

Dear Colleagues,

There is an interesting event coming up this Spring in Austin, TX that I thought may be of interest to you ... a Regional Research and Praxis Session on April 26-29, 2017... AND we still have some room for about 7 or 8 more in this session, but I do need to hear from interested persons very soon !

*We will be engaged in **two tracks**:*

For those of you who are actively **working on research and writing skills**, we will have sessions on the IRB process, quantitative and qualitative research and academic writing.

For those who are wanting to hone their **praxis/practice** knowledge and consulting skills, I have arranged seminars on organization change and leadership and for some 'hands on' work with area non-profit organizations where you can do some needed work with those agencies.

And... we will have some sessions all together on topics and skill building related to being a reflective scholar-practitioner.

I have met with the conferencing staff at the venue, the Hilton Garden Inn-North Austin (512-339-3626) and they have a Fielding group registration site up. You should plan to arrive the afternoon or evening of April 25 and then check out of the hotel either on April 29 or 30 depending on your available flights ... we will be ending the Session early afternoon on April 29. Of course, there is much to do in Austin, if you want to stay over and the hotel will honor our conference rate (\$125.) for the evenings of April 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Here below is the hotel rooming link to get the reduced rate for the hotel (which includes a free hot breakfast, free wifi in your room and meeting rooms and lobby, free parking):

Group block at **Hilton Garden Inn Austin North**.

The HiltonLink is ready for use. Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

Booking

Link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/gi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&cityhcn=AUSANGI&spec_plan=FIELDG&arrival=20170425&departure=20170430&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Austin North

Group Name: Fielding Graduate University

Arrival Date: 25-Apr-2017

Departure Date: 30-Apr-2017

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RESPONSE REQUESTED PLEASE....

So, I would like to hear from you... ***and reply just to me at this time please....*** as to which track you would like to focus on. We will have several joint seminars, and we are offering folks the flexibility to work in cohort groups on various topics of special interest to those attending.

MUCH more information to come...but for now, please do two things:

- 1- start arranging for your travel plans
- 2- reply ***to me*** around your focus for this session.

There is not an additional session fee for this Regional Session for current Fielding students; there is a minimal fee (\$75.) for Fielding alums who are attending.

Hoping to see ***YOU*** in Austin in April!

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