

# CALL FOR PRESENTERS

2025 ERWC Literacy Conference

Long Beach, CA

Monday, June 23, 2025

## Leaning into Liminality: A Return to Language, Wonder, and Inspiration

By leaning into liminality, we embrace the confusion and uncertainty of new experiences. Liminality marks the edge of our learning. For the 2025 ERWC Literacy Conference, we invite educators to explore the magic and wonder of in-between spaces—the space between belief and doubt, between reading and writing, between physical and digital worlds, and between childhood and adulthood. Like other threshold crossings, educational experiences that challenge our understanding of the familiar foster growth, criticality, and transformation.

Students encounter multiple forms of betweenness in their educational journeys: transitions between grades, schools, and disciplines—and often between languages and cultures, too. They may also feel in between identities. Threshold crossings (limen is the Latin word for “threshold”) are a defining feature of K12 education. Rather than barriers, thresholds can be doorways to inspiration.

With the publication of new modules featuring integrated and designated ELD for grades 6-8, ERWC embraces the wonder and transformation of another liminal space: middle school. ERWC’s return to middle school expands the curriculum to grade 6 for the first time. ERWC is also on the verge of an additional transition: the creation of full courses for grades 9 and 10. Just as the grade 12 ERWC course serves as a bridge to college, the future grade 9 ERWC course (in combination with the new grade 8 modules) will serve as a bridge to high school.

In this Call for Presenters, we thus seek proposals for sessions that explore ways to support students on the threshold of new stages and spaces of language and literacy learning.

### Submitting Your Proposal:

Use the link below to submit proposals of 300-500 words. Include a session title and a 100-150-word description for the conference program. Please also include a brief curriculum vitae highlighting your ERWC experience with your submission, a short biography, and a headshot/portrait photograph. ***You must be a California resident to qualify for travel reimbursement.*** The deadline to submit a proposal is **11:59 p.m., March 28, 2025**. For additional information on the Call for Presenters including proposal topics and submission criteria, scan the QR code below to visit the [ERWC Online Community](#).

