



## **MWERA Isadore Newman Dissertation Award**

MWERA would like to announce the MWERA Isadore Newman Dissertation Award! Named for past MWERA president, mentor, and contributor, the \$500 award\* is intended to encourage and recognize outstanding dissertation research appropriate to the field. Studies embracing "traditional" and or "non-traditional" conceptualizations and methods are welcome. Dissertations completed and successfully defended in the last three years are eligible for consideration.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

1. Significance and clarity of the problem investigated
2. Adequacy of conceptualization and development of research questions
3. Quality of review of relevant theoretical and research literature
4. Appropriateness and rigor of research designs and methods
5. Clarity of reporting finding/results
6. Appropriateness of interpretation of the research implications for theory, policy, practice, and further research
7. Quality and clarity of writing evidenced in the abstract and (for finalists only) the complete dissertation

### **Submissions:**

Submit 1 (one) copy of each of the following, by attachment, preferably using MSWord to: [mwera.ed@gmail.com](mailto:mwera.ed@gmail.com) E-mail submissions must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN SEPARATE DOCUMENTS:**

1. The MWERA paper proposal derived from the dissertation work. This document should be masked and include no identifying information,
2. a complete mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the dissertation's author, and proof of successful dissertation defense (e.g., the signature page).
3. a letter of nomination and endorsement from a professor/researcher who is familiar with the entrant's work. Ideally this would be the author's chair/advisor.

### **Selection:**

Up to two award winners may be granted annually. Submissions that do not win are automatically considered for inclusion in the MWERA conference as papers to be presented in appropriate divisions. Applicants will be notified by August 15th. Award money must be used for travel, registration fees, and/or accommodations for the MWERA annual convention. Award winners are expected to attend and present at the MWERA annual convention. The recipient(s) will be recognized at the MWERA business meeting and luncheon at the Annual Mid-Western Educational Research Association meeting. Inquiries Should Be Directed to <mailto:mwera.ed@gmail.com>.

<b>Target (2 points)</b>	<b>Acceptable (1 point)</b>	<b>Unacceptable (0 points)</b>
Applicant thoroughly addressed the significance and clarity of the problem investigated.	Applicant addressed the significance and clarity of the problem investigated.	Applicant did not address the significance and/or clarity of the problem investigated.
Applicant thoroughly conceptualized and developed the research question(s).	Applicant conceptualized and developed the research question(s).	Applicant did not conceptualize and/or develop the research question(s).
Applicant thoroughly reviewed relevant theoretical framework and research literature.	Applicant reviewed relevant theoretical framework and research literature.	Applicant did not review relevant theoretical framework and/or research literature.
Applicant thoroughly addressed an appropriate and rigorous research design and methods.	Applicant addressed an appropriate and rigorous research design and methods.	Applicant did not address an appropriate and rigorous research design and methods.
Applicant clearly reported the finding/results.	Applicant reported the finding/results.	Applicant did not report the finding/results.
Applicant provided an appropriate interpretation of the research for theory, policy, practice, and further research.	Applicant provided an interpretation of the research for theory, policy, practice, and further research.	Applicant did not provide an interpretation of the research for theory, policy, practice, and further research.
Applicant demonstrated quality and clarity of writing.	Applicant demonstrated quality or clarity of writing.	Applicant did not demonstrate quality and clarity of writing.