



Welcome and Overview

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CREATE Conference 2012
Orlando, FL

About CREATE

- CREATE
 - Center for Research on the Educational Achievement and Teaching of English Language Learners
 - A National Research and Development Center
 - We began in 2005 with funding from U.S.E.D.
 - Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
 - National Center for Education Research (NCER)
 - Our mission has been to address specific challenges in the education of EL learners in the middle grades (Grades 4-8)

About CREATE

- CREATE is a partnership of researchers from several institutions:



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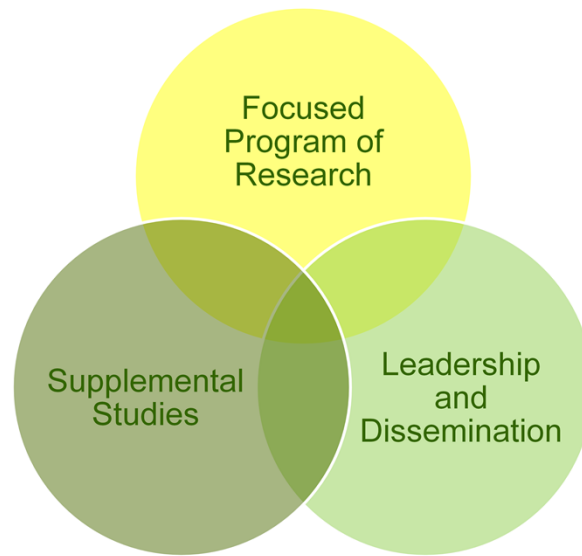


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Center Work Scope



Focused Program of Research

- Program of research to address challenges in the education of EL learners in the middle grades (Grades 4–8) in science and social studies.
 - Develop research-based interventions,
 - Test these interventions in controlled experiments/randomized field trials with classroom teachers
 - Combine them into a comprehensive package
 - Test effectiveness of the combined package in experiments/randomized field trials

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Conference Organization

- Theme for 2012
 - *English Learners in Content Area Classes: Teaching for Achievement in the Middle Grades*
- Prior Conferences
 - *2011 Austin: Educating Middle School English Language Learners for College and Career Readiness*
 - *2009 Austin: Improving Outcomes for English Language Learners: Oral Language and Literacy Learning Across the Curriculum*
 - *2008 Minneapolis: Supporting Content Area Learning in Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics*
 - *2007 Chicago: Academic Language and Content Area Knowledge and Achievement*

- Goals of the conference are to
 - Share information from national scholars
 - Share information from our research
 - Stimulate interaction among all participants

Conference Organization

- Three types of Session:
 - **General (Keynote) Sessions**
 - **Breakout Sessions** (two varieties)
 - **Poster Session**
- Invited Speakers:
 - **H. Gary Cook**, *University of Wisconsin*
 - **Michael Graves**, *University of Minnesota*
 - **Okhee Lee**, *New York University*
 - **Nonie Lesaux**, *Harvard Graduate School of Education*
 - **Robert Linqanti**, *WestEd*
 - **Paola Uccelli**, *Harvard Graduate School of Education*

CREATE Updates

- **Cara Richards** and **Jen Himmel** on SIOP
- **Catherine Snow** and **Patrick Hurley** on Academic Vocabulary and Word Generation
- **Diane August** and **Jennifer Powell** on Science
- **Sharon Vaughn** and **Colleen Reutebuch** on Social Studies

Conference Planning

- Coleen Carlson (TIMES)
- Julie Mazrum (CAL)
- The TIMES support team:
 - Ann Adams, Ken Neiser, Blair Stauffer, & Michele Hoffman

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