AERA-SIG Curriculum Newsletter

American Educational Research Association
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**The Effects of Curriculum Organizational Structure on Curriculum Innovation**, Dennis S. Kelly, University of Michigan.


**The Naturalistic Metaphor in Curricular History**, Steven Selden, University of Pennsylvania.


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