Evolving Purposes of Testing and Assessment Systems

Tests and assessments are intended to serve multiple purposes, and the reauthorization of ESEA highlights intentions to use student achievement results for accountability, system monitoring, program evaluation, and diagnosis and improvement. From domains spanning early reading to college admissions, educators are struggling with ways to provide valid information for a range of uses.

This year’s CRESST conference, *Evolving Purposes of Testing and Assessment Systems*, will address these issues and many more. Please join over 50 top national scholars and educators to find answers to your needs. The relatively modest size of the CRESST conference ensures that you have personal contact with every presenter.

The Details

WHEN?

The CRESST conference will begin at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 13, and conclude at 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2001. Early arrivals on September 12 may enjoy light refreshments on the third floor of the UCLA Sunset Village Conference Center, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

WHERE?

The Sunset Village Conference Center will again provide the setting for this year’s meeting. Accommodations in private rooms are conveniently located adjacent to the conference center and parking structure. All residential conference guests enjoy complimentary access to UCLA’s outstanding recreational facilities including the John Wooden Center, outdoor tennis courts, and an Olympic-size pool at Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.

(see Details, page 3)
Evolving Purposes of Testing and Assessment Systems
September 13 - 14, 2001

Thursday, September 13

8:30 - 8:50 a.m.  Welcome to the CRESST conference

Aimée Dorr, Dean, UCLA Graduate School of
Education & Information Studies
Eva L. Baker, CRESST/UCLA

8:50 - 10:15 a.m.  Validity Issues in Higher Education Ad-
missions

Eva L. Baker, Chair, CRESST UCLA
Daniel Koretz, CRESST/Harvard University
Wayne Camara, College Board
Michael Brown, University of California, Santa
Barbara

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.  BREAK

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.  Content Alignment in Secondary School and Higher Education Assessments

Michael Kirst, Stanford University
Howard Everson, College Board
Mick Walker, Qualifications and Curriculum
Authority, United Kingdom
Cynthia Schmeiser, ACT, Inc.

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  LUNCH

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Early Reading Assessment to Support
Learning

P. David Pearson, Michigan State University
Lin Oliver, The Society for Children’s Book Writers
and Illustrators
Robert Rueda, University of Southern California
Joseph Conaty, U.S. Department of Education
Alison Bailey, CRESST/UCLA
Margaret Heritage, UCLA/Corinne Seeds University
Elementary School

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.  BREAK

3:15 - 4:45 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions

Using NAEP to Benchmark State Accountability
Systems

Friday, September 14

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.  Assessment to Improve Instruction: Key
note Speech

Gary Phillips, National Center for Education
Statistics
Robert Mislevy, Discussant, CRESST/University of
Maryland
Pasquale DeVito, Discussant, National Research
Council

Other presenters and sessions to be announced.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - CRESST Reception
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - CRESST Dinner and Dancing

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  Assessment to Improve Learning

Susan Sclafani, U.S. Department of Education
Joan L. Herman, Chair/Discussant, CRESST/UCLA

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  Interactive Sessions
Panels and sessions to be announced.

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Solving Our Most Difficult Accountabil-
ity Problems: Comparability, Alignment, Measuring Adequate Progress, System
Validity

Robert L. Linn, Chair/Participant, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder
Eva L. Baker, CRESST/UCLA
Daniel Koretz, CRESST/Harvard University
Haggai Kupermintz, CRESST/University of Colorado at Boulder
Bella Rosenberg, American Federation of
Teachers, (Invited)
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Registration forms must be received by CRESST no later than August 21 and total payment by August 25, 2001. Please print clearly or type in black ink!

REGISTRATION FEES AND HOUSING

The on-site $375 registration fee includes all meals and housing at the conference center for two days, parking if necessary, and the reception and buffet dinner. Extra nights including meals are $120. The commuter fee is $225 and includes several meals, parking for Thursday and Friday, the reception, and buffet dinner. We must receive registration forms by August 21 and total payment by August 25.

TRANSPORTATION

UCLA Travel has discount plans available through United Airlines. They may be contacted at 800-235-UCLA (8252). Tell them you are attending the CRESST conference. You can arrange for shuttle service from LAX to Sunset Village in advance by calling Prime Time Shuttle at 800-733-8267 or Super Shuttle at 800-258-3826. Taxi service is also available at the airport.

PARKING

Parking at Sunset Village is at a premium. You must have a parking pass at all times. When you arrive, please park in one of the 20-minute visitor spaces and proceed to the registration area where you may obtain a parking pass.

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CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: VISA, MASTER CARD, OR DISCOVER (Please circle card you are using.)

Card Number __________________________________________________________________________
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Signature ___________________________________________________________________________
CRESST is very pleased to announce that long-time CRESST partner Daniel Koretz has been appointed as a professor to Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education. Well known for his research on assessment-based education reforms in Vermont, Maryland, and Kentucky, Dr. Koretz has also made major contributions through his work on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). A member of the National Research Council Board on Testing and Assessment, he will continue to conduct research for CRESST and to work with his RAND colleagues.

CRESST is equally pleased to announce that Robert Mislevy, a Distinguished Research Scholar at Educational Testing Service, has been appointed as a professor in the Department of Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation at the University of Maryland. A recipient of the Raymond B. Cattell Early Career Award for Programmatic Research from the American Educational Research Association in 1988, Dr. Mislevy was recently appointed to the National Research Council Board on Testing and Assessment. In 1993, he received the Senior Research Scientist Award from ETS.

Our congratulations to both Dan and Bob!