



Two Special AERA Sessions Honoring Jeannie Oakes



As her seminal book *Keeping Track* turns 40, two AERA sessions on Saturday, April 26, will celebrate the life and work of longtime NEPC Fellow [Jeannie Oakes](#), who passed away on April 25, 2024.

Jeannie served as AERA's president during its centennial year, 2016, giving an extraordinary [Presidential Address](#) about public scholarship and its role in a diverse democracy. It's an address that's just as timely nine years later. She reminds us that using research and knowledge to speak to injustice is our academic responsibility—especially in challenging times.

We invite all conference attendees to a special interactive symposium: [a World Café Honoring Jeannie's Legacy](#). The session (on Saturday, April 26 from 9:50 to 11:20 am) will have facilitated discussions at a dozen different tables, with each table focused on a different major theme from Jeannie's work. Her unflinching call was for research to make a difference, and the facilitators at this session will advance that legacy with your help.

Then, on Saturday evening, the [Access, Detracking, and Tracking](#) SIG, which Jeannie helped to found, will honor her by posthumously presenting her with the first annual Jeannie Oakes Research and Practice Award (7:00-8:30 pm, with a business meeting followed by the award presentation and a reception). Martin Lipton, Jeannie's husband and frequent co-author,

will be there to accept the award.

Both sessions are open to all conference attendees. We look forward to joining with you in community, memory, learning, and celebration. Here are the details:

Symposium: A World Café Honoring the Legacy of Jeannie Oakes

Saturday, 9:50-11:20 am

The Colorado Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Mile High Ballroom 4EF (R)

Access, Detracking, and Tracking SIG Business Meeting

Reception Honoring Dr. Jeannie Oakes

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 pm

The Colorado Convention Center, Floor: Meeting Room Level, Room 601

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