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Krystal Werfel
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Dear Dr. Werfel:

Congratulations! The 2014 IRA Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award competition has been finalized and you are among the nine finalists. We are pleased to enclose an award certificate.

The winner and the finalists will be recognized and possibly photographed at the Research Address and Awards session during the IRA 59th Annual Conference in New Orleans, May 9-12, 2014. This session will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, La Nouvelle Ballroom.

You are invited to participate in the Outstanding Dissertation Poster Session on Saturday, May 10 at 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the foyer outside of the La Nouvelle Ballroom. Also, along with the winner and the other finalists, you are asked to prepare a poster on your dissertation research. It's recommended to bring handouts to share when conducting informal discussions. Enclosed are instructions for preparing a poster display.

Please notify Marcella Moore at mmoore@reading.org by Friday, March 14 as to whether or not you will be presenting at the Outstanding Dissertation Poster Session and attending the Research Address and Awards.

Presenters are responsible for registering for the conference at their own expense. Conference information, including registration and housing for the IRA's conference is available at <http://www.iraconvention.org/>.

We also encourage you to submit a manuscript to *Reading Research Quarterly* to share your dissertation work. Instructions for preparing a manuscript for RRQ are available at <http://www.reading.org/General/Publications/index.aspx>.

Again, congratulations as one of the finalists. We hope to see you at the IRA's conference in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Marcie Craig Post
IRA Executive Director

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