**

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| Excellent | No but I like that we combined the event with Division C. Some people that I am interested in talking to don't attend Motivation SIG things, but do attend Division C events. So I would definitely recommend continuing this in the future. |
| Very Good | Some of my other SIG's did student/mentor pairing. This could be a good thing to try in the motivation community   |
|           | Open bar? Ha ha! Just kidding!   |

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|                                    | the venue was awesome. maybe next time have a sign or something b/c it was unclear which area of the bar was ours when i first arrived.                             |
| <b>Good</b>                        | It was a great event and a larger space would have made it even better.   |
| <b>Fair</b>                        | N/A   |
| <b>Poor</b>                        | N/A   |
| <b>Students who did not attend</b> | More smaller meet and greets. The dinner was a nice event but there were too many people to be able to introduce yourself to everyone.                              |
|                                    | a speed dating format to meet a bunch of people if you are social awkward -- quick elevator chats and getting to know people for a set time period before changing! |
|                                    | There should be more promotion of the social events.  |
|                                    | Not that I can think of!  |
|                                    | Graduate student non-meal social event  |

**Planned changes for future social events at AERA 2017**

| <b>Concern</b>                    | <b>Suggested Solution</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Confusion over what this event is | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comments above indicate that many participants are not sure what the Division C and Motivation SIG social event is and referred to the SIG dinner or the Division C Happy Hour instead. For 2017 we will try to clearly publicize this event and make clear that it is different than these other AERA events.</li> </ul>  |
| Scheduling of Event               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheduling of the SIG – Division C graduate student happy hour was an issue this year because the SIG graduate committee did not have any input into the scheduling of this event. Thus it was held on the same night as the SIG dinner. This conflict arose because the SIG and Division C business meetings were held at the same time, and this year we will not have the same conflict. Thus there should not be a scheduling conflict with the happy hour event this year either. We plan to reach out to the Division C Graduate Student leadership early in the year to ensure this is the case.</li> </ul> |
| Event publicity                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We plan to publicize this event much more than we did in 2016 and to emphasize strongly that it is a unique event different than the SIG dinner or Division C Happy Hour. We will publicize this event on our Facebook page and via e-mail to students, as well as encouraging the mentor-mentees in the SIG to attend this event together.</li> </ul>   |

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| Continuing to provide opportunities for the Motivation SIG and Division C to Interact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We agree that this is a very important and useful goal for the SIG graduate students and we will look for more opportunities throughout the year to allow Division C and SIG graduate students to interact.</li></ul> |
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## Motivation in Education SIG Motivation Mentors Program

### Purpose of the event and organization

This year was the third in which we offered the Motivation Mentors Program. In previous years, many graduate students asked for more inclusion opportunities within the Motivation SIG, particularly for first year AERA attendees. In order to make our community among the most welcoming at AERA, we asked graduate students who had previously attended AERA to act as mentors to first-time attendees. Mentors were assigned to one first-year attendee and were required to contact their mentees prior to AERA. Mentors and first-year attendees then were asked to meet at least once during the conference. The objective was two-fold: to have first-year attendees get to know at least one other graduate student in our SIG (prior to the sometimes intimidating business meetings and dinners) and to give mentors an opportunity to share their knowledge of (and passion for) AERA and motivation. This year there were 14 mentor-mentee pairs.

### Evaluation of the event at AERA 2016

#### Mentors and Mentees: How would you rate the Motivation Mentors Program (n = 13)?



#### Mentors and Mentees: What did you like/what would you change about the Motivation Mentors Program?

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| Excellent | I enjoyed being able to help another graduate student learn more about how to approach the AERA conference. I also enjoyed talking to another student with similar research interests.                                       |
|           | I really enjoyed the informal nature of meeting with my mentor, hearing her perspective and academic path, and having her give me feedback on where I am and hope to go in my own studies. Our research interests dovetailed |

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|                  | nicely and we had a lot in common personally.   |
|                  | I thought it was a good way to meet a person with similar experiences and extremely helpful for first-time attendees.   |
|                  | Opportunity to meet new people  |
|                  | Getting to know new people with similar interests!  |
|                  | Not sure what to do about this but my mentor was 15 years my senior. I didn't really feel like a mentor.  |
| <b>Very Good</b> | Was a great chance to connect with others.  |
|                  | I love the opportunity to reach out to a newer student; I know I wish that were in place when I started attending.  |
|                  | Have students who sign up as mentees fill out at least 1-2 things that they are looking for from a mentor. I tried to be very available, and it worked well for the most part, but I was always a bit hesitant that I might be a bit too pushy because I wasn't sure how much help my mentee was looking for.   |
|                  | It could help to give a bit more scaffolding for the mentors and mentees when you send out the original email introducing everyone. It could also be nice to have a time where all of the mentors/mentees might be able to meet at the conference (I say this knowing it's an almost impossible task).  |
| <b>Good</b>      | I enjoyed meeting my mentor and had some productive dialogue.   |
| <b>Fair</b>      | nice to meet someone  |
|                  | I was just told about the motivation sig program, but I wish it was more of a way to get to know and meet someone and other people  |
|                  | My mentor reached out to me initially but our contact fizzled after I replied, and we never ended up meeting up. I wish that she had shown more interest in meeting up at AERA, but I still had a great experience at the conference anyway.  |
|                  | There needs to be more of a purpose. Once we talked about research we had no other obligations.   |
| <b>Poor</b>      | Last year I really enjoyed connecting with my mentor and got a lot out of the experience. This year my mentee wasn't arriving until late in the conference and we didn't get to meet up. I emailed her very early and asked how I could support her but I think it's one of those things where you don't yet know what you don't know so she didn't know what to ask for. |
|                  | I cannot evaluate the mentor program as I did not meet with my mentor.  |
|                  | I can only assume that my mentor lacked the time to serve as a mentor. Perhaps the selection process might change in order to ensure that mentors are equipped to mentor.   |
|                  | I think it would be helpful for both mentors and mentees for you (or maybe us as the mentors) to tell the mentees what to expect from the conference and how best to navigate it. I think as first timers they often don't know what  |

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|                       | they don't know so they can't ask for the support they want and will need.   |
| <b>Did Not Attend</b> | I really love the idea, and am glad for a way for graduate students to build relationships.  |
|                       | My mentor didn't contact me until I was at AERA to tell me he was unable to attend so I did not interact with him about/at AERA.   |
|                       | Maybe one structured gathering - "Mentors and mentees are invited to get coffee on Saturday morning at 10:00 at X place. If you cannot join, or want to meet before Saturday, you and your mentee can plan to meet at a different time." |

**Reasons for not participating in the Motivation Mentors Program (n = 18):**

| Reason   |          |
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| <b>Did not have time to attend/schedule conflict</b>           | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Did not know about opportunity</b>                          | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Misunderstanding regarding who could be a mentor/mentee</b> | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Already being mentored by lab or other AERA groups</b>      | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Other</b>   | <b>5</b> |

**Planned changes for Motivation Mentors at AERA 2017**

Based on reflection and feedback from participants, we plan to implement and/or continue the following:

| Concern  | Suggested Solution  |
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| Mentors report not having enough time to volunteer as a mentor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We were short on mentors this year and one reason is because mentors were concerned about the time commitment for mentoring during the conference. To address this issue we will emphasize that the time commitment is not very large, and usually mentorship activities can coincide with other SIG events. We will also emphasize that mentoring is worthwhile and thus is worth the time and effort. This will occur when we publicize and introduce the mentorship programs to SIG graduate students.</li> </ul> |
| Repeat AERA attendees concerned about their ability to mentor  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We plan to better explain to potential mentors and mentees this year that experience is not required to be a good mentor at AERA. What we really need are individuals who are willing to commit to the mentorship process and who are interested in getting to know another graduate student with similar interests. We plan to make clear that</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>mentorship is not about providing a ton of information to the mentee but rather to ensure that they have a familiar face at AERA and have some knowledge of how to navigate the huge conference.</p>   |
| <p>Not enough structure to the mentorship program/ people did not know what to do once they were assigned a mentor</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like to provide more scaffolding to mentor-mentee pairs this year so that there are clearer expectations about the relationship. We plan to provide mentors and mentees with an instructions sheet detailing topics to discuss at AERA and suggesting three occasions on which mentors could meet with mentees. We are going to ask mentors to meet with their mentees via Skype before the conference begins to go over some conference information, and we will plan a mentor-mentee gathering at AERA to encourage the pairs to meet up that way as well. We will also encourage the pairs to have a follow up email or meeting after the conference, so their relationships extends past the AERA events themselves.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Students already being mentored by lab group or another SIG</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We plan to recruit students to the mentorship program this year by emphasizing that it is informal and even if students already have other mentors, this is a great way to get to know more people in the SIG and meet students who have similar interests.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Lack of knowledge about the mentorship program</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We plan to publicize the mentorship program more strongly this year via Facebook and e-mail, as well as by encouraging former mentors and mentees to spread the word about the program. This should encourage even more students to participate.</li> </ul>  |

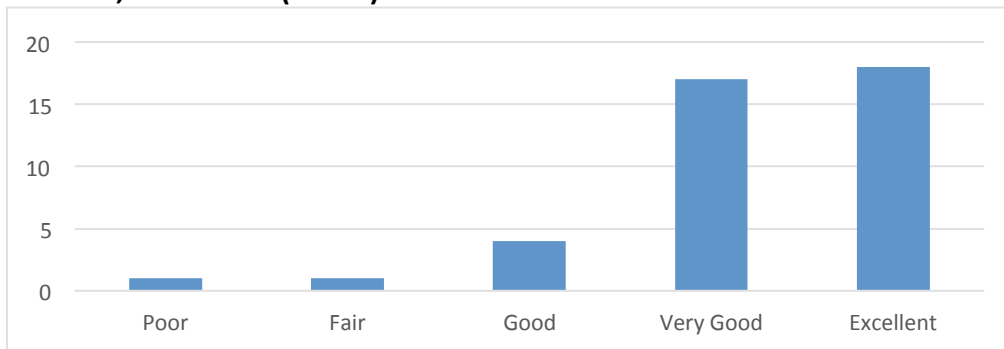


## Motivation in Education SIG events at AERA 2015

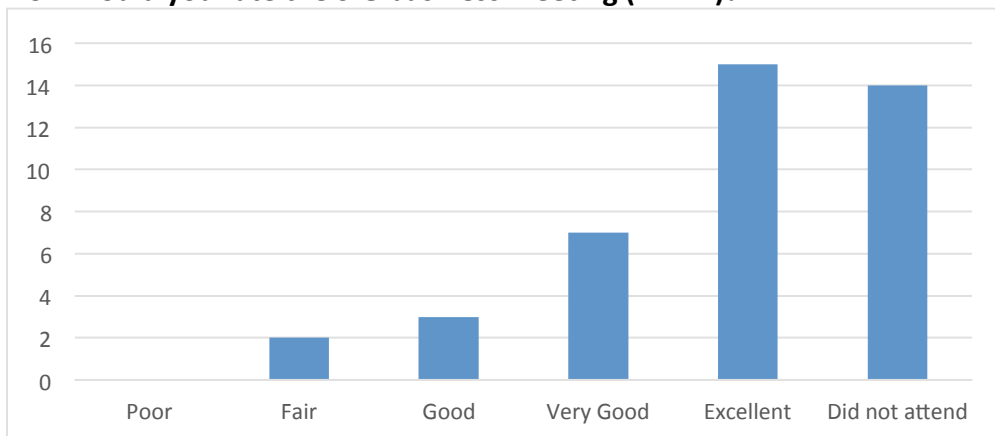
The following section provides an overview of students’ feedback for all of the conference events held by the Motivation in Education SIG at AERA 2016 in Washington DC. Only students who attended AERA 2016 were asked to respond to these questions.

### Evaluation of AERA SIG Events

**How would you rate the Motivation in Education SIG paper sessions, roundtables, and poster sessions, as a whole (*n* = 41)?**



**How would you rate the SIG business meeting (*n* = 41)?**



**How would you rate the SIG dinner (n = 41)?**



**What recommendations would you make about the sessions, business meeting, or dinner for next time?**

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| <b>Excellent</b> | The sessions were amazing, so many great talks it was hard to pick which ones to go to. The business meeting was nice and a good atmosphere. The dinner was ok...there were people not part of the motivation SIG who came up for the bar and this was a little uncomfortable when you found yourself talking to who you thought was a fellow researcher but in fact was not even in the field of education or psychology. I like how the dinner was more appetizers and you could walk around and talk with people. |
|                  | Have more healthy options. The SIG business meeting was great. The speaker was wonderful and logistics were quick!   |
|                  | I wanted to attend the business meeting and dinner but they were opposite Division C's business meeting.   |
|                  | More food :)   |
|                  | There were many times when sessions overlapped with other sessions that would likely be of interest to motivation sig members (e.g., learning / self-regulation sessions). It would be great if this overlap could be minimized, but I realize that this may not be possible   |
|                  | More vegetarian options  |
|                  | The business meeting was well attended, but was a pretty awkward setup. Perhaps the hotel didn't anticipate the number of guests that we would have?   |
|                  | Nothing I can think of!  |
|                  | Lower ticket price or more for the money (e.g., sit-down dinner)   |
|                  | I liked that the dinner this year had more food than last year! For the sessions my only comment is that there were some sessions that seemed quite similar. It was hard for me to choose which one I wanted to go to, since they seemed so similar, and I did not necessarily want to go to two really similar sessions.  |

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|  | The drinks were very expensive and there were not enough places to sit at the dinner. The business meeting had great food and I loved the keynote speaker!   |
| <b>Very Good</b>   | A less formal dinner might have been more attractive in terms of fitting it into schedule and being able to move around/stay for part of it  |
|  | Having a full meal dinner would be nice.   |
|  | I think that the sessions and dinner were conducted well.  |
|  | Less on utility value interventions. We've had essentially the same session for the last 3 years.  |
|  | Continue to aim for diversity in topics. There are some topics that we've seen dominate the program for several years running now, and while those are interesting (e.g., new intervention work is always interesting to see), it is also nice to see different aspects of motivation represented in the programs.   |
|  | The roundtables were WAY too big. It was great that one of them was broken up into smaller discussion groups, but that took a lot of proactive thinking by the moderator.  |
|  | I know Cynthia Hudley's talk got squeezed out of the schedule but I have to be honest and say I was really bored by her presentation at the business meeting. The room was very hot and crowded and I did not like that I was a captive audience. I did not attend many sig session unfortunately because I did not find many very relevant to my subject area. I was not able to attend the dinner b/c it sold out so I will have to move on that faster next year. In the future I hope that it will not be scheduled at the same time as the division c/motivation sig grad student social. |
|  | The food for the dinner could have been more healthy. It was very fried; although the oysters were great.  |
|  | I wish they weren't all at the same time! I attended the business meeting of another SIG, then had a reception during the dinner.  |
|  | I think a sit down setting would be better.  |
| Didn't love the combined talk/business meeting because it was hard to focus. But she was a really good speaker which made it better! I liked the dinner a lot this year! |  |
| <b>Good</b>  | More diversity in the institutions represented in sessions. It's getting to the point where we've heard from the same folk about the same intervention for the last several years, at the expense of potentially hearing about different work.   |
|  | I learned a great deal of theory. I was disappointed that there wasn't more research presented about underrepresented or marginalized populations.   |
| <b>Fair</b>  | There should be more paper sessions rather than symposiums.  |
| <b>Poor</b>  | Provide more varied topics and presenters. The same presenters and nearly  |

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|  | the same sessions have been presented repeatedly both within the same year and across years. |
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Feedback from Student Presenters

**Did you present at AERA?**

|   | Responses |
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| Yes, as part of the Motivation in Education SIG         | 9         |
| Yes, but NOT as part of the Motivation in Education SIG | 17        |
| No  | 15        |

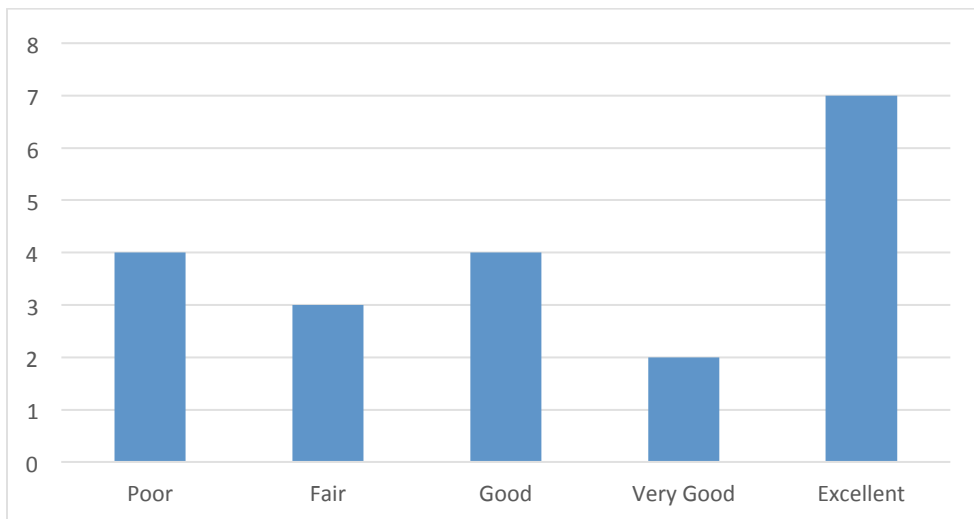
**Total responses: 15**

**What did you present?**

|                                  | Responses |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Paper as part of a symposia      | 8 (36%)   |
| Paper as part of a paper session | 3 (14%)   |
| Roundtable                       | 4 (18%)   |
| Poster                           | 7 (32%)   |

**Total responses: 10**

**Among those who presented in the Motivation SIG: How would you rate the support you felt from the SIG during your presentation (n = 9)?**



**Is there anything you would like to comment on regarding your experience presenting at AERA?**

| Comments   |
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| All of the papers at my round table session were really interesting, and there was plenty of time for discussion and questions. Also compared to last year (in Chicago), the round table rooms were much better partitioned, so overall noise was reduced and it was easier to hear presenters - this made a huge difference.  |
| I presented at a symposium and it was great. No complaints. I also submitted a poster to the SIG and it got rejected - my only complaint about that is that I did not get very good feedback on why it was rejected. It seemed like the reviewers did not spend a lot of time with it. I was asked to review posters for Division C this year, and put a lot of effort and time into giving detailed feedback (regardless of whether I thought it should be accepted or rejected). It would have been nice to have the same kind of feedback on my presentation. However I am not really sure what the SIG can do about it, since you can't force people to write good reviews (and perhaps for a lot of people this is not their priority), but just a comment I thought I'd share! |
| The presentation hall was closed before the session was over (on Monday night). This was disappointing.  |
| I had a really good and supportive experience.   |

**Planned changes based on your suggestions**

Thank you for your positive feedback and for your suggestions! After discussing your suggestions and concerns with the Motivation in Education SIG leaders, we would like to share the following information:

| Concern  | Suggested Solution   |
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| Concerns with Motivation in Education SIG dinner structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The graduate student committee is not in charge of the organization of this dinner event, but we shared these concerns with the SIG leadership and we took them into consideration when planning the dinner for 2017.</li> <li>• The appetizer style of the SIG dinner will continue for 2017, because it allows students and professors to mingle most easily and because it is a more affordable option than is a sit-down dinner.</li> <li>• We will continue to offer alternative networking opportunities to graduate students who for various reasons are unable to attend the dinner (incl. lunch with a motivation researcher, social event, Facebook group).</li> <li>• We understand that the dinner is a financial commitment and we will work with the SIG leadership to explore ways of reducing this cost for graduate students (e.g., subsidizing</li> </ul> |

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|   | ticket prices through donations to the SIG, etc.) for 2017.   |
| Desire for more variety of content in the SIG program and for more opportunities to present               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The graduate student committee has no influence over the SIG program, and the SIG leadership has no influence over the number of poster, paper, and symposium sessions they are assigned by AERA. However, we will share the concerns for more variety of topics in the program with the SIG program chair.</li> </ul>   |
| Desire for healthier options at the SIG dinner  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will recommend to the SIG leadership that we include more vegetarian and healthy options at the dinner in 2017.</li> </ul>  |
| Scheduling conflicts prevented people from attending sessions they wanted and the business meeting/dinner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SIG business meeting and Division C business meeting conflicted with each other this year, leading to many scheduling conflicts. These meetings should not conflict in 2017, avoiding many issues. In terms of conflicts between sessions and other sessions, the graduate student committee is not in charge of scheduling sessions. However we will express this concern to the SIG leadership.</li> </ul> |

## Feedback regarding the Motivation SIG communication

**Do you have any suggestions for ways can we improve your networking experiences within the SIG?**

| Suggestions  |
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| I didn't hear about a lot of the events, but I'm not sure if they were just things that I missed or if there were information distribution issues.   |
| I think multiple opportunities for meet-and-greets would be good.  |
| For the last question-- posting job information would be helpful!  |
| Navigating the AERA mobile is confusing probably because it is such a vast organization. All the acronyms are confusing. Is there a place, report, etc. that explains the difference in groups between national and regional levels, graduate and non-graduate components? |
| Simply a list of Mot SIG professors who will be attending would be very helpful, although that might be tough to aggregate.  |
| None - the SIG has been a great place for networking and very supportive of students.  |
| Data blitz or meet and greet event so we can be introduced to more other grad students   |
| I have always found the sig to be so encouraging and welcoming of graduate students and I love that about it. Most faculty are so open and inviting and always introduce me to other people and offer me encouragement or guidance.  |
| Make an easy way to get off this list serv   |
| I think you have all done a fantastic job! I don't have any other suggestions at this point.   |
| More active facebook.  |
| Maybe have some time for grad students to meet each other? But maybe there was one and I just didn't know about it.  |
| Is there a Motivation SIG Grad Student Listserv?   |
| More consistent emailing and facebook messages about events and sign-ups. More use of social media during the conference   |

**What sort of information would you like us to post on the Motivation SIG graduate student Facebook page?**

| Suggestions  |
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| I haven't checked this so I don't know if you do it, but clear information about schedules/deadlines/events would be useful.   |
| Publications by SIG graduate students  |
| Events, collaborations, call for papers.   |
| Graduate student opportunities and a concise itinerary of SIG events.  |
| During the conference, times of major sig events could be posted. During other times of the year, it could be nice to post links to recently-published articles, or even links to relevant |

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| popular press articles. It would be interesting to see SIG members' comments and reactions to how our research is portrayed in popular media.  |
| Updates about AERA, articles related to motivation research, student funding opportunities through closely aligned organizations like APA Division 15, AERA Division C, etc.   |
| Jobs, interesting articles, connections, other conference information, relevant grants, etc.   |
| Scholarship or grant opportunities and links highlighting graduate students or professors of motivation that have made the national news.  |
| Job posting, job search tips, sample CVs and cover letters for different types of jobs, motivational material (quotes, gifs, brief self-reflective exercises) for those of us slogging through the dissertation doldrums   |
| Interesting motivation-relevant articles, podcasts, etc. from the popular press... it might be interesting to have some discussions with other SIG members about these articles. It could also be cool if there are updates on special issues of journals, or particular journal articles, from student members of the SIG that people would be interested in reading. |
| Deadlines for proposals for next year. Instructions pertaining to the call. Help with publishing to the AERA journals.   |
| I like it how it is. :)  |

**Planned changes based on your suggestions**

| Concern   | Suggested Solution   |
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| Desire for more frequent updates and communication about SIG deadlines  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will do our best to communicate upcoming SIG deadlines more frequently via e-mail and Facebook as AERA 2017 approaches.</li> </ul>   |
| Desire for more variety of postings and more frequent postings to the SIG Facebook page regarding job announcements, events, articles, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will try to include more information for graduate students on the Facebook page, and to provide more than just AERA-related information. We plan to implement a series of video interviews this year with professors about important motivation topics which will be posted on the SIG website, emailed to the listserv, and posted on Facebook. We also plan to publicize the ability of faculty and students to send accomplishments, job postings, and related opportunities such as the Division C mentoring seminar to us to post on Facebook and send via e-mail.</li> </ul> |
| Desire for more opportunities for SIG graduate students to interact with one another  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will try to better publicize the events that give students an opportunity to interact at AERA, such as the Division C – SIG Student Social and the mentorship program.</li> </ul>  |