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UCLA Professor Eva Baker to Receive Prestigious E.F. Lindquist Award

Los Angeles, CA – The American Educational Research Association (AERA) recently announced that UCLA Distinguished Research Professor Eva L. Baker will receive this year’s prestigious E.F. Lindquist Award at their annual meeting in San Francisco, April 27 - May 1, 2013.

Dr. Baker is the Co-Director of the National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing as well as the Director of UCLA’s Center for the Study of Evaluation, both located in UCLA’s Graduate School of Education & Information Studies (GSE&IS).

Named in honor of E.F. Lindquist, a pioneering scholar and researcher who co-founded the American College Testing Program (ACT), the award is co-sponsored by AERA and ACT, and is given to an individual with outstanding applied or theoretical research in the field of testing and measurement. Professor Baker is being honored for her career research that has advanced greater understanding and improved the use of testing and measurement techniques both nationally and internationally.

“The Lindquist Award is a very well-deserved tribute to Professor Baker’s extraordinary work,” said GSE&IS Dean Marcelo Suárez-Orozco. “I am incredibly
proud to have Eva as a colleague and leader of a foremost research and development center."

Dr. Baker’s research continues to focus on the integration of instruction and measurement. She is involved in the design of technologically sophisticated testing and evaluation systems of assessment for both military and civilian education. Professor Baker has written or co-written hundreds of research articles and publications, many of them in distinguished peer reviewed journals.

“Eva clearly deserves this recognition for her many national and international research contributions” said CRESST Co-Director Robert Linn, University of Colorado at Boulder who himself received the Lindquist award in 1993. He noted Professor Baker’s international leadership as the 2010-2012 President of the World Education Research Association as well as her national leadership as President of the American Educational Research Association from 2006-2007.

A member of the National Academy of Education, Professor Baker received the 2007 ETS Henry Chauncey Award for Distinguished Service to Assessment and Educational Science. From 2000-2004, she was Chair of the Board on Testing and Assessment, National Research Council, The National Academies. Dr. Baker was Co-Chair of the 1999 Committee to Revise the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing. The Committee develops standards that create professional and technical norms for test development and use in education, psychology, and employment.

“Dr. Baker's high level of sustained contribution to testing, measurement, and assessment is nothing less than astounding,” said AERA Executive Director Felice Levine. “The quality of her scientific work and the expert leadership she generously provides to projects like the AERA-APA-NCME Testing Standards, exemplify the intent of the E.F. Lindquist Award.”

Dr. Baker will receive her award at an AERA luncheon ceremony on April 29th in San Francisco.

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