To be invited to this seminar is a unique honor and opportunity. If selected, you will spend several days with some of the finest scholars in educational leadership and administration, policy and related intellectual fields. Past faculty members include Karl E. Weick, Joyce Epstein, Rodney Ogawa, David Tyack, Amitai Etzioni, Larry Parker, Gareth Morgan, Samuel Bacharach, Margaret Grogan, Karen Seashore, Terrence E. Deal, Claire Smrekar, Kenneth Leithwood, and Anthony Bryk to name a few. You will get an intimate look at how they formulate research problems, select research methods, and live a life of formal inquiry. There will be opportunities for you to seek their advice and talk informally. Many of the graduates of this seminar are now faculty members at major research universities in the U.S. and Canada.

**September 15, 2016 – November 4, 2016**

- Deans, Chairs, or UCEA PSRs of institutions that offer the doctorate in educational leadership, administration, and/or policy are asked to nominate outstanding doctoral students (no more than two per institution) who are intending to have academic and/or research careers, have substantially completed their course work, and are in the process of developing their dissertation proposal.
- Deans, Chairs, Advisors, or UCEA PSRs submit nominations online via the UCEA website; a completed nomination contains: 1) the online nomination form, 2) a letter of nomination, 3) a blinded abstract of student’s research project, and 4) blinded two-page, single-spaced summary of proposed research. Nominations must be submitted via the UCEA website by **Friday, November 4, 2016 at 11:59pm EST**. Programs must also express a commitment to provide financial assistance to supplement the nominee’s expenses.

**November – December**

- Clark Seminar faculty and senior educational leadership and policy scholars review and rank the nominations based on the adjudged preparedness of nominees to benefit from and contribute to the seminar.

**December – January**

- Invitations to the seminar are extended to up to 42 of the highest-ranking nominees.
- Invitees must make their own housing arrangements.
- Invitees will be provided with the titles and abstracts of the research proposals of all invited participants, reading materials submitted by Clark Seminar faculty, and other planning details.

**April**

- The Seminar will begin tentatively on the day before the beginning of the AERA annual meeting, at 7:30am, and conclude at 12:00pm the next day, in conjunction with the official opening of the AERA annual meeting. On the evening of the first night of the Seminar, there will be a dinner for faculty and students. Please watch for potential scheduling changes on the UCEA website at [www.ucea.org](http://www.ucea.org).
- During the Seminar, meals will be provided. Those accepting this invitation will be expected to attend ALL sessions, including common meals. All other expenses, transportation to and from San Antonio, TX, hotel accommodations, and registrations for optional AERA activities, will be the responsibility of invitees and sponsoring institutions.

For additional information on the seminar, please check the Clark Seminar page of UCEA website at [http://www.ucea.org/graduate-student-opportunities/david-clark-seminar/](http://www.ucea.org/graduate-student-opportunities/david-clark-seminar/).

Faculty: Please give a copy of this outline to nominees.