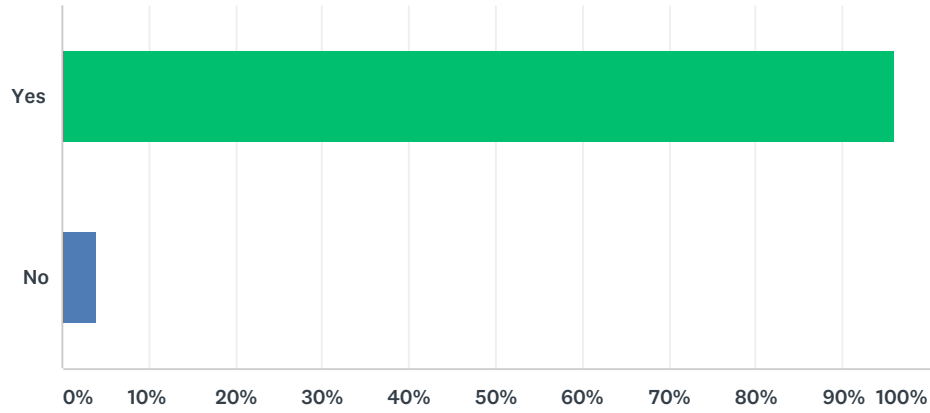


Q1 Are you a member of LRA?

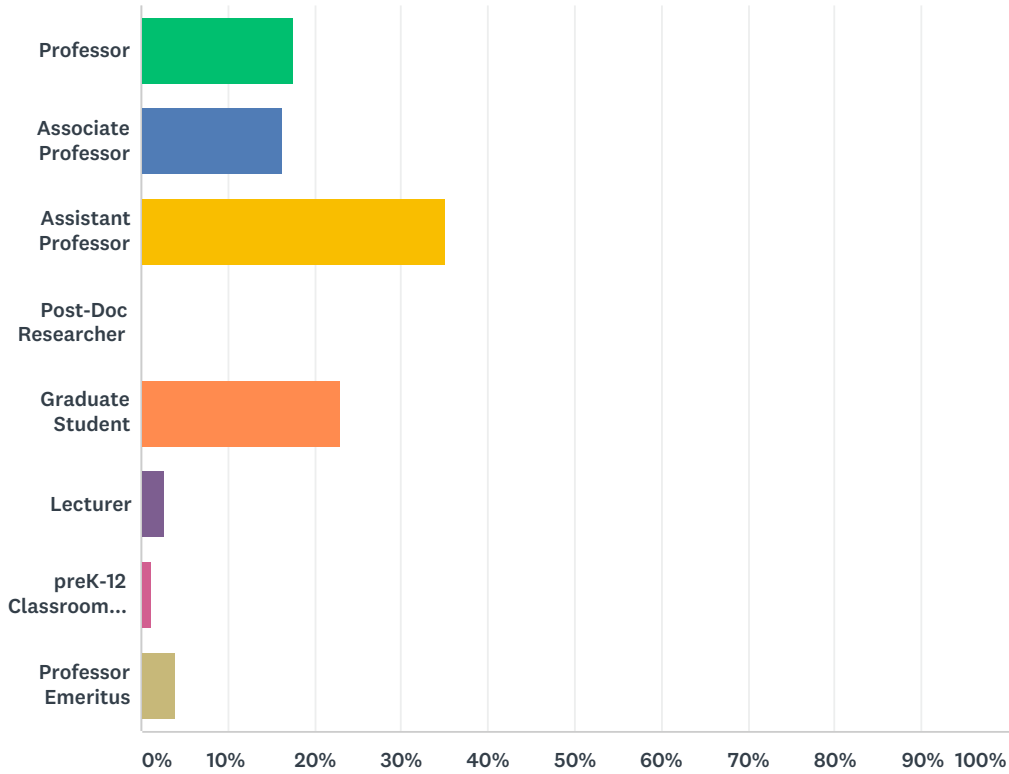
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.95%	71
No	4.05%	3
TOTAL		74

Q2 Which of the following best describes your professional position?

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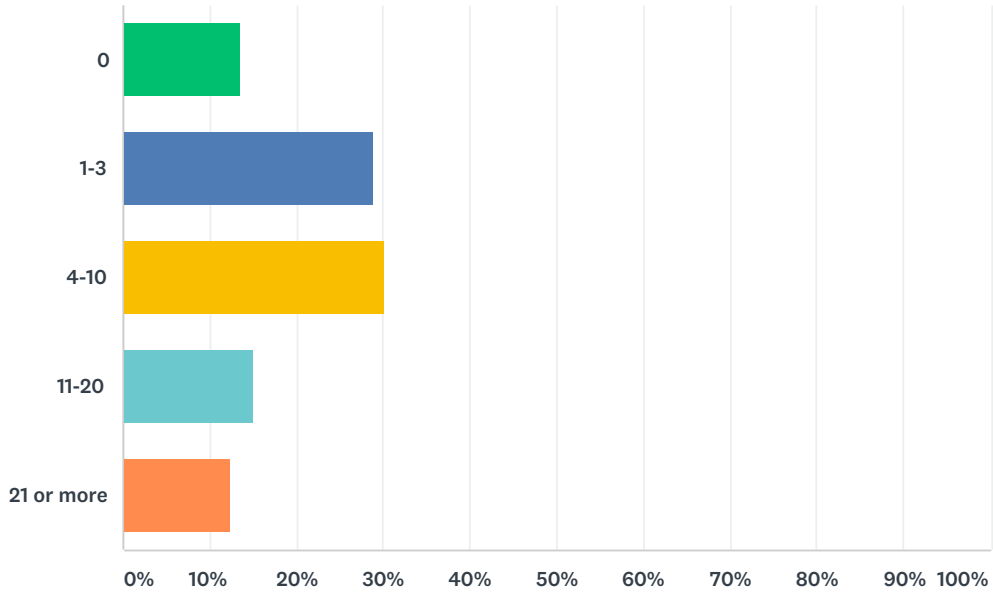


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Professor	17.57%	13
Associate Professor	16.22%	12
Assistant Professor	35.14%	26
Post-Doc Researcher	0.00%	0
Graduate Student	22.97%	17
Lecturer	2.70%	2
preK-12 Classroom Teacher or Administrator	1.35%	1
Professor Emeritus	4.05%	3
TOTAL		74

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 How many LRA conferences have you attended, excluding this year?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	13.70%	10
1-3	28.77%	21
4-10	30.14%	22
11-20	15.07%	11
21 or more	12.33%	9
TOTAL		73

Q4 Describe your impression of the scholarly quality of sessions you attended.

Answered: 72 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The variety of topics is impressive.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	subpar	12/24/2017 9:58 PM
3	They were all high quality, as expected.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
4	high quality sessions	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
5	Excellent	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
6	Excellent quality!	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
7	challenging and impressive	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
8	Most of the sessions were scholarly. Some did not address literacy education, which I found puzzling. Some were repeats from previous years (same topic with the same presenter).	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
9	pretty high	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
10	This year many of the scholars I heard spent an extended amount of time on the front part of their presentations--particularly their backgrounds and theoretical frameworks--to such an extent that when their time was up I'd barely heard their research presented. It was an unusual but consistent trend I observed.	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
11	The sessions I attended showed a high caliber of scholarly work and precision- as well as a level of practical application which is crucial for the education and teacher-training field.	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
12	The research seemed rigorous to me.	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
13	High quality	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
14	High	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
15	The presentations I attended were really interesting and well explained. I ended up at more of the round table discussions than I had expected, so I think I saw more graduate student work and it was well done as well.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
16	I found the sessions intellectually engaging and worth attending. There is a an openness to a range of ideas that I like about LRA sessions.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
17	I thought the quality of presentations I attended was high. I appreciated the focus on equity.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
18	High	12/15/2017 11:45 AM
19	Presenters sometimes had a hard time conveying why their students were important to do. Therefore quality scholarship was not always evident.	12/15/2017 10:20 AM
20	I thought the scholarly quality of the sessions was very high. I appreciated the academic rigor and the clarity of the presentations I attended.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
21	Many of the presentations were well researcher and high quality.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
22	Excellent overall.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
23	Very high quality	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
24	Excellent. I attended very thoughtful and well considered presentations. I was a little disappointed with some of the racial consciousness work that seemed to be newly discovered by some white faculty members in the field. Scholarship was shared that was cutting edge for racial literacy or white teacher identity work 10 years ago. Many of these scholars are just beginning their work in this aspect of the field, which is important but felt slightly disconnected from the current research and understanding as it is happening in those fields today.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM

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25	high quality and informative	12/14/2017 4:18 PM
26	I was surprised at the lack of scholarly quality; many of the sessions I attended were missing theoretical frameworks and references to research.	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
27	The scholarly quality was good in the sessions I attended	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
28	Many sessions included works which were of high scholarly quality.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM
29	Great! The presentations and research were thoughtful and thorough.	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
30	Wonderful--so many people doing smart and innovative work.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
31	As other organizations, LRA, has been relying a lot on Doctoral students joining the conference and attending it. Many students are trying their best so their scholarship just started to grow.	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
32	Evidence of a continuing trend away from presenting research, particularly research that has potential to inform practitioners. A focus on esoteric theories that have marginal, if any, meaning for education practice. A sample from program entries: telling temporalities, third space, intersectionality, semiotic mobility, post-humanism, positioning theory, spacetimemattering, . . . These are not conversation starters for the practitioners and policy makers for whom we claim to serve through our research, which is ironic given the loud cries that we should be more involved in influencing policy.	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
33	On the whole good	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
34	They varied widely in their quality.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
35	The quality has decreased over time.	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
36	It was variable. I found some sessions of high quality. Others less so	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
37	Up and down. Some were excellent, some were sub-par.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
38	Outstanding	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
39	For the most part it was impressive the quality of research and papers being presented. That being said, there was also a significant variation across sessions with some being outstanding, and others being far less clear in the presentation and follow up.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
40	Impressive	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
41	Overall the scholarly quality of the sessions was mediocre to very poor. Some sessions were outstanding. However, most of the research I saw was of poor quality. Methods and analysis procedures were not rigorous.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
42	The quality was fine, but I'm concerned about the overall shift away from literacy - in a couple of sessions there was no mention or framing of literacy at all (while this might be fine, it is a problem for a literacy conference).	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
43	Overall, excellent. It's one of the reasons I keep returning to LRA.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
44	Some good, some not.	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
45	they were all high quality research	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
46	High quality.	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
47	Discussants needed to understand their roles in order to really enjoy the scholarly conversations	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
48	Excellent - rigorous research and thoughtful presentations.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
49	great	12/13/2017 2:11 PM
50	I attended a number of sessions this year (at least 3) wherein the presenters concluded their presentation by directing the audience to read the full manuscript, already in print. In at least 2 sessions, presenters made reference to having just "given this talk last week" at the ALER conference. It was my understanding that conferences are to serve the purpose of presenting new ideas, getting feedback on works in progress, and encouraging novelty in our work. I was disappointed this year that so many of the pieces presented were "recycled" in one form or another.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
51	A bit inconsistent, but pretty good overall. Another way of thinking about this question: I came away with LOTS of valuable insights, even when the quality of research wasn't super high.	12/13/2017 1:49 PM

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52	Generally high quality sessions.	12/13/2017 12:31 PM
53	interesting & informative.	12/13/2017 12:23 PM
54	High-quality work	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
55	Good.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
56	Research was rigorous and important.	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
57	Good quality for the sessions where the presenters were present. However, I was excited about a round table session and both of the presenters that were paired together did not show up.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
58	They were of a high quality. Interesting, important research.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
59	High	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
60	I found all the presentations I attended to be rigorous in methodology, relevant in scope, with unique contributions to the field.	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
61	outstanding	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
62	Scholarly quality was higher than ones I've attended in previous years. Overall, I was impressed that the sessions I attended included rigorous research.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
63	Strong	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
64	Interesting choice of words. What does "scholarly quality" mean to you? If you are asking if the scholarship was thorough - yes. If you are asking whether the scholarship pushed the field forward - most, yes. Hard question to answer	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
65	high level of quality	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
66	Not so good. Lots of interesting thoughts, but not much evidence or systematic inquiry. Not sure area chairs are doing their job.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
67	Mostly very good.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
68	The sessions I attended were pretty poor in terms of research quality. Work tended to be under theorized and under analyzed (this was at paper sessions and not round tables).	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
69	Mixed	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
70	Mostly they were very scholarly.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
71	I was very impressed with the scholarly quality and diversity of scholarship.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
72	The presentations were great	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q5 Describe your impressions of the presence of diverse perspectives within the sessions you attended.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I really enjoyed Rebecca's general session address and think LRA has a good representation of diversity.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	They were not diverse in perspective. The LRA has a huge problem with favoring the same perspectives that have dominated for years, which also favor the white, male, able-bodied, heteronormative lens, as well.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	I actually saw a better diversity of perspectives within sessions that fit together in cohesive ways. If your questions refers to racial or ethnic diversity, I didn't see much. We now have a stronger contingent of people of color at LRA, but I still see a lot of white people presenting together and a lot of people of color presenting together	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	'Somewhat diverse.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	I chose sessions for their diverse perspective.	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	I very much enjoyed the give and take and honoring of different perspectives within the sessions I attended	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	I'm not sure what is meant by diverse perspectives. For the most part, session presenters had similar kinds of research.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	valuable	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	Perspectives seemed varied depending on the session	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
10	I specifically attended sessions geared towards topics of diversity, and I was impressed by the ways that various diverse perspectives were displayed, described and operated from. In the session without a specific emphasis on diversity, I was STILL impressed by the attention paid to diversity questions and epistemologies which pervaded the sessions. It was truly beautiful to see!	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
11	I thought that the sessions could have included more participants focused on equity and diversity.	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
12	Good diverse perspectives	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
13	Diverse/varied	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
14	I had written down the sessions without table numbers (more on that later) so in the end I decided to just attend whichever one looked most interesting or had fewest people (because no one wants to present only to the other presenter). So, I had much more diversity in perspectives and approaches than I had intended - it was really interesting.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
15	There is a an openness to a range of ideas that I like about LRA sessions.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
16	The sessions I attended did bring together diverse perspectives - though I did feel that certain voices could have been more represented across the conference.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
17	Very diverse	12/15/2017 11:45 AM
18	I did not get a large impression of diverse perspectives. The sessions I attended seemed to be more in alignment rather than to offset each other.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
19	I heard a lot of different types of ideas expresses.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
20	Excellent	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
21	good	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
22	It was excellent! Though I purposefully chose to attend presentations of scholars of color/indigenous scholars, queer identifying scholars, and social justice oriented scholars	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
23	not too much diversity within sessions	12/14/2017 4:18 PM

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24	There were diverse perspectives which was nice to see.	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
25	Most of the sessions provided some diverse perspectives dealing with the topic.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
26	The topics were diverse, with representation from many groups.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM
27	Good overall!	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
28	I can tell that people are passionate about their work in different areas of literacy.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
29	I have to say that it is disappointing how the "language" has been disappearing from the discourses on literacy.	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
30	Sessions are typically proposed or grouped as related topics, so it is not surprising that they share similar perspectives, although a few purposefully compare and contrast diverse views. More of the latter would be welcome (e.g., take a single issue, topic, approach, etc. and compare and contrast how it might be researched from different theoretical and methodological perspectives).	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
31	Maybe this needs work. We need to address contrary opinions in order to build better arguments.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
32	I think that I saw diverse perspectives in some respects, but mostly an emphasis on qualitative research and an attitude against quantitative research and assessment.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
33	The diversity of perspectives has decreased over time. There appears to be a shift occurring where basic literacy skills are no longer valued.	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
34	There was a diversity within the sessions I went to in terms of perspective.	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
35	Generally, they were similar enough in perspective to build on an perspective which I prefer.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
36	Yes -- the sessions represented diverse perspectives, with the possible exception of the keynote sessions that included one main speaker. The speakers -- as a total set, represented diverse perspectives.	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
37	People were comfortable sharing their ideas even when different than the presented studies in a professional, and productive manner. I appreciaed the diverse perspectives within the sessions.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
38	Great mixture of perspectives.	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
39	I'm not sure I understand what you mean by diverse perspectives. I don't see LRA in general as honoring diverse perspectives.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
40	For me, there were large divides. As a literacy scholar, I am particularly interested in questions of power, justice, and social change. However, I experience that there are some sessions that attend to these questions where other sessions did not at all. The absence of acknowledging these was troubling to me.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
41	Very diverse	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
42	there were allocations for varying views	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
43	Necessarily aligned perspectives. What differentiated presentations was the participants in respective studies (e.g., children, teachers).	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
44	The varied topics fit well together	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
45	Excellent - but I think I sought panels with diverse perspectives (i.e., humanizing research study group).	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
46	good	12/13/2017 2:11 PM
47	Very miuch so.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
48	In at least two incidences the discussion following the presentation incited conversation from multiple perspectives, which was very productive.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
49	Perspectives within sessions came from same/complimentary theoretical frame.	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
50	Not very diverse.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
51	I sought out only sessions with such perspectives and found them.	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
52	Good.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
53	Diverse perspectives were considered by many, but not all, of the presenters at sessions I attended.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM

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54	Somewhat high	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
55	I appreciated how each paper implemented complementary ontologies, methodologies and research questions.	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
56	outstanding	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
57	Within-session diversity was limited; it seemed that papers cohered together and represented research that came from similar paradigms.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
58	very diverse in terms of culture, language, and race/ethnicity	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
59	I thought there was a range of perspectives represented	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
60	good focus on race and gender issues	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
61	Pretty good. The positive effects of STAR are evident. Could be better. Seemed like there were fewer Latinx participants.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
62	Most were diverse.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
63	Nothing is standing out to me here.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
64	High	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
65	LRA still seems dominated by senior white males. Rebecca Rogers' Address was really great in moving us forward.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
66	The sessions I attended were very well aligned which allowed for good conversation. The diversity of perspectives were more across sessions, not within sessions.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
67	Great	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q6 Describe your impression of the diversity of sessions across the conference.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Same as above.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	They were not diverse in perspective. The LRA has a huge problem with favoring the same perspectives that have dominated for years, which also favor the white, male, able-bodied, heteronormative lens, as well.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	I think we have a lot of diversity of perspective and people across the conference. However, I think we tend to stick within groups rather than really working together across groups.	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	Not as many as I would have thought.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	I appreciate the diversity of opinion, but there is absence of color. Many of the researchers in positions of power at LRA are white and older women. Encouraging younger women and men to ascend as decision-makers, even if they don't have the CV length, is needed for LRA to stay relevant into the next century. Otherwise, the organization risks looking like the group for "old white people".	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	There is a depth and breadth of information about literacy offered at the LRA conference	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	I attended paper sessions and round tables. I didn't see many alternative sessions or a symposium that would work with my schedule because they were scheduled at the same time as paper sessions and/or round tables.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	n/a	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	These seemed appropriately varied.	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
10	It seemed to me that there was wide representation of diverse perspectives across the entire conference.	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
11	I thought the sessions were diverse.	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
12	Good	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
13	Diverse/varied	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
14	I think it was reasonable - I tend to look for specific types of sessions on topics of interest so it's hard to really gauge the diversity.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
15	There seems to be a wide angle of perspectives across the conference.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
16	I thought the diversity of sessions was fine. I felt there were a lot of sessions that focused on a particular strand of theory (i.e. post-human; multimodal). I imagine that is what was proposed by the presenting scholars. Still, it would be nice to balance perspectives.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
17	Somewhat diverse	12/15/2017 11:45 AM
18	lots of it	12/15/2017 10:20 AM
19	There seemed to be good diversity across the conference. I did not attend very many sessions because I had to work with colleagues coming in from other institutions on our presentation.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
20	Diversity is something that is one the mind of many presenters.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
21	Good.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
22	good	12/14/2017 5:14 PM

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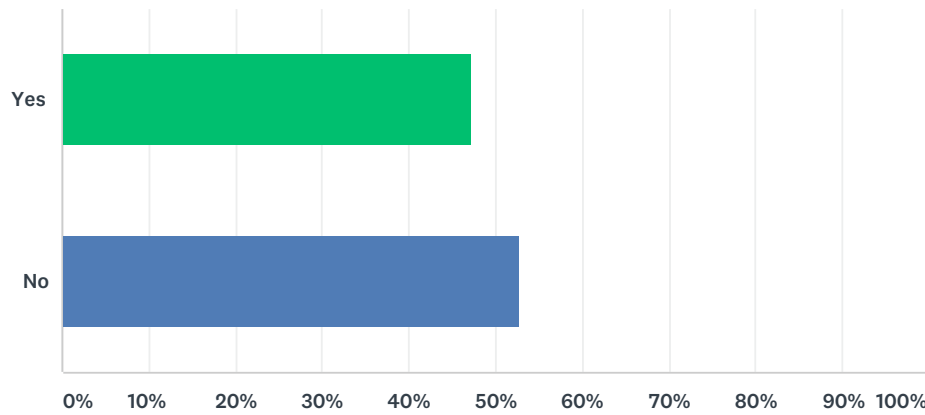
23	There still seemed to be a lot of whiteness and old school masculinity on display in many spaces. While the space felt comfortable to my female (white cis-female) experience, I could also feel the tendrils of the patriarchal (past and present) realities of the academy pulling at the sessions and the "right ways of thinking/researching/knowing" that was very present. LRA may be at a cross roads between its past and a changing future. I do not want to stay, if the path doesn't move forward and embrace more expansive understandings of who can be a researcher, the ways that knowledge is constructed, and the meanings of literacy. I thought Shirley Bryce Heath's presentation was particularly tone deaf. She used marginalizing terms for the participants of her current study and seemed more focused on name-dropping than on humanizing the participants of her Shakespeare plays. I was extremely unimpressed. And I know she's a powerhouse. Yet, her presentation represented that disconnect between the old and the new. I thought last year's keynote speakers were much more in tune with the direction I think LRA should be heading.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
24	did see diversity of session offerings	12/14/2017 4:18 PM
25	I found it quite diverse	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
26	There were a variety of sessions to attend based on your interests.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
27	Okay	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
28	Fine. I am curious if there is anything about special education.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
29	I could attend only two days, so I didn't have the opportunity to attend many presentations.	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
30	See comment 4 above and comment 14 below.	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
31	This needs to be addressed.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
32	See question 5	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
33	Less attention to researchers interested in quantitative research or socio-cognitive perspectives.	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
34	The sessions across the conference were quite broad, although sociocultural and post-modernism seemed to dominate by quite a large proportion.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
35	Wide range of sessions on a variety of topics -- often difficult to decide which session to attend.	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
36	I believe that there is still growth to be made for diversity across the conference.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
37	Good diversity of sessions, not sure about the diversity of methods.	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
38	I would say this was pretty low. Not much in the way of diversity.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
39	Little diversity at all - many on race, critical literacy - few on early literacy or even reading or writing.	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
40	I think this is steadily improving, especially in contrast with the longer history of the conference that I hear passed down from more senior scholars.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
41	very diverse	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
42	I liked how many sessions were devoted to issues of gender, social justice and diversity	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
43	Still limited. Few Latin@ voices.	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
44	OK	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
45	Not sure I can answer this question accurately, since I am not entirely sure about the scope of the conference presentations. But I do appreciate the significant presence of scholars of color, particularly those in the STAR program and those whose work was featured in the most recent issue of JLR.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
46	very good	12/13/2017 2:11 PM
47	Good diversity- though I felt low number of more quant approaches	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
48	I tend to seek out sessions of interest to my line of work, and therefore I don't know that I sought out such diversity.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
49	Fair, but could be more intersectional. This year seemed more poorly attended than past years.	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
50	Adding a parentheses around part of a presentation title does not make the session diverse in perspectives or topic. I appreciate Dr. Rogers call in her presidential address but I'm not sure if the conference attendees took her message to heart.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
51	Among the best I have seen (comparing to AERA, etc.)	12/13/2017 11:27 AM

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52	Not as diverse as last year. I would like a greater diversity of sessions across the conference.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
53	Impressive.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
54	Somewhat high	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
55	I was pleasantly surprised at the greater representation of Latinx and bilingual papers.	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
56	excellent	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
57	Overall, I think there was something for everyone. I am frustrated by the lack of research on "reading" that has been presented (not just this year, but in the last several years). I think sessions are more and more focusing on aspects of literacy that exclude attention to factors like fluency, phonemic awareness, comprehension, etc. That worries me a little in terms of our organization's future.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
58	very diverse in terms of culture, language, and race/ethnicity	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
59	I thought it was good	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
60	good focus on race and gender issues	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
61	Same as above. I see the distinction you are trying to make, but I don't know what I think about this.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
62	I was disappointed that there weren't so many with a cognitive perspective as used to be the case.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
63	Nothing is standing out to me here.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
64	Also high, though I wish there were more traditional reading presentations.	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
65	LRA is dominated by senior white males.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
66	Great!	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
67	Great	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q7 Were all scheduled presenters in attendance at the sessions you attended?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.30%	35
No	52.70%	39
TOTAL		74

Q8 Describe your experience or observations regarding session chairs at this year's conference.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I presented at a rountable and went to a couple of roundtable sessions. There were no chairs and very disorganized. There were no instructions, neither any coordinators. The numbers were confusing too. It took a lot of time for people to find the tables that they presented at and for audience to look for the ones that they wanted to hear. I have never attended any roundtable sessions that were this disorganized. Sorry.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	I observed no issues. All of them did well.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	Session chairs seemed to do their jobs as expected	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	One did not show up, but the discussant picked up the slack. It did not affect the session.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	What is with chairs or discussants cutting off speakers or the audience to share their opinion?	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	most chairs did not show	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	I'm not sure if every session I attended had a chair. Their role was minimal.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	Excellent	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	Many did not show up to their session, or, the session wasn't assigned a chair.	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
10	n/a	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
11	I don't really know much about session chairs.	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
12	Helpful, approachable, knowledgeable	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
13	As a presenter, I looked up my session chair through her institution's email and the email was invalid. Then, she didn't attend the session at all (which was strange) so as first presenter, I made the decision to just start. Other than this, the session chairs were really proficient at organizing the sessions.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
14	They did a nice job.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
15	Session chairs were present and kept the sessions organized.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
16	Session chairs seemed fine, but it did seem that it had suddenly become 'vogue' to split the session into smaller groups and either have people rotate between the groups or just attend one and then convene at the end and compare notes. While this was a nice change of pace in some ways, I also felt that I wasn't getting the most out of the time and missed out on some information that might have been more easily presented without all the shuffling.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
17	They did a great job of keeping people to their allotted time!	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
18	Good	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
19	mostly good, with one male chair beign somewhat patronising to the younger female presenters	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
20	Some were great while others didn't do anything. It seemed like the roles between chair and discussant were very unclear. I think it would be beneficial to explicitly delineate what is expected of those two roles. This is especially important for graduate students and early career scholars.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
21	Some chairs took the time to basically give their own paper. Other chairs simply introduced the papers and handled the Q&A.	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
22	Chairs kept sessions moving and provided equal time for the speakers.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
23	Session chairs seemed attentive, engaged, and ready to direct the session.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM
24	Good!	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
25	I just saw one and he was with his graduate students. They were all on point.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM

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26	N/A	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
27	Par for the course.	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
28	There was not always a chair present. Maybe this needs to be combined with the discussants position.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
29	No complaints.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
30	Fine	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
31	Well organised and helped to make sure everything ran smoothly	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
32	They were fine.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
33	Most of the session chairs had a critical role to play in the session. They were not just "convening" the session and most did not have another role as a member of the panel.	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
34	At the two sessions I participated in, the chairs were present, active, and engaged.	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
35	Well organized and ran the sessions well.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
36	Fine. Did what a chair should do (introduction, timing, etc).	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
37	Inconsistent. Some were AMAZING! They were well organized and helped facilitate strong sessions. However, others did not or did not show up, without informing the presenters. For instance, in one of my sessions, the chair did not show up and the discussant graciously took up this role.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
38	I'm not sure why a discussant cannot also keep time. It seems a little silly. Also, what to do when someone doesn't stop talking.	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
39	They were well orgznized	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
40	Chairs were knowledgeable and prepared.	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
41	Some were phenomenal. Most served as chair and discussant. I do not think it is necessary to have a separate chair and discussant for each session. Most panelists did not submit full papers prior to their sessions. Therefore, as a chair/discussant of two sessions, I kept my comments brief and relied upon what was shared during the presentations.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
42	ok	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
43	Chairs were in attendance and successfully kept the presenters on time, in order, and managed the Q&A portion of the session.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
44	I have nothing to contribute here.	12/13/2017 12:31 PM
45	Fine.	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
46	They did their job of organizing the sessions and keeping time. I often wonder if the session chairs and/or discussants are really needed. I'm of the frame of mind if presenters want a chair and/or discussant they should need to request one or organize one themselves.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
47	Chairs took roles seriously, except for my session where she did not show.	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
48	Good.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
49	A couple sessions had not chairs in attendance, but otherwise, they were fine.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
50	High quality, relevant	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
51	Session chairs did their jobs	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
52	Fine. I was in one session where the chair didn't quite know her place and seemed to want to be the "discussant." It felt awkward b/c it seemed like a power-struggle.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
53	They are fine	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
54	I had positive experiences. The sessions I attended were all kept in line (in terms of time management) by the chairs.	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
55	always present	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
56	All were at the sessions I attended. Did their job well.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM

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57	Many did not have a chair. I don't recall any that went pear-shaped as a result of lack of chair though.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
58	Sessions chairs were well organized and appeared to be very prepared. They communicated well with the audience and the presenters.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
59	Chairs could use a checklist of what to do. Eg. arrive 10 min early, intro yourself, help presenters arrange tech and presentation order, introduce presenters, time presentations for 20 min (even that seemed to vary), etc.	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
60	Like always, some are better than others at managing time.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
61	All session chairs were were present and active in their roles.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
62	She attended my session and gave me great feedback after my presentation.	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q9 Describe your experience or observations regarding session discussants at this year's conference.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The chairs at the sessions that I have been to were knowledgeable in the topics, well-prepared and encouraged conversations from the audience.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	I observed no issues. All of them did well.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	I saw some excellent discussants this year. I think discussants are important for providing feedback and synthesis. Please don't do away with them.	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	A few variations. I suggest a list of responsibilities/expectations go out to the discussants. Also, the chair needs to manage the time better so there's time for comments at the end.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	What is with chairs or discussants cutting off speakers or the audience to share their opinion?	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	discussants I engaged in had done their homework and were excellent literacy representatives with a handle on the work presented	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	One discussant presented her research (complete with a power point presentation), which I thought was inappropriate.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	Excellent. Like having them for some sessions but not all.	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	This was hit or miss, as I know can be typical. Two discussant a I heard felt like a fourth presentation due to the length of their written thoughts they wanted to share.	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
10	n/a	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
11	I thought the session discussants who asked probing questions about equity and race were great, or who facilitated conversations among the participants. It was less helpful for discussants to summarize what was going on. I've been thinking about the role of discussants and wondering if they are really necessary?	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
12	Excellent job bringing together themes and perspectives.	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
13	Detailed, thorough	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
14	Our discussant (Kay Stahl) gave really great feedback and ideas for expanding the content of our presentation to new audiences. In fact, I'm meeting with my colleague next week to discuss her suggestions.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
15	Many thoughtful ideas offered. It was obvious to me that people took this role seriously.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
16	Discussants at the this year's session were mixed. Some did not receive papers ahead of time and were less prepared while others were quite prepared and delivered some excellent remarks.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
17	Only one session that I attended had a discussant. There was a little time left for her to say anything which was perhaps the reason that she said only a couple of sentences for comments	12/15/2017 10:20 AM
18	This is only the second conference I've attended that had discussants, so I don't really have much to compare it with. One, in particular, was spectacular- she summarized the research, commented both critically and in an affirming manner and her comments made me leave the session as excited as when I went in.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
19	The discussants were able to tie together the themes and provide insightful comments.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
20	Incredible! It was so valuable having discussants in every session that I attended. Last year there were many fewer sessions with discussants and having the discussants back this year is the single biggest reason why I want to keep going to LRA over other conferences.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
21	good	12/14/2017 5:14 PM

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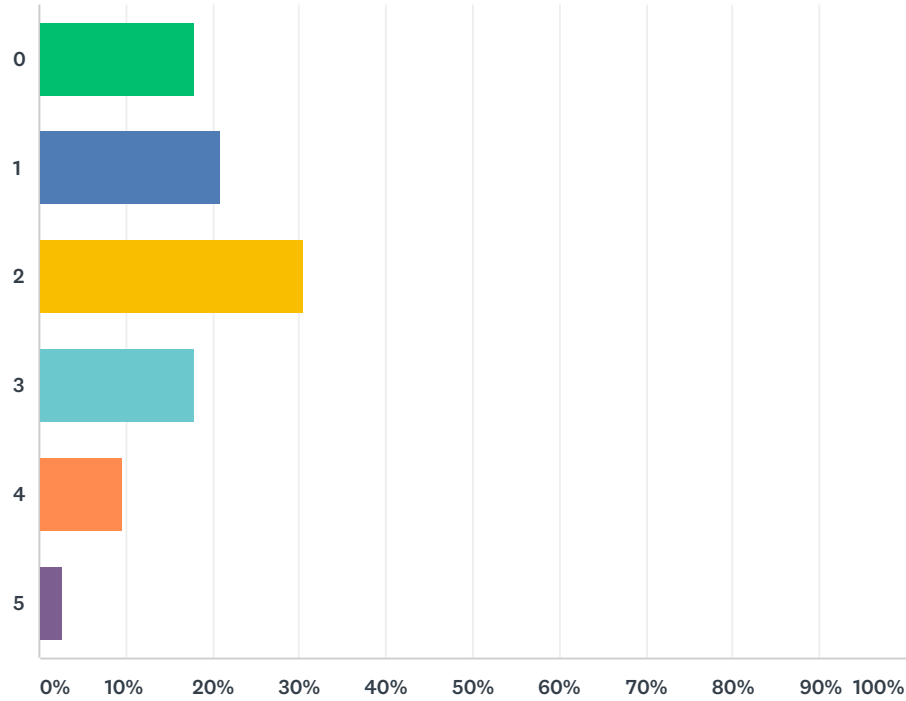
22	The one session I saw with a discussant was incredible. Though I will note that the feedback for each presenter was not as interesting for me to interact with as an audience member, having not read the whole paper.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
23	Same as above.	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
24	Most of the discussants were prepared although many did not receive copies of the presentations.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
25	Discussants had interesting points about the research presented.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM
26	n/a	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
27	N/A	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
28	Did not attend many sessions with discussants (e.g., roundtables).	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
29	This is critical - some were good while others needed to be more specific.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
30	Thoughtful and interesting.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
31	Good	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
32	Very mixed. I was a discussant and was eager to play a role. I had huge difficulty getting any papers from participants and those that were sent were usually the proposal which differed wildly from the presentation leaving me in an awkward position. In addition to this I felt presenters were not professional - I always make sure to thank a discussant for his/ her contribution and that did not seem to happen. I had a discussant for a session I presented at and the discussant did not 'discuss'. Rather she critiqued and 'told' presenters what she thought was correct. Overall I reflected that it would be useful for LRA to issue more specific guidelines on the role of a discussant and expectations of presenters. In future I would withdraw my offer to act as discussant if the level of participation from participants was replicated.	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
33	Overall, they were quite strong, although it might be useful to remind them to be positive in their criticism.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
34	Two sessions had discussants that provided thoughtful and insightful comments at the end. I appreciated both their advance preparation and their ability to respond "on the spot".	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
35	The discussants I had the opportunity to observe were tremendous. They balanced integrating their take away thoughts and synthesis across the studies, and also pushing questions to support discussion and discourse around the topics.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
36	Great job, prepared and addressed the papers presented!	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
37	Discussants did the best they could with the low quality research. I would like to see them push the presenters more.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
38	Good discussant	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
39	Again, inconsistent. Some are powerful, providing helpful feedback to presenters and helping segue from the papers into a larger conversation with the audience. Others seemed to miss the genre and stilted rather than facilitated dialogue.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
40	If the session had one, he/she was very good at wrapping up the papers presented and offering feedback.	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
41	Some went on tangents and did not discuss the papers, per se	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
42	NA	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
43	Discussants needed to understand their roles in order to really enjoy the scholarly conversations	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
44	See above.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
45	Lousy discussants...	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
46	Discussants were vital to focusing the conversation, overlaying their perspective of the multiple papers, and creating spaces for conversations around the papers' commonalities and differences. I think discussants are vital.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
47	I haven't been to LRA before, and I really liked this format. I found it helpful to have a discussant who synthesized the presentations and offered starting-point questions for further discussion.	12/13/2017 1:49 PM
48	There is never enough time allotted for discussants. That's not a new problem specific to this year's conference. It just is.	12/13/2017 12:31 PM

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49	I was impressed with the commentary provided. Much stronger than my experiences at AERA.	12/13/2017 12:23 PM
50	Thoughtful, comprehensive.	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
51	EXCELLENT. This was one of the best parts of the conference for me. Discussants were very well prepared and really responded thoughtfully to the work. I greatly valued their contributions!	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
52	One of the discussants didn't show up.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
53	Excellent discussants! I was super impressed by the time they obviously spent in reading and synthesizing the papers presented. The discussant at my own symposium was amazing--highly prepared and offered important insights.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
54	Lara Hansfield, Judith Lysaker, and Misty Sailors were all incredible.	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
55	Discussants seem hesitant to provide constructive or critical feedback on methodology, theoretical framework, and findings. Too much "thanks, great job," comments.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
56	Really thoughtful. Often my favorite part of attending sessions.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
57	Some did not quite know whether their role was to critique (awkward when it was a grad student) or summarize or extend or generate questions. Discussants should be seasoned scholars who can help synthesize the session for attendees and help presenters move their work forward.	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
58	The sessions that had discussants did a nice job of pulling the topics together	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
59	effective	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
60	Excellent. Discussants are really helpful for making sessions more meaningful.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
61	Some brilliant discussants.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
62	Discussants were well organized and thoughtful. They made sure to attend to each presenter and encouraged the audience to interact with each one.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
63	Most were great. Well prepared and added to the discussions.	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
64	Mostly really great at pulling themes together!	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
65	The discussant for my session - Phil Wilder - did some really thoughtful and intentional work around bringing the papers together. This was the majority of what I experienced. However, there were some sessions where the discussants used the time to talk about their research and interests as opposed to what the individual papers were saying.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
66	My session chair for a paper session was great (DR. MANDY STEWART). She prepared her comments before our session (emailed us) and gave us great remarks at the end of the session and encouraged our research. Another discussant was terrible and this is why I am filling this form. Dr. Julia Hagge was yarning and not listening to the presentations carefully. Moreover, she left in the middle of the presentation!-she said she needed to meet her co-presenter. Worst discussant I have ever seen at conferences!	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q10 Plenary sessions this year included the Presidential Address (Rebecca Rogers), the Oscar Causey Address (Kris Gutierrez), the Integrative Research Review (Judith Lysaker), the Friday Plenary (Anna Stetsenko), and the Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award Address (Shirley Brice Heath). How many plenary sessions did you attend?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	18.06%	13
1	20.83%	15
2	30.56%	22
3	18.06%	13
4	9.72%	7
5	2.78%	2
TOTAL		72

Q11 What factored into your decision to attend or not attend plenary sessions?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Speaker and presentation.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	Exhaustion.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	Busy getting my own presentation together, needed time to meet in small groups with people I'm working with, needed time to take a break and get some exercise.	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	The Sat/Brice Heath was so late in the conference (day/time wise). It was not as full as expected since many had already left for home.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	Whether or not I was at the conference and whether or not I was interested in the speaker's perspective.	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	I was only able to afford to be at the conference for two nights	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	Timing was a major factor. LRA is the only chance I have to work with peers in person on research projects. Additionally, my arrival and departure times for the conference did not allow me to participate in everything.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	Timing, who was speaking	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	The length of the session after many hours already sitting, and the other things that happen during those sessions besides the speaker's presentation.	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
10	Time and exhaustion!	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
11	The days that I was attending	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
12	Cost of housing/alternate location for housing during the conference	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
13	I had intended to go to the one for Shirley Brice Heath but just didn't get to it due to some other things that came up. A few of them looked interesting and there wasn't any real reason I didn't attend, just personal timing I guess.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
14	Did it fit my schedule? Am I interested in the speaker's ideas? How do the ideas help me think about my own work?	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
15	Timing.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
16	Too many other things to attend.	12/15/2017 11:45 AM
17	other obligations	12/15/2017 10:20 AM
18	Timing- and the arrival of co-presenters and other obligations.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
19	Time of day.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
20	Interest in speaker, how many other professional (non-conference) responsibilities I need to attend to, time of day, where in the overall conference program a speaker is scheduled, how many other sessions I want to go to during that particular day--because I try to take one session off each day and sometimes that means cutting out the plenary.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
21	Jetlag, networking, keeping up with work... sorry!	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
22	Timing.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
23	my outside work schedule	12/14/2017 4:18 PM
24	knowledge of the person	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
25	People presenting at the plenary sessions.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
26	Availability.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM

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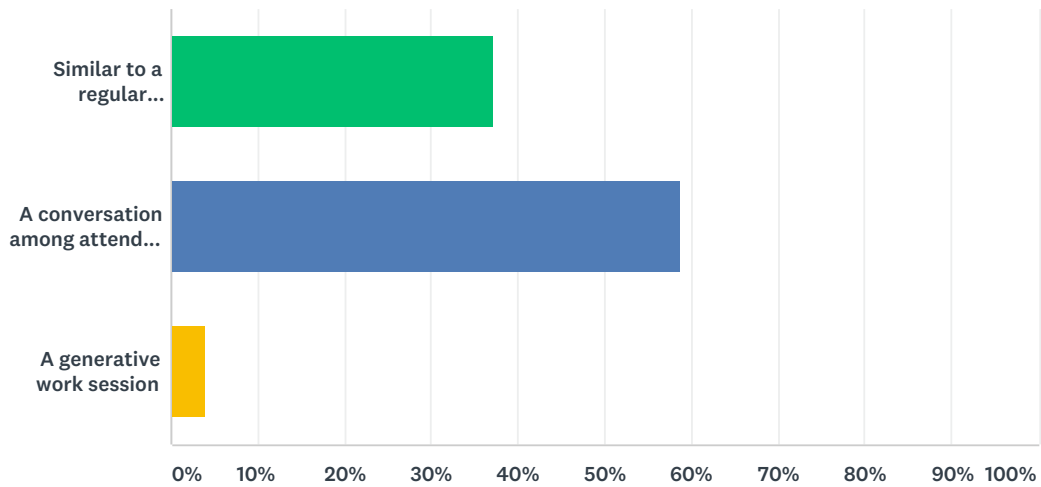
27	I did not get to the conference until Thursday evening.	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
28	I wanted to hear from the experts.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
29	Time	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
30	Needed to make space for informal, but important, meetings. Wasn't particularly interested in topics that seemed more of the same on the topic of diversity (although I heard that I missed a good one--can't remember if it was Lysaker or Stetsenko).	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
31	People are not attending these sessions and that is a real problem. These should not be read a lecture presentation but a well delivered message.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
32	They seemed important but I was also tired at the end of the day. I did not make it to the first two and last one because they were during my travel days.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
33	Scheduling conflicts	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
34	Time to meet colleagues to work on ongoing projects. I traveled from overseas and quite simply did not have time.	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
35	I needed a break and was not particularly interested in the topics	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
36	Schedule and energy level!	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
37	At times I had other meetings to attend, or needed a break.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
38	Other obligations	12/13/2017 7:26 PM
39	I typically don't bother with these anymore. They are often low quality.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
40	The time of day, the award presentations, the topic, and in general, a personal goal to attend the plenary as they always lead to community conversations during the conference.	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
41	Timing and topics.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
42	Time commitment. No lunch.	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
43	travel schedule	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
44	Scholarly reputation and influence of the speaker.	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
45	Flight schedules	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
46	I did not know when they occurred. Guidebook is a decent app, but I miss the hard copy of the program.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
47	flight delay	12/13/2017 2:11 PM
48	time constraints	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
49	My familiarity with the speaker's research (Shirley Brice Heath), my interest in the overall priorities and direction of the organization (Rebecca Rogers), and my enjoyment of the sense of tradition behind the Causey (Kris Gutierrez)	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
50	I think I didn't fully recognize some sessions as plenaries, partially because of the way I interacted with the conference scheduling site (which was very good overall!). I missed the integrative research review, for example, because I just overlooked it as I was deciding on sessions. This might be a first-time attendee rookie mistake, though. Also, I didn't attend the Stetsenko session because of the timing (F late afternoon, I think?), and I had to leave the Lifetime Achievement Award Address 30 minutes in, so I could catch a plane home.	12/13/2017 1:49 PM
51	Timing of travel. The Integrative Research Review, in my memory, has ALWAYS been on Saturday at noon, so I arranged my travel accordingly prior to the release of the final program. It was Thursday this year????	12/13/2017 12:31 PM
52	topic, speaker	12/13/2017 12:23 PM
53	Time and money. I had to go home to finish teaching my classes.	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
54	I was interested in the speakers and the times work for my schedule. I did not know about the Lifetime Achievement Award Address until after the fact - the app can be difficult to navigate. Other plenary sessions I did not attend were due to mostly scheduling conflicts.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
55	timing, workload at this time of the semester (this is a difficult time to be away from work--final projects due and students with questions)	12/13/2017 11:27 AM

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56	Speakers, topic, time	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
57	The only one I didn't attend was the day I wasn't in attendance at the conference. I will say that I was not impressed by several of the speakers. I know and value their work SO much, so I was disappointed that their presentations seemed bogged down by obtuse language/vocabulary and not overly compelling presentations. Normally, the plenaries offer so much food for thought. That was not the case this year.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
58	Exhaustion and peer pressure; I would have attended them all if I had more time.	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
59	I had a colleague that attended.	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
60	topic of talk	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
61	Tired & relatedness to my own work.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
62	Other meetings, mental exhaustion	12/13/2017 11:05 AM
63	name recognition and applicability to my work	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
64	topic	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
65	I had to leave Sat am. Excellent speakers.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
66	I find that most of the talks - while on highly relevant and important topics - are poorly designed and poorly delivered. Thus the message gets lost in the mind numbing boredom of the delivery. I went to the presidential address, it was horrible in terms of organization and delivery, and I just didn't have it in me to continue to sit through anymore.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
67	Sunshine	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
68	I think it is important to know the major themes in our professional organization.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
69	Feeling burnt out from a days worth of sessions.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM
70	Other commitments at the same time/topics	12/13/2017 9:31 AM

Q12 Which of the following best describes the study groups you attended this year?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Similar to a regular session, with most of the hour devoted to invited speakers	37.25%	19
A conversation among attendees and facilitators about the study group topic	58.82%	30
A generative work session	3.92%	2
TOTAL		51

Q13 What were the conference events this year that best addressed your professional needs?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The keynote speakers.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	Study groups.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	Writing, research on writing, and more writing. Why not give us the opportunity to have a writer's session, a workshop for attendees?	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
4	sessions on YA literature and critical theory	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
5	The Teacher Education Research Study Group (TERSG), meeting in person with two book publishers about proposals, the CITE-ITEL session, and a couple of paper sessions.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
6	Study groups are what I find most useful. Plenary sessions were underwhelming.	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
7	Study groups	12/17/2017 10:44 AM
8	All of the sessions I attended had implications for my practice as a teacher-educator, and I am excited to begin implementing some practices and perspectives.	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
9	I really appreciated the session about how to give a good presentation on Sat. morning - the advice was stellar and completely change my outlook on presenting. I wish that more people had attended because (as they noted) very few presenters follow their excellent advice (including many of the plenary speakers)!	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
10	Sessions related to literacy and maker space/ STEM The study group sessions with advanced scholars If I knew then... what I know now	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
11	The "I wish I knew then...what I know now" study group was invaluable!	12/15/2017 2:07 PM
12	The Presidential Address (Rebecca Rogers) raised several interesting issues for me.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
13	Regular Session and study groups	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
14	Study group	12/15/2017 11:45 AM
15	meeting with colleagues	12/15/2017 10:20 AM
16	My decision to attend this conference was based mostly on my accepted proposal. I am in postsecondary literacy, and mostly enjoyed listening to the different types of research and learning what was being done rather than any specific research topic. I did enjoy the drama study group- loved the interdisciplinary approach.	12/14/2017 9:39 PM
17	Topics around vocabulary instruction.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
18	sessions, and the president's reception/other chances to mingle in a more relaxed but organized way.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
19	Posthumansim study group was great	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
20	The DSICG sessions and study group events were incredible. The planners of these sessions are much to be praised.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
21	study groups	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
22	The presentations of current research was most useful.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
23	Paper and round table sessions.	12/14/2017 1:30 PM
24	Paper presentation sessions, study group, the writing retreat at the end of the conference, STAR-sponsored sessions and events	12/14/2017 12:16 PM
25	I met others who have similar interests so now we might write together.	12/14/2017 12:07 PM

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26	The Presidential Address (Rebecca Rogers) and Lifetime Achievement Award Address (Shirley Brice Heath)	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
27	Study group. Informal meetings with colleagues and students.	12/14/2017 10:40 AM
28	We need to take very seriously our role to have a significant role in policy formation. When Rodgers presentation with the video was well done, I am not sure this is the reality of the real world. We need to be presenting research and arguments beyond our colleagues.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
29	I was excited to see a factor analysis at a symposium about temporal	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
30	Overall I found relatively few opportunities to meet my professional need.	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
31	Sessions	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
32	Sessions and symposia.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
33	The plenary sessions I attended were inspirational. The study group was a mix of presenters and conversations among attendees/facilitators. The study group was one of the highlights last year and this year.	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
34	A few of the round tables produced dynamic and powerful conversation that pushed my thinking forward on specific topics. I also appreciated learning from a number of the papers presented.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
35	I am sad to say that the conference events did not address my professional needs. LRA seems to not be doing this for me anymore.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
36	The sessions and symposiums.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
37	Paper sessions	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
38	alternative format sessions	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
39	1) Plenary sessions 2) Sessions 3) Study groups	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
40	I enjoy the study sessions and conversations with colleagues	12/13/2017 2:36 PM
41	The study group sessions on humanizing research and the panels. I had incredible opportunities to network.	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
42	Rebecca Rogers inspired continued action; study sessions provided practical information for moving the work forward; conversations following my own presentation pushed my thinking when crafting a publication; the opportunity to meet with colleagues at other universities across distances created professional networks; opportunities to hear doctoral candidates present informed my participation in my University's search committee.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM
43	Presenter sessions (standard sessions), study groups, and the sessions about becoming a member of the discipline ("If I knew then....", moving from novice to mid-career, how to give effective presentations, etc.)	12/13/2017 1:49 PM
44	Symposia	12/13/2017 12:23 PM
45	Study groups	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
46	Study groups and sessions I attended.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
47	Sessions on topics of interest to my teaching/research	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
48	Individual sessions.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
49	Regular sessions and study groups.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
50	I really appreciated Emily Rainey's session on early career publishing tips.	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
51	Presentation from Project READI researchers	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
52	I enjoy the general networking made available in the evenings.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
53	the sessions	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
54	sessions	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
55	The large common lobby area. Meeting and connecting w others is very important to me.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
56	Ones on IT/ICT and reading. But I valued the plenaries too.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
57	I do not believe this conference addressed my professional needs in a meaningful way.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM

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58	Teacher ed sessions.	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
59	I think overall, the networking is important.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
60	Study Group Sessions and paper sessions.	12/13/2017 9:44 AM

Q14 What additional feedback do you want to share regarding the LRA 67th Annual Conference?

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1	I love the study groups. However, I couldn't make to it because of the schedule of the study groups. I wonder if the board could rearrange the schedule and have the study groups spread out through the day.	12/28/2017 2:46 PM
2	I am excited for next year's conference, as it seems like alternative research and perspectives will finally be welcome for once.	12/22/2017 5:34 AM
3	Stop holding conferences at "resorts." Tampa was fine because it's relatively easy to get to by plane and taxi. Fort Worth was better - central, inexpensive, convenient. Marco Island and Carlsbad were not okay. Palm Springs is obnoxious. Grad students and junior faculty members can't afford this. It's inconvenient. It's elitist. It's old school. LRA is not a vacation, it's a professional conference. I also think it's time to rethink town halls and "vital issues." These are dinosaurs and they don't work anymore. Can we imagine some new ways to have informal professional conversations? Can we more clearly separate professional from social (I love the social at LRA, but the overlap invited by these events has become increasingly problematic).	12/21/2017 6:02 PM
4	The round tables were confusing for the presenters and the attendees. It seems there were multiple conferences schedules with varying table assignments.	12/18/2017 2:20 PM
5	Norm Stahl--please don't give him a voice again. I don't care any more for old white men making sexually-laced jokes, cutting off speakers or the audience, and generally being assholes. It's time for the organization to take a stand on this culture, stop inviting speakers or chairs/discussants that mansplain, and present problem-solving opportunities. Otherwise, you again risk losing researchers like me who are simply fed up with this behavior and the fact LRA allows it. Make no mistake, you do allow it at this time.	12/18/2017 12:00 PM
6	Affordability for grad students is a huge issue that needs to be addressed. My institution only reimburses me for \$200.	12/18/2017 9:54 AM
7	The program from 2017 didn't indicate that this is a literacy conference. I'm dismayed that sessions were devoted to topics beyond literacy research, such as the paper about adults who were recovering from substance abuse took pictures in their communities. I was also disappointed by the lack of focus on literacy teacher preparation at the pre-service and in-service levels. Perhaps I'm narrow-minded, but I am a literacy teacher educator and LRA is where I come for professional development. LRA is my research home and I was disillusioned by the program this year - there was little of interest to me or that pertained to my research agenda. Hopefully 2018 will have sessions that are about literacy teacher education, with sessions containing titles and descriptions that accurately describe what will actually be presented.	12/17/2017 10:56 PM
8	For the roundtable sessions, it was extremely confusing what table number was assigned in the program. Every roundtable I went to was chaotic and confusing.	12/17/2017 11:07 AM
9	I am still looking for opportunities to connect with senior mentors for support on all aspects of the profesorate. If you are unable to participate in the structure of the STAR program, for example, there are not spaces to connect to senior scholars willing to connect and support a new faculty member.	12/15/2017 5:40 PM
10	Thank you for being so welcoming and supportive of me as a graduate student! I really appreciate it.	12/15/2017 4:53 PM
11	Overall it was a great conference.	12/15/2017 4:05 PM
12	The mid-day sessions are rushed - no time for lunch if attending or presenting at a session, then wishing to attend a study group, before then moving on to the next round of afternoon sessions. Could lunch or snacks be provided within each study group session?	12/15/2017 2:07 PM

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13	Since I attended mostly round tables, it was a bit of a different experience for me than most of the other conferences I have attended and even my past LRA experiences. The one feedback I would share is that sometimes there was confusion from presenters about where they were sitting, and perhaps some discrepancy between print and digital schedules, - I choose my sessions in advance and put them in my personal calendar so since there wasn't a printed list of who/what presentation was at each table, I didn't actually see any I had intended to see. Perhaps just putting a printed list on the door for each session would cut the confusion significantly.	12/15/2017 2:04 PM
14	I was struck by how few people attended sessions that I found quite compelling. Of course, it could be that my interest in teaching and learning school writing is not as popular at LRA as I assumed.	12/15/2017 12:45 PM
15	There were many sessions that were offered at the same time that I would have attended. I also know conference attendance was down. It ended up feeling like there were 10 people in a good number of sessions I attended. Perhaps fewer sessions or more session slots.	12/15/2017 12:27 PM
16	Help doc students with presentations...how to stop saying "ummmm" all the time.	12/14/2017 8:30 PM
17	Great conference! I'm a high school English teacher and always look forward to this conference. Yet, few other K-12 teachers attend. LRA should consider doing more outreach to K-12 public school classroom teachers including possible grants to attend LRA and mentoring for how to implement literacy research in schools.	12/14/2017 7:05 PM
18	Altogether a great event, will return!	12/14/2017 5:14 PM
19	There were so many breast-feeding women at the conference who either had to hide their infants in their rooms and/or pump (and dump) throughout the conference that it was scandalous that there was not a private place to pump. I know more than one person who pumped in the bathroom during the day. In an organization filled with women and emerging scholars I think it is important for us to recognize this need and address it directly. Being a mother and a scholar should not be at odds in our space. These two identities should be embraced and valued. This is another example of a way we can truly embrace the new realities of the academy and shape normalizing stance toward the intersectionality of our identities. Another conference I went to this year had a few of these Mamava pods on site (https://www.mamava.com/). I think these should be considered, or another way to dedicate a private space in the conference hotel for breast feeding.	12/14/2017 5:11 PM
20	There were several sessions when presenters did not show up and did not have a paper presented in their absence. There was one case where the presenter was at the conference (I spoke with her a few times) but simply did not present her paper. I think LRA needs to be more selective on presentations; some doctoral students and faculty were not presenting research—simply powerpoints sharing what they did but not connecting it to research	12/14/2017 2:04 PM
21	Try to continue to provide a variety of sessions with many people participating.	12/14/2017 1:34 PM
22	Tampa is a big yes!	12/14/2017 12:07 PM
23	With the years, I have seen the academic rigor of the conference "declining." I was in shock when a member, who seems to be very involved in LRA expressed: "Who said that language and literacy have to go together?" After so many years of outstanding research by many scholars on language and literacy, this comment is hard to process. Also, I attended a session where some "seasoned" members were advising doctoral students about the proposal submission. After reading on a slide, "Make sure your citations reflect current research!" One of the members said: "make sure that your citations are not more than five years old." So a proposal shouldn't cite ways with words, third space, or social linguistics and literacies, just to mention a few, because they are too "old?"	12/14/2017 11:17 AM
24	The incessant drumbeat and breast-beating about issues of diversity and social justice grows exhausting after awhile and may actually undermine a commitment to action in advancing that worthy goal. Particularly annoying, in my view, is what I see as a tendency to always see the glass as half empty, as opposed to celebrating progress and identifying specific ways to move even farther forward. However, there was some of that in discussions of the strategic plan at committee meetings, which was an opportunity to do so (not sure that it was realized). Similarly annoying is that there is much talk from those who claim a moral high ground but who rarely cite examples of how they personally are working to address inequity. In that regard, Shirley Brice-Heath's talk was welcome exception. Her theater/acting project illustrates a specific effort to promote diversity is an example of what we need to see and hear more about—that is specific efforts to genuinely embrace diversity and social justice. On the other hand, I thought it a stretch to connect that project directly to literacy, at least as it is typically perceived by practitioners in schools and policy makers. And, she admitted that it was not a project about which she had collected data in a research frame. But, at least it was walking the talk, and it was interesting.	12/14/2017 10:40 AM

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25	The town hall meeting needs guidelines for more professional behavior for quality discussion.	12/14/2017 10:32 AM
26	I was surprised that boxed lunch wasn't available. The pizza at the hotel was pretty expensive for what you got. I would have liked more of a warning about my food options for lunch.	12/14/2017 9:51 AM
27	Based on my experiences over the past several years I have decided to not attend LRA next year. The venues are not conducive for travel as they are difficult and pricey to reach. The quality of sessions has decreased and the focus of sessions no longer falls within my realm of interest.	12/14/2017 8:58 AM
28	Using the listserv to address issues arising (from the townhall) is not appropriate. Not everyone was involved or knows the story (I have heard 4 different versions). It results in rumours that are damaging to individuals and creates an atmosphere of mistrust. My question is - how would a company or organization deal with this? What protocols would be used? Perhaps in the interest of fairness the leadership might reflect on this.	12/14/2017 6:44 AM
29	The hotel had a nice lobby, but was otherwise lacking. I hope we can go elsewhere next time we are in Tampa.	12/13/2017 11:32 PM
30	Appreciate the accommodations -- and the reasonable climate. The hotel staff was accommodating and the meeting space was suitable to our needs.	12/13/2017 9:33 PM
31	It would be wonderful if there was a 30 minute break between sessions in the middle of the day to allow for a significant lunch break, and not require missing a session to get food.	12/13/2017 7:57 PM
32	I was in attendance at the town hall. I always go to them, but I am no longer going to be attending them. In the past I have found them to be useful in addressing substantive issues or at least making such issues known. Now they are just expressions of immaturity and extremism.	12/13/2017 7:22 PM
33	Is it time for the Town Hall Meeting to be discontinued? Or, for LRA leadership to step in when a leader is needed?	12/13/2017 6:34 PM
34	I continue to be worried about the locations selected for the conference and some of the other fiscal dynamics. If we are an organization committed to social justice, then it seems problematic, at the very least, to hold our conferences in more expensive resort type of places. Moreover, I continue to worry about there being a divide in LRA where groups like ERM, the STAR program, and the gender and sexualities ICG represent one strand of LRA that is marginalized compared to the institutional weight and force of a less critical (as in attending to power relations) stand. I worry about these divides and hope that the organization continues to move to bridge these divides through events such as the annual conference.	12/13/2017 3:53 PM
35	There needs to be a lunch break. It is not fair to basically imply study group or lunch. There weren't many places to grab a quick bite.	12/13/2017 3:29 PM
36	Please stop going to Florida! It takes too long to get there for those on the west coast and it is very expensive	12/13/2017 3:15 PM
37	Hotel feedback: Overall, the hotel experience was convenient with rooms for sessions. The Wednesday cocktail hour was a little cramped in physical space but the two drink tickets was a nice touch. The hotel had a plumbing maintenance issue on Wednesday and there was no water for a four-hour period on a bank of floors. The next morning, the water temperature for showering was tepid. The hotel did not make any accommodations for these inconveniences.	12/13/2017 3:00 PM
38	Is there any way to bring back the old program? Or at least a flyer on sessions "not to miss," like the presidential address?	12/13/2017 2:19 PM
39	The plenary sessions seemed lower-attended than in year's past. We use to get daily email updates highlighting important events. This was a nice way to make sure everyone in attendance knew what was happening, it signaled to doctoral students where to invest their time, and it contributed to the sense of community at the conference itself. This year seemed less cohesive than years' past, somehow... The Academia 101 session is traditionally offered to provide graduate students with information about the job market and entering academia as professionals. However, most graduate students do not have funding to stay at the conference through the Saturday morning sessions. It would be advantageous to move this session earlier in the week, when more doctoral students are in attendance.	12/13/2017 1:54 PM

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40	The conference was very refreshing, overall. I appreciate the efforts of this organization to build community at the conference. The roundtable format felt less effective to me than other formats, not just because the rooms felt too small for the number of roundtables. I think I'd prefer individual roundtables, rather than groups of three. I attended a conference last year (ACRL) where roundtables were 30' each, and staggered between rooms so that it was easy to come and go and not feel rushed if people wanted to chat after the end of the session. It's the best roundtable model I've seen. Overall: THANK YOU for a great conference!	12/13/2017 1:49 PM
41	I attended the new leaders' orientation, as I was invited as someone who has expressed interest in serving in LRA leadership previously. That session focused almost exclusively (at least for the last HOUR of the session) on the now-famous Townhall incident. I left there not only seriously questioning whether I wanted any part of LRA leadership, but also wondering whether LRA is an organization I even want to be a member of, considering the divisive and angry conversation that was had there. I still have no idea why this was the conversation, even though it was POSED as an exemplar for exploring possible responses to the incident by an LRA member, an LRA leader, and the organization as a whole. What it actually was--turned into--was uncomfortable, ugly, and hostile. Regarding the incident: Seriously, a mistake was made and several genuine apologies were offered. Is LRA an organization of perfect people? I am not perfect, and I make mistakes too, so perhaps those of us who know of our lack of perfection should step away from the organization now. THAT is the take-away I had from LRA this year, and it makes me sad that that's what will stick with me and not the amazing talk that Dr. Heath offered, or the intriguing graduate student research I learned of, or the fantastic setting for networking and catching up with friends that Tampa provided.	12/13/2017 12:31 PM
42	The timing is absolutely awful. It is the end of the semester and I likely won't make time to go next year. Why not October or February?	12/13/2017 12:16 PM
43	I wish the app was easier to navigate. I would like for the study groups to have their topics for each day in the app. I would also like to be able to search and return to my search results in the app in an easier manner. Overall, the hotel facilities need some work before we return in 2019. The grab and go lunch lines need to move much faster (have an extra cashier) and it would make sense to have this upstairs since that's where most people are going. Also, the coffee shop closed very early (by 1 or 2 each day). I'm also hoping the hotel can fix the brown water and lack of hot water in the rooms.	12/13/2017 12:11 PM
44	The conference hotel was a little problematic with the water shut down.	12/13/2017 11:27 AM
45	I think there needs to be more study groups to address variety of topics and some way of letting attendees know if presenters are not going to be at their assigned presentations.	12/13/2017 11:23 AM
46	I would like to address the purpose of literacy research: is it meant to be disseminated to researchers and educators and have a practical purpose? Or is it meant to be exclusionary and not useful to educators? As a literacy researcher, I could barely follow along during the plenaries, and I could only imagine how off-putting these presentations would be to educators. The other thing I'd like to figure out, is how can LRA take a stronger stance in policy reform? I'd like to see us take a more visible stance about literacy education in the political sphere. Finally, I feel bad about what happened with Norm Stahl. I realize that he made an ill-timed and insensitive remark, but I wanted to show my support for him and the work he's done throughout his career.	12/13/2017 11:14 AM
47	The location was great. I am glad we will be returning to Tampa. Thank you all so much for the work you do to make this conference successful.	12/13/2017 11:13 AM
48	I'd like to highlight again how I appreciated even greater Latinx and bilingual representation in the papers and roundtable sessions.	12/13/2017 11:11 AM
49	Superb organization, wonderful location, and well-organized event.	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
50	Has LRA ever considered a pre- or post- conference for doc students? Seems like they are hungry for topics... I like how it was concentrated on Saturday this year, but was just wondering...	12/13/2017 11:06 AM
51	1. That townhall is a MESS again. Stop making a townhall meeting a boxing ring with popcorn and drinks. C'mon y'all. That is not a townhall. I think conversations are important, but it hasn't been working for MANY MANY MANY MANY years. It's broke. It's time to fix. PERIOD. 2. Maybe instead of townhall. Each night of the conference there is a SPECIFIC hot topic related to literacy - - this could include things unrelated to literacy but are important to the organization too -- (ex. Sexism and Harassment in Educational leadership) Each night could be like Forum on _____. (I think townhall is a name that should no longer be used).	12/13/2017 10:57 AM
52	provide ways to share presentations/papers online	12/13/2017 10:47 AM

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53	I don't think the hotel was ready for us. Not enough rooms reserved for our group--that was one reason I left Sat am. There was no room for me at hotel. The staff were friendly, but overworked and not enough resources available. A staff member told me they couldn't have two lines for food at noon cuz they did not have enough cash registers.	12/13/2017 10:47 AM
54	I was sorry that there was no Study Group on ICT and reading/learning. I was sorry that there was no 'lighter side'; please re-instate this. I thought that the venue was good, and good for interaction in Vital Issues. But midnight closing was a pain.	12/13/2017 10:46 AM
55	The behavior at the town hall continues to be abhorrent and vile. I am not speaking about any one particular person's action but rather the event as a whole across the last three to four years. Additionally, LRA is starting to have a very militant feel, and it is not one I want to participate in. I do not understand the direction the organization is headed in, and I am not sure I wish to continue coming. There are other conferences where diverse issues and perspectives can be discussed and heard without the entitled behavior.	12/13/2017 10:42 AM
56	Thank you!	12/13/2017 10:06 AM
57	We need to keep reminding the senior white males that there are other people - and that there is no room for microaggressions or aggression based on gender, ethnicity, etc. in general.	12/13/2017 9:56 AM
58	NA	12/13/2017 9:44 AM