

SAVE THE DATE

October 24-26, 2008

COPIS 2008

**Best Practice In Instructional Supervision:
Enhancing Teaching and Learning**

Dear COPIS Colleague:

Tarleton State University is delighted and excited to host the COPIS 2008 Fall Conference, “**Best Practice In Instructional Supervision: Enhancing Teaching and Learning**” We look forward to hearing from COPIS colleagues about the ways in which instructional supervision continues to enhance teaching and learning and influence discourse and practice in the field and related areas. What is best practice in instructional supervision? How have scholars in this field (and related fields) defined or identified best practice? What specific research has been conducted to identify best practice? What quantitative or qualitative data can be brought to bear on the issue? Is there a relationship between instructional supervision/leadership practice and enhanced teaching and learning? How can we ferret out best practice? What intervening variables need to be identified? What research can add to our understanding of best practice? Can a connection be made between best practice and enhanced teaching and learning? Should a connection be made?

COPIS 2008 will begin with a wine and cheese reception early Friday evening at the Hampton Inn. We will then take a shuttle to dinner at the new dining hall at Tarleton State University. After dinner, the former provost of the university will address the group on "Supervising the Academy: Working with Faculty to Enhance Teaching and Learning.". After his remarks, a lively discussion is certain to follow regarding the role of instructional supervision at the university (are we immune to our own practice?) and the conference theme as it relates to our own work. A shuttle will return you to the hotel. Saturday morning you will be picked up to return to the campus for sessions.

Saturday sessions will focus on this year’s theme, “Best Practice In Instructional Supervision: Enhancing Teaching and Learning” A flyer about submitting proposals will follow soon. We are sending this information out early enough to allow for varied proposals. If you want to share an idea for a symposium or a related matter, feel free to contact Don at beach@tarleton.edu. Other members of the Program Committee, so far, are Dr. Jennifer Jacobs and Dr. Martha Ovando. We anticipate that someone from next year's committee will join us on the program committee.

Sunday sessions will be held at the Hampton Inn and will begin with a business meeting early Sunday morning, followed by additional conference sessions. A conference wrap-up discussion will conclude the conference.

The conference hotel, the HAMPTON INN, Stephenville, Texas is a lovely new hotel with all accommodations. They provide breakfast each morning and also have an indoor pool and hot tub. They have blocked rooms for us and have provided the state of Texas contract rate. Prior to October 1st, Deluxe King Rooms will be \$75.00 a night and afterward \$81.00 a night. Rooms with 2 queen beds will be \$85.00 a night. You may contact the hotel directly at 254-918-5400 and ask for the COPIS block of rooms. If you reserve online, you may not be able to get the state rate.

For those of you flying to the conference, DFW (Dallas-Ft. Worth) is the closest airport and a hub for American Airlines. You may wish to rent a car to drive the 1 and 1/2 hours (depending on traffic) to Stephenville. A commercial shuttle to and from Stephenville is also available. We are trying to arrange with the university a possible shuttle that will pick people up around 1:00 pm on Friday and bring them to Stephenville as well as take them back on Sunday about noon (more details to follow).

Conference registration details are forthcoming. The form will be emailed to you and posted on the COPIS web page. The form will also have sign-up information about the Saturday evening dinner at a Texas winery or the Rough Creek Lodge Resort.

Should you need any information about conference registration or the Saturday evening outing, please contact Don Beach at beach@tarleton.edu.

Sincerely and on behalf of the 2008 COPIS Planning Committee,

Don M. Beach