CRESST is proud to announce that this year’s opening keynote conference speaker will be Sharon Robinson, assistant secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement. The conference, Assessment At The Crossroads, will be held September 11-12, 1995, on the UCLA campus. Robinson’s presentation will establish a context for two days of meetings and sessions focusing on the latest developments in educational assessment at national, state and local levels.

“The conference will be greatly enhanced by Sharon Robinson’s keynote address,” said CRESST Co-director Robert Linn. “Her perspectives on education policy, assessment, and teaching will set the stage for the conference and for the research agenda many months into the future.”

“Assessment policy is under review almost everywhere,” said CRESST Co-director Eva Baker, “partly because assessments have clarified educational goals, partly because certain technical questions remain unanswered. Sharon Robinson can help us see how assessment fits into the emerging picture of educational reform and frame our conference discussion of where we’ve been and where we should be going in research.”

Appointed by President Clinton as assistant secretary for educational research and improvement, Sharon Robinson has developed OERI into a consumer-driven research organization based on the concept that all children can achieve to high standards. Prior to this appointment, she served in a variety of leadership positions at the National Education Association including director of the National Center for Innovation, NEA’s research and development arm. From 1980 to 1989, Robinson was the director of NEA’s department of

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instruction and professional development, and she has served as a consultant to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The closing keynote session, Finding Our Way, features CRESST partners Eva Baker, University of California, Los Angeles; Robert Linn, University of Colorado at Boulder; Lauren Resnick, University of Pittsburgh; and Lorraine McDonnell, University of California, Santa Barbara. All are distinguished researchers who have played pivotal roles in the CRESST research projects. The session will focus on the probable next steps for educational assessment and research.

States at the Crossroads

This year’s CRESST conference will update conference attendees on assessment reforms occurring in a variety of states. Ed Reidy and Penny Sanders, Kentucky Department of Education, Stephen Ferrara, Maryland State Department of Education, and Teri Bergeson (invited), Washington Commission on Student Learning, will provide state assessment updates in the “State Stories” session.

Other conference presentations from CRESST partners Lorraine McDonnell, Lorrie Shepard, Mary Lee Smith, and Daniel Koretz are expected to share perspectives on state assessment reform efforts in California, North Carolina, Arizona, and Vermont. Eva Baker and David Niemi, University of California, Los Angeles, have been working closely with the Hawaii State Department of Education to add a new performance assessment component to the Hawaii statewide assessment program and will present the results of their research.

Assessment At The Crossroads will include over 45 presenters discussing the results of their assessment research and possible future directions. A series of working groups in various assessment topic areas will summarize key lessons from assessment research and develop a working list of future needs. These lists will be published in a future CRESST Line issue. Conference registrants have an opportunity to develop those working groups on page 6 of this newsletter.

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When?

The CRESST conference officially opens at 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 11, 1995, and the final presentation concludes at 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 1995. Participants arriving on either Saturday or Sunday, September 9-10, are invited to a Sunday 6:00 p.m. Question-and-Answer session with CRESST Co-directors Eva L. Baker and Robert L. Linn and several other CRESST partners.

Where?

The UCLA Sunset Village Conference Center, overlooking Royce Hall, Pauley Pavilion and the UCLA campus, will once again provide the setting for this year’s meeting. Dormitory-style single rooms with private bath are conveniently located adjacent to the conference center and parking structure.

Important Information...

The on-site $275 registration fee includes all meals and housing at the conference center for two days, a reception and formal dinner. On-site registrants may dine in Sproul Hall or in the Griffin Commons cafeteria. Check at the conference center front desk for dining hours. Extra nights including meals are $95. The commuter fee for those not requiring housing is $125 and includes several meals, parking, the reception, and dinner.

We must receive your registration form by August 25 and total payment by September 8. Sorry, but no partial plans are available and no refunds or changes may be made after September 8.

Please wear your badge at all times during the conference. On-site registrants will receive an electronic pass that allows them to eat in the various dining facilities at Sunset Village. Dining at “Puzzles,” an outdoor pizza restaurant located in the village, is on your own.

Transportation

American Express Travel has discount plans available through United Airlines. They may be contacted at 800-235-8252. Tell them you are attending the “CRESST” conference.

Super Shuttles are available from the Los Angeles International Airport to the Sunset Village Conference Center for approximately $18.

Parking

Parking at Sunset Village and the UCLA campus is at a premium, and you must have a parking pass at all times. A parking attendant will be available at the Sunset Village lot only during conference registration hours. If an attendant is not present when you arrive, please park in one of the special 20-minute visitor spaces and proceed to the Sunset Village registration area where you may obtain a parking pass. Tell them you are with the CRESST conference and how many days you need a pass.

Room Check-In

Room check-in starts at 4:00 p.m., September 10 and check-out is at 1:00 p.m., September 12. When departing

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Sunday, September 10, 1995

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
West Coast Room

HOSPITALITY SUITE
Free refreshments and snacks are available in the West Coast Room on the top floor of the Sunset Village Conference Center. This is a good time to relax from your long trip and meet with other early attendees.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Conference Center Lobby

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION
Avoid the Monday morning rush by registering now.

Monday, September 11, 1995

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Grand Horizon Room

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CHALLENGES OF ASSESSMENT AND SCHOOL REFORM IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT
Sharon Robinson, Office of Educational Research and Improvement

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Grand Horizon Room

FEDERAL, RESEARCH, AND PARENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE ASSESSMENT CHALLENGE
Emerson Elliott, National Center for Education Statistics
Lorrie Shepard, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder
Arnold Fege, National Parent Teachers Association (Invited)

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Grand Horizon Terrace

BREAK

Monday, September 11, 1995

7:45 a.m. - Noon
Conference Center Lobby

REGISTRATION
Pick up name badges, registration packets, and CRESST gift.

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Grand Horizon Terrace

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Grand Horizon Room

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Ted Mitchell, Dean, UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
Eva L. Baker, CRESST/UCLA
Robert L. Linn, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sunset Village Cafeteria

BUFFET LUNCH
Choose from a wide selection of popular foods in the Sunset Village Cafeteria on the downstairs level of the conference center. The afternoon working groups will be seated together so that they may begin a discussion on future assessment R&D issues.
Monday, September 11, 1994

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (First Concurrent Session)  
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUPS  
(Locations to be announced)  
(Each working group will address major problems and issues in at least six of the following topics listed below. Note, the final topics will be based on the responses we receive to the Working Group survey, page 6.)

- Coordinating Classroom and Large-Scale Assessment Needs
- Improving Classroom Assessment
- Large-Scale Assessment Designs to Serve Multiple Purposes
- Assessment Accommodations for Language Minority Students
- Assessment Accommodations for Special Needs Students
- Assessing Opportunity to Learn
- Communicating Assessment Results
- Setting Standards
- Public Communication and Ownership
- Responding to Title I Assessment Requirements
- Reforming the CRESST Validity Criteria
- Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators

2:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Grand Horizon Terrace  
BREAK

3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Second Concurrent Session)  
Grand Horizon Room  
ISSUES IN TECHNICAL DESIGN & ANALYSIS
   Daniel Koretz, The Urban Institute  
   Bengt Muthén, CRESST/UCLA  
   H.D. Hoover, University of Iowa  
   Darrell Bock, CRESST/National Opinion Research Center

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Concurrent Sessions)  
Northridge/South Bay Rooms (Table Presentations)

- Key Issues in Portfolio Assessment  
  Joan Herman, Meryl Gearhart, & John Novak, CRESST/UCLA

- Setting Standards at the Los Angeles Learning Centers  
  Pamela Axchbacher, CRESST/UCLA

- Early Adolescence/English Language Arts Classroom Observation Study  
  Robert Land, CRESST/UCLA

- Improving Performance Assessments Through Structural Equation Modeling  
  Jamal Abedi, CRESST/UCLA

- Social Studies-History Assessment Development Laboratory  
  Lynn Winters & Geno Flores, CRESST/UCLA

- Quality Student Portfolios CD ROM  
  Derek Mitchell & John Lee, CRESST/UCLA

- The Language Arts Standards Project  
  Charlotte Higuchi, CRESST/UCLA

West Coast Room

- Five Years of CRESST Research on CD ROM (Demonstration)  
  Robert Dennis & John Schacter, CRESST/UCLA

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Student Lounge  
CRESST RECEPTION  
Meet with familiar friends and new faces in the Student Lounge on the second floor of the conference center.
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7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Grand Horizon Room and Terrace
CRESST BUFFET DINNER/DANCE
  Once again, we will have a great dinner and dancing
to the '60-'70s tunes of the Groovy Flowers Band.

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Grand Horizon Terrace
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Grand Horizon Room
PROVIDING ALL CHILDREN A FAIR CHANCE:
CURRENT ISSUES IN EQUITY AND OPPORTU-
NITIES TO LEARN
  Edmund W. Gordon, Yale University (Emeritus)
  William Schmidt, Michigan State University
  Mary Lee Smith, Arizona State University
  Sharon Johnson Lewis (Invited)

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Grand Horizon Terrace
BREAK

10:15 a.m. - Noon
(Locations to be announced)
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUPS
(Working panels from the first day will reconvene and de-
velop a summary of the next steps for research in each of
the selected topic areas. Same locations as Day One.)

Noon - 1:15 p.m.
Sunset Village Cafeteria
BUFFET LUNCH
(Working panels may use this time as necessary to con-
clude their summaries.)

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
TOPIC GROUPS (Concurrent sessions)

MAKING ASSESSMENT EQUITABLE FOR
LANGUAGE MINORITY STUDENTS
Northridge Room
  Richard Duran, CRESST/University of Califor-
nia, Santa Barbara
  Kelly Estrada, CRESST/UCLA
  Patricia Snyder, CRESST/UCLA
  Carol Lord, California State University, Long Beach

WHAT HAS NAEP LEARNED FROM THE
TECHNICAL REVIEW PANEL?
South Bay Room
  Emerson Elliott, National Center for Education
  Statistics (Chair)
  Jamal Abedi, CRESST/UCLA
  Sharif Shakrani, National Center for Education
  Statistics
  Larry Ogle, National Center for Education Statis-
tics

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT GROUP
ASSESSMENT AND WHERE SHOULD WE GO
FROM HERE?
Grand Horizon Salon BCD
  Noreen Webb, CRESST/UCLA
  Richard Brown/Gregory Chung, CRESST/UCLA

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT?
West Coast Room
  Lawrence O. Picus, CRESST/University of Southern
  California

LESSONS FROM THE CLASSROOM: SHAR-
ING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TEACHING AND
ASSESSMENT
Grand Horizon Room
  Pamela Aschbacher, CRESST/UCLA
  Maryl Gearhart, CRESST/UCLA
  Lynn Winters, CRESST/UCLA

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grand Horizon Terrace
BREAK
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3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Grand Horizon Room
KEYNOTE CLOSING SESSION: FINDING OUR WAY
Eva L. Baker, CRESST/UCLA
Robert L. Linn, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder
Lauren Resnick, CRESST/University of Pittsburgh
Lorraine McDonnell, CRESST/University of California, Santa Barbara

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.
NEXT STEPS
Eva L. Baker, CRESST/UCLA
Robert L. Linn, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder

CRESST Conference
Working Groups Survey

Each conference working group will address major problems and issues in at least six of the topics below. Please rate, from 1-3, the three working groups in which you are most interested. Return with your CRESST conference registration form by mail or fax. If you are willing to facilitate a group, note the session at the bottom of this form.

Your name __________________________________________________________________________________________

___ Setting Standards
___ Improving Classroom Assessment
___ Coordinating Classroom and Large-Scale Assessment Needs
___ Large-Scale Assessment Designs to Serve Multiple Purposes
___ Assessment Accommodations for Language Minority Students
___ Assessment Accommodations for Special Needs Students
___ Assessing Opportunity to Learn
___ Communicating Assessment Results
___ Public Communication and Ownership
___ Responding to Title I Assessment Requirements
___ Reforming the CRESST Validity Criteria
___ Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators
___ Technical Qualities of Assessments

Add any other working group session below that you would attend instead of the above. If there is enough interest, we will conduct a working group session on this topic.

Yes, I am willing to facilitate the following working group:
______________________________________________________________________________________________
REGISTRATION FORM
1995 CRESST Conference
Monday, September 11 - Tuesday, September 12, 1995

ALL REGISTRANTS: Complete this form and mail with payment to: CRESST/UCLA, Center for the Study of Evaluation, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., #700, Los Angeles, CA 90024-4108, Attn: Lynne. Call or fax registration information immediately to ensure your space at the conference. Phone: (310)206-1532. Fax: (310)825-3883. We strongly suggest you make a copy of this form for your records. Reservations are due by August 25, 1995.

Name (print) ____________________________________________

Title __________________________________________________
Organization (for name badge) ___________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ________ Zip ______________________
Phone _________________________ Fax __________________________
E-mail __________________________

ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES, INCLUDING PRESENTERS, MUST SPECIFY BELOW THE NIGHTS THEY WILL REQUIRE A ROOM.
I will need a room for the following nights:

- Saturday 9/9
- Sunday 9/10
- Monday 9/11
- Tuesday 9/12
- None (Off-Site Registrant)

PRESENTERS ONLY
Presenters’ airline reservations MUST be made through American Express Travel at (800) 235-8252. Travel forms must be submitted after the conference for reimbursable expenses. Specify housing above.

Registration, meals, and room fees are waived for presenters.

Date and Time of Presentation: _______________________________
Audio-Visual Needs (overhead projectors provided): ________________
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UCLA FACULTY, STUDENTS & STAFF
Indicate if you are:

- UCLA Faculty Member
- UCLA Graduate Student
- CRESST Research Staff

Fees are waived for UCLA faculty and CRESST staff.

ONSITE OR COMMUTER REGISTRANTS ONLY
Registration options: On-site or Commuter. The $275 on-site conference registration fee includes Sunday and Monday night housing, parking if necessary and all meals for two days at the Sunset Village Conference Center. Extra nights ($95 per night) include all meals and housing. The $125 commuter registration fee includes several meals and parking but no housing. If you need housing, Sunset Village is strongly recommended.

- On-site ($275)
  (Sunday & Monday night housing included)
- Commuter ($125)

Extra nights at $95 per night:

- Saturday
- Tuesday
- Other (specify) __________________

FEES: Checks payable to:
Regents of UC

Registration Fee $ _________
Extra Night/s $ _________
Total $ _________
from the conference, you must check out of your room and return your key card to the front desk! Otherwise you will be charged for a missing key card.

Conference Registration
Early-bird conference registration hours are from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 10 in the Griffin Commons building at Sunset Village. Normal registration takes place on September 11, 7:45 a.m. - Noon.

Other Information
Please call Lynne Nash at (310) 206-1532 for questions about registration. Check the CRESST World Wide Web server for updates on the sessions.

The Sunset Village phone number is (310) 206-9633 and the fax number is (310) 206-2609. Packages may be shipped in advance to the conference center at the following address: Your Name, CRESST Conference, UCLA Sunset Village, Griffin Commons Bldg. 330 De Neve Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1492.

CRESST Co-Directors Receive Awards
CRESST is proud to announce that both of its co-directors received distinguished awards during the annual AERA/NCME meetings in San Francisco, CA, April 18-22, 1995.

The 1995 NCME Award for Career Contributions to Educational Measurement was presented to CRESST Co-director Robert L. Linn during the annual NCME breakfast. The award honors an individual whose contributions over a career have had widespread positive impact on the field of educational measurement.

Linn’s selection for this award was based on both his theoretical and practical contributions to the field of educational measurement. Some of his accomplishments include his work on bias in items and tests; large-scale educational assessment including his work on NAEP; the validity of performance assessment; the linking of educational tests; and the effects of test use. NCME also recognized him for his recent writings on the effects of changes in assessments and the contexts in which assessments are developed. Robert Linn received the Thorndike Award in 1992 for his contributions to the educational psychology field.

CRESST Co-director Eva L. Baker was awarded an AERA Presidential Citation for her research into new measurement and evaluation approaches. The Presidential Citation is awarded to an AERA member for distinguished service and/or significant contributions to educational research.

Among her many accomplishments, Eva Baker co-chairs the Joint Committee on the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing which is revising an earlier version of the standards. Baker has been the director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Evaluation since 1975 and the co-director of the National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing since 1985. She served on the National Council on Education Standards and Testing, which made recommendations to Congress on the development of national standards and assessments. She chaired the Assessment Task Force of that same distinguished council.

Congratulations to both Eva and Bob!