

MIDWEST RESEARCH-TO-PRACTICE AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT

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Professional conferences are a great way to add to our personal and academic development. We have the opportunity to learn new things, share ideas and research and to network with others in the field of Adult Education. In my experience, the Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference (MWR2P) provides this and more.

Begun as a forum to link research and practice, the Midwest conference also nurtures the growth of graduate students. By providing a special portion of the experience in the form of the pre-conference, graduate students are made to feel welcome and are acknowledged as major players in MWR2P.

While the format changes from year to year, the Graduate Student Pre-Conference is a place to dialogue with leaders in the field and other graduate students. This year the Pre-Conference will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, 2006. We invite you to tell us what you want to discuss at the Pre-Conference. Whether it be epistemology, research, practice, emotional support, questions of how to navigate the graduate path, or forming a network of peers with which to go through the conference, we would like to start a dialogue before you arrive.

Keep in mind that everything is about respect. Feel free to bring up anything.

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