

Nomination for the Todd Rogers Research Award
Nominee: Chris Conley, Durham DSB
Nominator: The 2011-12 Executive of the Association of
Educational Researchers of Ontario (AERO)
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To Whom It May Concern:

Chris Conley is a provincial leader in research networking. He is an active member of several existing research networks, and where a network does not exist to meet a need he creates one.

Chris began his career researching models of learning and memory at Trent University in Peterborough, ON. He now applies his skills as a Research Analyst in the Accountability and Assessment Department at the Durham District School Board in Whitby, ON. Chris understands that an educational researcher's job is not only to research, but also to collaborate with stakeholders. In his own words, "Research is only effective if the people it is meant to impact understand it."

Chris is a Past President and a long time Executive member of the Association of Educational Researchers of Ontario (AERO). Through his work with AERO, Chris sensed an interest in hierarchical linear modeling and founded the Hierarchical Linear Modeling Learning and Research Community (HLM-LRC) to encourage collaboration with this quantitative technique. Chris also acted as the AERO representative on the Ontario Education Research Panel (OERP), itself a network of researchers bridging school districts, post secondary institutions and government.

Chris is also a leader in the Early Years Education Ontario Network (EYEON) and helped to partner AERO and EYEON in the development of a research grant dedicated to the early years field. Chris has also worked with the Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) network in Ontario to support evidence informed decision making, effective teaching and improved learning through a collaborative approach to developing and sustaining the capacity of research in education.

Chris Conley is clearly a leader in research networking and in using evidence as the basis for decisions. It is in this spirit that the Association of Educational Researchers of Ontario would like to nominate Chris Conley for the 2012 Todd Rogers Research Award.

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