

**L. Ramon Veal Research Roundtable**  
**National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention 2009**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

**Overview**

The L. Ramon Veal Research Roundtable, scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 8:30-9:45 in Room 202 B Level 2 at the Convention Center, serves as a writers' workshop for researchers. Experienced researchers, graduate students, and teacher researchers are invited to submit drafts of papers, proposals, or research-in progress along with questions that serve to direct readers' attention. Participants are grouped at tables (4-6 papers per table) with a senior scholar familiar with the table's thematic topic. Participants receive copies of papers several weeks before the conference and come to the research roundtable prepared to discuss those papers at their table. Research roundtable participants give and receive feedback on submissions at any stage in the research process – from finding a focus to data analysis, from selecting participants to publishing. The research roundtable is characterized by friendly yet extremely professional interactions from participants offering a variety of perspectives. **Submission deadline is November 6, 2009.**

**Who is eligible to Participate?**

Anyone who is involved in educational research – at any stage in the process is eligible to participate in the research roundtable. Even if you are presenting a paper at a formal session at the Fall Convention, you can still submit a draft of research –in-progress for the Veal Research Roundtable. Participation in the Veal Research Roundtable is not limited by other presentations you are accepted to give unless your current presentation conflicts with the stated time and day. We especially encourage professors to share this opportunity with doctoral students. It will provide them with an invaluable opportunity to receive feedback and network with established researchers in their areas of interest.

**How does the Research Roundtable Work?**

Participants will be grouped (5-7 per table) by topic. Each table will have at least one "senior scholar" who will participate in the feedback and discussion. Several weeks before the conference, participants will receive electronic copies of all Veal submissions along with a list of table groupings. Participants are responsible for reading all papers in their table grouping. At the research roundtable, participants will ensure that each paper is fully discussed and that equal time is given for each paper.

**So how can I be a part of the Veal Research Roundtable?**

Use the cover sheet below and attach to the cover sheet a brief progress report or draft of your work (in Microsoft Word) with as much detail as seems appropriate but extending to no more than six pages (excluding references). Submission deadline is November 6, 2009.

**Whom can I contact for more information?**

The Co-Chairs for this year's L. Ramon Veal Research Roundtable are Chris Goering (cgoering@uark.edu) and Shelbie Witte (switte@fsu.edu). You may contact either of us via email for more information.

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### Instructions for Making a Submission:

Complete this cover sheet and send it with a brief progress report or paper draft (in Microsoft Word) with as much detail as seems appropriate but extending to no more than six pages (excluding references and cover sheet). Submission deadline is November 6, 2009. It is helpful if you can include this cover sheet as part of one complete document to send rather than sending them as separate documents. Send the submission to Chris Goering at (cgoering@uark.edu) Please write "Your Last Name and Veal Submission" in the subject line.

#### Information for Cover Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Current Research Interests

2. Abstract (about 100 words)

3. Reader Directions - Please provide some direction to your readers as to the kind of help you want (e.g., on what should the readers focus? Where do you need help? What aspects are you unsure of?).

4. Statement of Professional Ethics: I understand that submissions to the research roundtable are the property of the individual making the submission and I agree not to share any part of another person's submission in any form without his/her written permission.