

Workshops on Quasi-Experimental Design and Analysis in Education

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On two occasions in 2008, workshops on Quasi-Experimental Design and Analysis in Education will be held at Northwestern University — August 4-8 and August 11-15. The first workshop will have 30 attendees and the second will have 60. Both will be conducted by Professor Thomas D. Cook of Northwestern University and Professor William Shadish Jr. of the University of California at Merced. The purpose of the workshops is to help attendees conduct better quasi-experimental research in education.

The cost of some meals, tuition and facilities will be covered. However, attendees will be responsible for the cost of travel to and from the workshop, as well as lodging during their stay. We are negotiating a discounted rate with a local hotel.

Instruction will take place for six hours per day and will be structured around better quasi-experimental designs and better ways of analyzing the data from them. Considerable attention will be paid to concrete examples provided by the instructors and hopefully also by attendees. There will be some capacity to stay in touch when the workshop is over about specific projects that attendees have brought as well as general issues of quasi-experimental theory.

The workshop hotel is in downtown Evanston. Evanston is a thriving commercial area with excellent bookstores, many restaurants, and a great movie complex. While work is paramount, the hope is that non-work time will be fun and provide an important foundation for relationship building.

The following application form should be filled out and mailed in together with a copy of your most recent CV or resume and a one-page, single-sheet essay on why you want to attend. While applicants can only attend one workshop, they can apply for both. **The deadline for applications for the first workshop is June 2, and for the second, June 23.**

In selecting attendees we are looking for a mix of academics and researchers working in school districts, plus a few government officials and workers in contract research firms. We are particularly looking for people who are doing — or plan to do — a specific quasi-experimental project or who are active in writing about quasi-experimental theory or practice or causal analysis in general.

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Application

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Latest degree: _____

Year: _____

E-mail address: _____

Workshop Preference: (please indicate 1st and 2nd choice)

_____ August 4 - 8, 2008

_____ August 11 - 15, 2008

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Please append one sheet, single spaced, to indicate why you want to attend the workshop.

Please attach your most recent CV or resume.