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THE ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, AND RESEARCH
KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER.

Assessment Books for Winter Break

Looking for some reading between semesters? We have a list of new and recent assessment publications you should check out and let us know what you think using [#AssessmentReads](#)



Bingham, R. P., Bureau, D., & Garrison Duncan, A. (Eds.). (2015). **Leading assessment for student success: Ten tenets that change culture and practice in student affairs.** Sterling, VA: Stylus.

Henning, G. W., & Roberts, D. M. (2016). **Student affairs assessment: Theory to practice.** Sterling, VA: Stylus.

Kennedy-Phillips, L. C., Baldasare, A., Christakis, M. N. (Eds.). (2015). **Measuring cocurricular learning: The role of the IR office: New directions for institutional research, number 164.** San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Schuh, J. H., Biddix, J. P., Dean, L. A., & Kinzie, J. (2015). **Assessment in Student Affairs.** San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Yousey-Elsener, K., Bentrin, E. M., & Henning, G. W. (2015). **Coordinating student affairs divisional assessment: A practical guide.** Sterling, VA: Stylus.



Assessment, Evaluation,
and Research KC

How to Get Involved in the AER KC

Are you new to the AER KC? Or looking to get more involved? Check out these great ways to enhance your engagement with the AER KC!

The NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community encourages and supports student affairs professionals as they assess learning, evaluate programs, and research theory and practice. By providing quality education and networking opportunities the KC strives to serve as a driving force in the movement towards improved student learning. Over the next couple of pages you can find out how to get involved with conferences, awards and grants, webinars, blogging, and communications. There is a way for everyone to be connected and we look forward

- I. [Annual Conference](#) - The 2016 NASPA Annual Conference is a four-day gathering of student affairs professionals who come together to learn, grow, and be inspired. Whether you're presenting or an active participant, the NASPA Annual Conference is the single best professional development and networking opportunity for you.
 - A. Attend the conference and attend AER KC sponsored sessions - March 12–16, 2016. Indianapolis, IL.
 - B. Submit a proposal for AER KC sponsorship – Call for 2016 programs has closed, but be on the lookout to submit in 2017.
 - C. Review program submissions and select programs for AER KC sponsorship.
 - D. Meet AER KC members at the AER KC Meeting and Social.
- II. [Assessment & Persistence Conference](#) - The 2016 NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference is designed to promote student learning and success by strengthening assessment, improving educational quality, and developing intentional persistence programming.
 - A. Attend the conference - June 16 – June 18, 2016. Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, Oregon.
 - B. Submit a proposal – Deadline for submissions is January 29, 2016.
 - C. Review program submissions - [Submit interest](#) by January 22, 2016 to be included.
- III. [Innovation Award](#) - *To recognize and honor our innovative colleagues in the field of Student Affairs Assessment. The winner(s) of the award will be honored at the Keynote of the NASPA Assessment and Persistence Conference, have the opportunity to present their program at the conference and receive a \$500 travel stipend in addition to conference registration costs. Stay tuned for the call for nominations for the 2016 Innovation Award.*
 - A. Apply or nominate a colleague - Considering both your own campus colleagues as well as colleagues from other campuses who have impressed you with their outstanding approach to assessment, evaluation, and/or research.
 - B. Volunteer to help determine the winner by reviewing award nominations.

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- IV. [Assessment and Research Grant](#) - The grant will be awarded to current NASPA members at the Assessment and Persistence Conference. The maximum award for the grant is \$1,000.00.
- A. Apply for the grant. Information will be out in the Spring/Summer
 - B. Volunteer to help review the grant applications. Contact Dametraus Jagers to volunteer.
- V. Participate in Webinars or volunteer to moderate one. Contact Kathy Hill or Tim Kresse.
- VI. Get Connected
- A. Stay Connected via Social Media - Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay up to date on what is happening in the AER community.
 - B. Blog - AER utilizes [our blog](#) to start conversations among colleagues. We encourage you to make comments, submit questions, and keep the conversation going. Submit articles of research or conversation starters to Melissa Kisubika.
You could see your topic or article in our blog soon!

We look forward to your engagement in the AER KC. If you have questions about how to get involved please let anyone on the leadership team know!

Assessment and Persistence Conference 2016

June 16 – June 18, 2016

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, Oregon

The 2016 NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference is designed to promote student learning and success by strengthening assessment, improving educational quality, and developing intentional persistence programming. **Registration is OPEN.**

The conference planning committee is seeking proposals under both the assessment theme and the persistence theme. Presenters for both the assessment and persistence theme will be asked to identify the intended audience for their session; beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Additionally, given the strong practical connection between assessment and persistence, the conference planning committee will select programs that demonstrate the integration of assessment and persistence for student learning and success.

Call for Programs will close January 29, 2016



Want to get connected with this year's Assessment and Persistence Conference? Want to have a voice in shaping content for this year? Sign up to be a program reviewer! Submit interest by January 22, 2016 to be included.

Join us in **Indianapolis, IN** to connect with colleagues and redefine the future of higher education. You'll be inspired by thought provoking speakers, meet colleagues from around the world, and return to campus with the tools needed to navigate the constantly changing landscape of student affairs.

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Visit: <http://conference2016.naspa.org/> for more information.

You can already start connecting by using [#NASPA16](#)



Common Purpose

Shaping a vision for higher education

2016 NASPA Annual Conference

**Early Bird Registration ends
January 15**

COMMON PURPOSE: SHAPING A VISION FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION

Online registration is the fastest and easiest way to get registered for the 2016 NASPA Annual Conference. Registration rates and Cancellation Info can be found [HERE](#).

For registration questions, please call 877.277.2820 (Domestic) and 847.996.5820 (International). Additional registration assistance is also available by calling 202-265-7500, extension 0, or emailing office@naspa.org.

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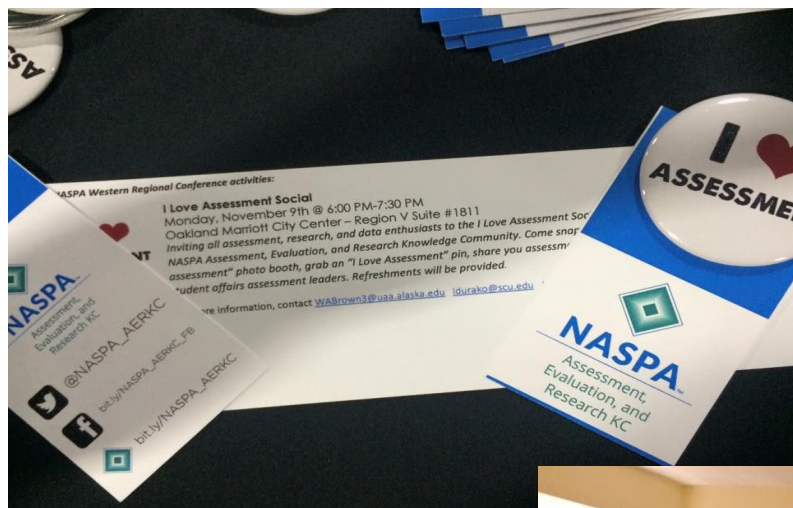
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I Love Assessment Campaign: Recap

Region V (Whitney Brown) and VI (Lori Durako and Dr. Jennifer Miller) AER KC representatives engaged participants at the NASPA Western Regional Conference in Oakland, CA on November 8-10, 2015 with an I Love Assessment campaign. The spirit of the AER KC and I love assessment pins circulated the conference with great enthusiasm. The I Love Assessment Social connected AER KC members through shared assessment stories and an I Love Assessment photo booth. And the Knowledge Community Fair provided an opportunity for interested members to learn more about the AERK KC.



I LOVE ASSESSMENT



NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community Mission Statement

The NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community encourages and supports student affairs professionals, faculty and graduate students at institutions across the country and throughout the world as they systematically assess learning, evaluate programs, and research theory and practice as it relates to our profession. By providing quality education and networking opportunities for those that engage in assessment, evaluation and research in student affairs, the Knowledge Community strives to serve as a driving force in the movement towards improved student learning.

Important Links

NASPA Homepage

<http://www.naspa.org/>

NASPA Annual Conference Homepage

<http://conference2016.naspa.org/>

Assessment and Persistence Conference

<http://www.naspa.org/events/2016APC>

AER KC Homepage

<http://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/kcs/assessment-evaluation-and-research>

AER Resources Page

<http://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/kcs/assessment-evaluation-and-research/resources>

**If you have resources you think would make good additions to this page please send them to Kisubika@illinois.edu.*



Social Media



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on Facebook



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Twitter and use
#SAASSESS

To "like" the NASPA AER KC page, click on the following link or paste into your browser:

<http://www.facebook.com/NASPAERKC>

****New Posts every Wednesday!!****

Follow us [@NASPA_AERKC](https://twitter.com/NASPA_AERKC)

Join our the AER Blog!!

There are two great ways to be a part of the conversation on the AER KC Blog.

1. Sign-up to contribute and be published on the blog!

Read a great journal article? You can summarize it for the blog. Been working on some research or a great new process of assessment—give us the low down and share it with the whole AER Community. Contact Melissa Kisubika (Kisubika@illinois.edu) for information or sign up **HERE**

2. Comment on a blog post and keep conversations going!

Be sure to adjust your settings in your member profile to make sure you receive the blog digest for all KC's.

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