

Risk Analysis in Education Conference 2009

Presented by the University of Nevada, Reno and the Society for Risk Analysis



July 14-15, 2009

University of Nevada, Reno

Joe Crowley Student Union

An exciting and innovative instruction-delivery based conference for K-12 and university educators, as well as risk analysis professionals

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Janet Zadina, Assistant Professor in Cognitive Neuroscience, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, Tulane University

Dr. Zadina is a cognitive neuroscientist, reading specialist, and former high school and community college instructor. She received a doctorate from the University of New Orleans College of Education, where she conducted award-winning dissertation research on the neuroanatomy of dyslexia through a collaboration with Tulane University School of Medicine. She continued her postdoctoral education with a fellowship in cognitive neuroscience in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, where she researched neuroanatomical risk factors for developmental language disorders through MRI brain scans. Dr. Zadina is author of *Six Weeks to a Brain-Compatible Classroom — a workbook for educators* (available in multiple languages) and co-author of *Writing Now*, a college developmental composition textbook.

Registration

The registration fee for the Risk Analysis in Education Conference 2009 is \$150. To register, call Extended Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, (775) 784-4062 or 1-800-233-8928, or register online at www.extendedstudies.unr.edu. Click on "catalog," then "conferences," then "CON 130."

Location

The conference will be held on the University of Nevada, Reno campus in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Accommodations

Nearest airport: Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Reno, Nev.

The Eldorado Hotel Casino in downtown Reno provides a complimentary airport shuttle for transportation to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

A block of rooms for conference participants has been reserved at the Eldorado Hotel Casino Reno for \$66.99 per night (plus taxes). To register, call 1-800-879-8879 and ask for offer "NRA0713" or visit www.eldoradoreno.com/group/NRA0713.

Transportation

Specific information about transportation to and from the University of Nevada, Reno campus will be provided to conference registrants prior to the conference.

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Morning — Plenary Session

- A New Way to Deliver: Improving Delivery of Information — Kindergarten to Graduate Level
- Brain Research Supports Innovative Teaching Strategies
- Availability and Success Stories of Online Resources
- Why Citizens Need to Understand Risk Analysis

Afternoon — Breakout Sessions

- For Those New to Risk Analysis: Three Sessions that will Walk through Three Real-World Scenarios
 - Environmental Contamination
 - Emergency Planning
 - Natural Disaster
- Focusing on Risk Communication, Risk Assessment and Risk Management*
- Human and Ecological Risk Assessment in the Classroom
- Engineering Risk Assessment

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Morning — Breakout Sessions

- For K-12 Teachers: Individual grade level (K-3, 4-6 and 7-12) sessions to develop "make and take" risk analysis-based classroom activities for the new school year
- Teaching Risk Communication
- Professional Training and Certification Programs

Afternoon — Plenary Session

- Shared Challenges in Risk Analysis Education
- Success Stories of Risk Analysis in the Classroom
- The Strength of a Critical Thinking Society

Poster Session and Exhibits

A poster session will be held Tuesday afternoon from 4-5 p.m. In addition, exhibits will be set up to demonstrate the online tools and resources available to educators.

New to Risk Analysis?

A half-day workshop on risk analysis will be offered on Monday afternoon, July 13, 1-5 p.m., at the Eldorado Hotel Casino Reno for an additional fee of \$150. If you are interested, please sign up when you register!

Information

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