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 Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

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## Gahan Bailey, 2006 MSERA President

We have heard the often quoted motto of realtors: "Location, Location, Location." I am of the opinion that we may have some MSERA members who are "Realtor Wann-a-be's" at heart, for we seem to have selected the greatest locations in the most amazing cities to hold our Annual Conferences. Birmingham is tops among them!

As I read the August Researcher about "Things to Do in Birmingham, Alabama," I was astounded by the various activities and attractions B'Ham has to offer: a comedy club, various musical and nightlife venues, caverns, museums, waterfalls, golf trails, parks, and shopping. The site of our meeting, the Wynfrey Hotel adjoins the Galleria which has over 200 stores and shops. How can one possibly take in all there is to do, while also presenting, presiding, and attending sessions over a short 2 \_ days? MSERA members must have a special DNA makeup which allows us to experience it all (I have heard the stories over the past 12 years).

As I reflected on several past locations (New Orleans, Biloxi, Nashville, Memphis, Little Rock, etc.), where there is also an abundance to do, a wonderful revelation came to me: MSERA members, first and foremost, supports its members. With all the "outside" attractions, the MSERA sessions are by far the most important. Each session has had amazing participation, which is evidence of our sincere adherence to our mission, to the outstanding research being conducted by our colleagues, and by our belief in supporting our members and our organization. We put our conference first. We put our members first. We present, we attend, we preside, we support, and we mentor!

I have attended several other organizational conferences over the years in which the participation in the sessions was very low. I know that some folks go to conferences to present their papers, after which they spend the rest of the time seeing the local sites. MSERA members have not fall-



**Gahan Bailey**

en into this category. MSERA members have a knack for being exceptional time managers, for we do seem to fit in "all" in. We do know, however, the importance of attending the sessions, the luncheon, the business meeting, and the reception. We know the importance of making contact with the graduate students, making them feel welcome, and supporting them in various ways. The way we participate and support our members is one of the top reasons I am so proud to be part of this fabulous organization.

Donna Herring, MSERA 2006, Program Chair has shared that this year's program will include over 45 displays and symposia in which participants will be able to collaborate one-on-one with educational leaders from all over the Southeast. She reports that approximately 200 concurrent sessions will provide opportunities to gain timely information from experts in various fields. And, this year, hands-on training seminars will be a new addition for MSERA 2006. She adds, "bring your wireless notebook and take a seat in more than a dozen innovative training sessions. A technical staff will be available to assist attendees with the wireless network." How exciting is this?

Another MSERA first, is that several vendors and exhibitors have been contacted to participate in our Annual Conference. McGraw Hill has offered to donate books to display, which can then be

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distributed to our graduate students. Additionally, the Louisiana NASA Resource Center will be displaying materials. Julie Holmes, Chair of the Exhibits/Vendors Committee stated, "This is a good start and will hopefully grow and become an informative part of our annual conference." I agree.

A part of many educational conferences is the Keynote Speaker. It is a daunting challenge to attain an outstanding scholar, researcher, or educator, to travel and speak words of wisdom; but my Presidential predecessors have done so marvelously in the years past. The challenge for me this year was making the decision not to invite a speaker. After discussions with many board members, it was decided that our Wednesday luncheon would focus on important activities that would have taken place at the 2005 conference in Baton Rouge. Many people within the organization worked very hard putting together the 2005 conference, and they should be recognized. Additionally, the 2005 Distinguished Paper Award winners will be presented, as well as various other special awards and recognitions. Please join us for the luncheon and show support for so many outstanding, hardworking members. The lunch will be nice too, and it is included in your registration fee!

As you read this message, we are just a few short weeks away from our Annual Conference! My room is booked, my paper is ready (well, almost), and I'm already thinking about what to pack. I know that I will get in a bit of shopping and perhaps an outside attraction or two, but I am enthusiastically looking forward to attending the sessions. We have an amazing location and an incredible program. I look forward to seeing many of you for the first time in two years, and I am thrilled about meeting our new MSERA Members. Safe travels to all.

Gahan Bailey  
MSERA 2006 President

## MSERF Board

The Mid-South Educational Research (MSER) Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the functions and activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA), as well as to serve as a financial safety net for MSERA. For example, the MSER Foundation has regularly contributed \$1000 to support graduate students and new member activities, supplemented the outstanding paper award by \$250, and continued to support the costs of the MSERA web site. Your contributions have helped to support these activities!

The members of the Foundation Board from Alabama are Gypsy Abbott and Gahan Bailey, from Arkansas are Rob Kennedy and Carolyn Williams, from Kentucky are Ann Chapman and Mary O'Phelan, from Louisiana are Ava Pugh and Bob Rasmussen, from Mississippi are Carolyn Reeves Kazelskis and Dana Thames, and from Tennessee are Cliff Hofwolt and Chris Skinner. At-large members are Kathy Franklin and Dennis Zuelke. Officers are Rob Kennedy, President; and Ava Pugh, Vice-president. The Executive Secretary is Cliff Hofwolt. Ex-Officio Members are Gahan Bailey, MSERA President, Bill Spencer, MSERA Vice-president, and Cliff Hofwolt, MSERA Executive Director.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Rob Kennedy (rlkennedy@uams.edu), Cliff Hofwolt (clifford.hofwolt@vanderbilt.edu), or any other Foundation Board member. Thank you for your support!

## RESEARCH MENTORS AVAILABLE AT THE 2006 MSERA ANNUAL MEETING

Two mentor sessions have been scheduled for the MSERA Annual Meeting in Birmingham. The purpose of these sessions is to give MSERA graduate student members and new professional members the opportunity to collaborate with one or more MSERA Mentors (long-standing members of the organization) who have expertise or interest in the research topics that are brought to each session. These sessions also provide an opportunity for discussion with one or more MSERA Mentors about getting started in a research area. In the past, potential projects, manuscripts under development, or other research-related topics have been discussed in the sessions. Additionally, this is a chance to exchange ideas and get good advice about developing a research area. If you are interested, plan to attend one of the two sessions. MSERA Mentors are invited to attend both sessions, if possible. If you would like to become a MSERA Mentor or if you have any questions about these sessions, please contact Linda Morse at [lmorse@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:lmorse@colled.msstate.edu).

## Reminder

Your conference registration fee for 2006 includes a complimentary membership for 2007. Register now and we'll see you in Birmingham.

[www.msra.org](http://www.msra.org)

## MSERA Past Presidents

2005	Jane Nell Luster	1993	Robert L. Kennedy	1981	Neil Amos
2004	Scott Bauer	1992	Judith A. Boser	1980	Harry L. Bowman
2003	Kathy Franklin	1991	Gypsy Abbott	1979	Robert E. Bills
2002	Qaisar Sultana	1990	John R. Petry	1978	Charles Babb
2001	Jim Flaitz	1989	Carl R. Martray	1977	Doug McDonald
2000	Cliff Hofwolt	1988	Carolyn Williams	1976	Virginia Horns-Marsh
1999	Gerald Halpin	1987	William Deaton	1975	Fred K. Bellott
1998	John Enger	1986	John Thornell	1974	George Gaines
1997	Dot Reed	1985	Carolyn Reeves-Kazelskis	1973	Walter Mathews
1996	David Morse	1984	Robert Rasmussen	1972	Walter Mathews
1995	Glennelle Halpin	1983	Ronald Adams		
1994	Diana Lancaster Gardiner	1982	James E. McLean		

# MID-SOUTH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR TERMS BEGINNING 2007

## Candidate for VP/President Elect



### **Randy Parker**

Randy is a faculty member in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership at Louisiana Tech University. He has attended Annual Meetings since 1991, regularly presenting research findings in discussion and poster sessions, symposia. Randy has served MSERA as session chair, member of the program committee and graduate student advisory committee. Since 2004, Randy has been co-chair of the evaluation committee and served as Program Chair for the 2005 Annual Meeting. He is currently the Louisiana Representative.

## Candidates for Secretary

Information not available at press time.

## Candidates for State Representatives

### **Alabama**



### **Rebecca Giles**

Rebecca is Associate Professor at the University of South Alabama in the Department of Leadership and Teacher Education. She has been a member of MSERA since 1995, appearing on the program of every annual meeting over the past ten years. She has served on the program and local arrangements committees and co-chaired the membership committee. She is in her second year of a two-year term as Alabama Representative to the Board.

### **Arkansas**



### **Linda Kondrick**

Linda is Assistant Professor of Physical Science at Arkansas Tech and has been an active member since she joined MSERA in 2002. Linda is currently Secretary for MSERA, and chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, AR in 2007. She served as Co-chair of the Membership Committee in 2003 and 2004. She now desires to serve the organization as Arkansas Representative to the MSERA Board of Directors.

### **Kentucky**



### **JoAnna Dickey**

JoAnna is from Eastern Kentucky University where she serves as Graduate Program Coordinator and Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Her academic credentials include a Ph.D. in Education, Post-Doctoral study in Instructional Design and an MA Ed in Education. She has been a participating member in MSERA during the last 20 years. Dr. Dickey is an advocate for institutional and academic community support of research and other scholarly activities.

### **Louisiana**



### **Betty Porter**

Betty has been a member of LERA, MSERA, and AERA since 2000. She has served as local arrangements chair for MSERA. Both LERA and MSERA have recognized her for her research work. Betty has worked at the School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans since 1998 and is the Research Director. She is currently conducting research on the challenges principals faced with Hurricane Katrina and methods they used to cope with reopening schools.

## Mississippi



### Dana G. Thames

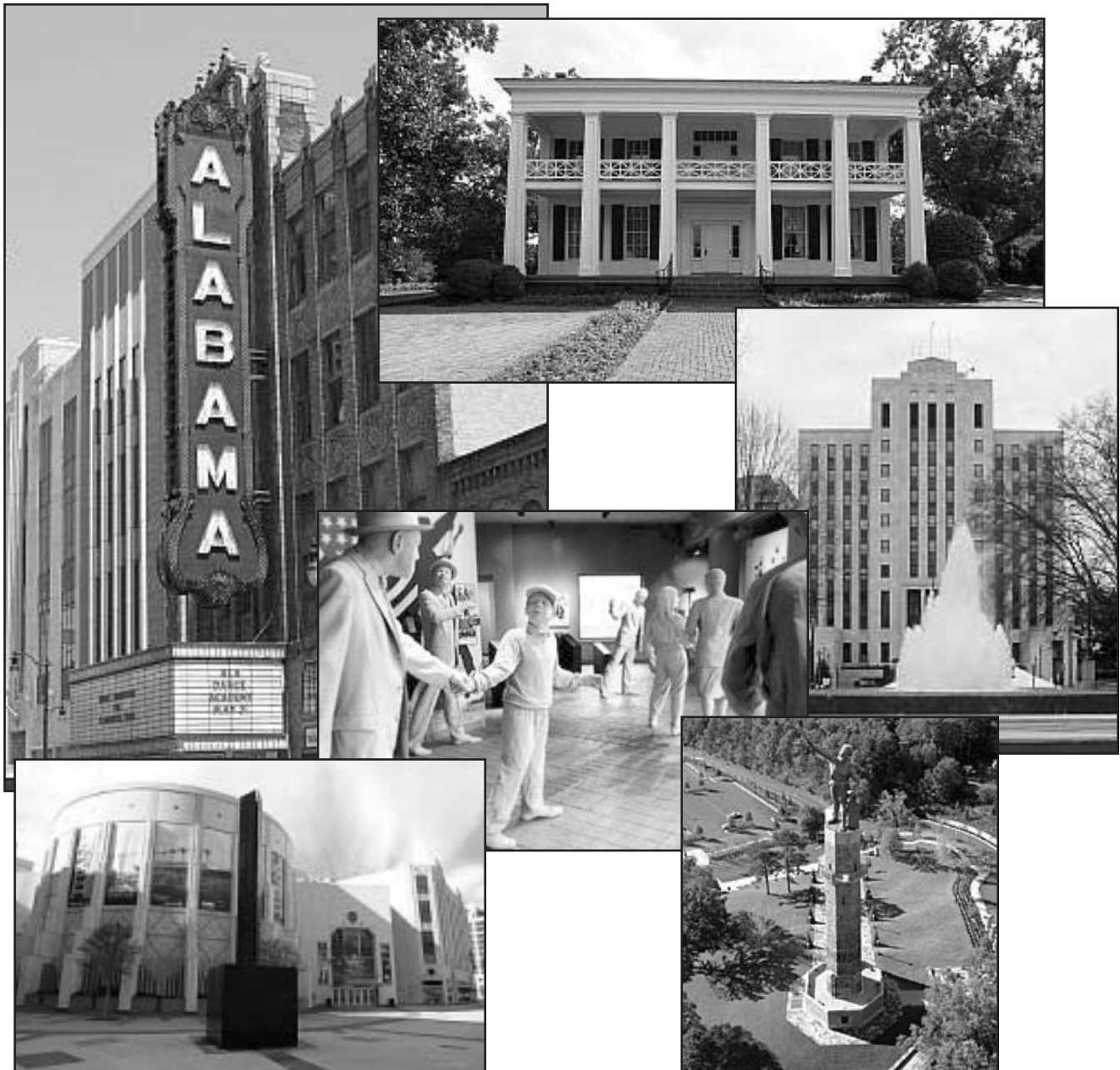
Dana is professor of literacy at The University of Southern Mississippi, Chair of the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education and Director of the Center for Literacy and Assessment. She has been a member of MSERA for more than 16 consecutive years serving MSERA on the Program Committee, reviewer for the Professional Educator, MSERF member, and as chair and presenter at annual meetings. Dana encourages and supports doctoral students in joining MSERA and attending annual meetings.

## Tennessee



### Patrick Kariukus

Patrick has been a member of MSERA since 1995. He has attended every annual meeting presenting research on teacher education issues. He has served on the evaluation committee, program committee since 1995, and as chairman for annual sessions, as well as successfully recruiting graduate students for MSERA. For the past two years, Patrick has served on the Board of Directors as the Tennessee Representative. He is involved in local arrangement for 2008 meeting in TN.



# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Wednesday

7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Foyer Area
9:00 – 9:50 AM	<b>DISPLAYS: Early Childhood</b>	Avon
	<i>Positive Approaches in the Prevention of Childhood Overweight and Obesity in a Pre-School Population</i> Debra K. Goodwin, Paula K. Napoli, Jacksonville State University	
	<i>How Do Kindergarteners Express Their Mathematics Understanding?</i> Kyoko M. Johns, University of Alabama	
	<i>First-Grade Readers' GORT-4 Miscues: Effects of Reading Skill and Instructional Methods</i> Deborah L. Edwards, Brenda L. Beverly, Keri L. Buck, Rebecca M. Giles, University of South Alabama	
9:00 – 9:50 AM	<b>EVALUATION</b>	Berkshire
	Presider: Jarrett M. Landor-Ngemi, University of Southern Mississippi	
	<i>Examining Relationships Between DIBELS and SAT 10</i> Susan A. Seay, University of Alabama	
	<i>"Professors in the Schools": A Multicultural Evaluation</i> Beverly M. Klecker, Morehead State University	
	<i>Early Childhood Supports and Services: A Model Early Childhood Mental Health Program</i> Beverly A. Mulvihill, Tonia Crossley-Lewis, Carl Brezausek, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
9:00 – 9:50 AM	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION</b>	Cornwall
	Presider: Barbara N. Young, Middle Tennessee State University	
	<i>Young Children's Use of Environmental Print in Journal Writing</i> Karyn W. Tunks, Rebecca Giles, University of South Alabama	
	<i>School Readiness: Is Age An Appropriate Indicator?</i> Tracie Sempier, Mississippi State University	
	<i>Early Reading First Project – Teacher Implementation</i> Marcia R. O'Neal, Kathleen Martin, Kay Emfinger, Scott W. Snyder, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
9:00 – 9:50 AM	<b>MATHEMATICS EDUCATION</b>	Devon
	Presider: Jay Feng, Mercer University	
	<i>Math Anxiety in Teachers and Students: Research Theories and Perspectives</i> Mary Kay Bacallao, Rena Faye Norby, Mercer University	
	<i>The Relations Between Self-Regulated Learning, Motivation, Anxiety, Attributions, Student Factors, and Mathematics Performance Among Fifth and Sixth Grade Learners</i> Melanie L. Shores, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>A Critical Ethnographic Study Of Mathematics Education: Learning Through The Narratives Of High School Graduates</i> Elizabeth Thompson, University of Alabama	
	<i>Teaching Mathematics to Elementary School Students</i> Jennifer R. Bradley, C. A. Donehoo Elementary School, Alabama, Charles E. Notar, Jacksonville State University	
	<i>Project PRISM = HQT Producing Results in Science and Mathematics for Middle School Teachers</i> Gwen Autin, Southeastern Louisiana University	
9:00 – 9:50 AM	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Dorset
	Presider: Cynthia Harper, Jacksonville State University	
	<i>An Examination of In-Service Teachers' Perceptions of Science, Technology and Society Issues</i> Sumita Bhattacharyya, Nicholls State University	
	<i>Perceived Barriers to the Implementation of Web Enhancement of Courses By Full-Time Tennessee Board of Regents Faculty</i> Tom B. Wallace, Northeast State Technical Community College	
	<i>College Students' Perceptions of the Use of Web-Based Quizzes on Course Achievement</i> Linda Morse, Mississippi State University	

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<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Making Professional Presentations: Tips, Tricks, and Words to the Wise</i> Jane Nell Luster, LSUHSC-Human Development Center, Scott Bauer, George Mason University	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Culture</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<i>Bridging the ESL Gap between Families and Schools</i> Barbara N. Young, Wendi Cook, Middle Tennessee State University	
	<i>Using Photoessays to Explore Culturally Relevant Teaching In An African American Middle School And Community</i> Sherry E. Nichols, Dee Goldston, University of Alabama	
	<i>Exploring Cultures Forum: A Project-Based Experience for Authentic Learning</i> Dawn Basinger, Louisiana Tech University	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	President: Jane L. Newman, University of Alabama	
	<i>Community College Academic Advisors Perceptions of Non-Traditional Students: A Grounded Theory Study</i> Tamara Payne, Nataliya Ivankova, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>A Historical Analysis of Teaching Methods within the Journalism and Communication Departments at Selected Alabama Community Colleges from 1995-2005</i> Merrill B. South, University of Alabama	
	<i>Motivational and Learning Strategies</i> Sandra M. Harris, Rebecca Jacobson, Troy University Montgomery, Larry B. Edmundson, San Bernardino Valley College	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>ATTITUDES</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	President: Leslie L. Griffin, Delta State University	
	<i>Evaluation of Abstinence Education: Outcomes and Lessons Learned</i> Gerald Halpin, Glennelle Halpin, Auburn University	
	<i>Perspectives of Others: Initial Teacher Candidates Views of Diversity</i> Michelle Haj-Broussard, Rose Henny, McNeese State University	
	<i>What Does Generation Y Know and Think About Perimenopause/Menopause? Implications for Teaching Developmental Psychology at the College Level</i> Kristen M. Larsen-Vasant, Amber Lumpkin, Irene Staik, Kristen Gilbert, John Burling, University of Montevallo	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	President: James E. Witte, Auburn University	
	<i>Who's Aspiring to the Principalship?</i> Edward P. Cox, University of South Carolina	
	<i>Alignment of ELCC Standards with Degree Comprehensive Examinations</i> Ronald Styron, Kyna Shelley, Gary Peters, University of Southern Mississippi	
	<i>Relationships Between Personality Type, Job Satisfaction, and Job Performance in the Mississippi State University Extension Service</i> John Long, Mississippi State University	

**Hands-on Training  
Yorkshire Room**

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<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b> Presider: Susan K. Spezzini, University of Alabama—Birmingham  <i>Christian Faith on the Christian College Campus</i> Gerald Akata, James H. Lampley, East Tennessee State University <i>Using Mixed Methods to Develop Instruments to Assess Dental Faculty and Students' Perspectives About Implementation of Evidence-Based Dentistry</i> Brian F. Geiger, Kent Palcanis, Marcia R O'Neal, Karen Werner, Retta Evans, University of Alabama—Birmingham <i>Engagement of Students of Color in the Campus Discourse of a Predominantly White Institution</i> Brian Bourke, University of Alabama <i>Doctoral Students' Reported Level of Support/Encouragement</i> Reese Stansberry, James H. Lampley, East Tennessee State University	<b>Dorset</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION</b>  <i>Groups Can Change the World!</i> Nancy Fox, Kathleen Friery, Jacksonville State University, Kelly Friery, University of Louisiana—Monroe	<b>Yorkshire</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Achievement</b>  <i>Residential Summer Science Exploration Camps: Improving Middle School Students' Achievement and Preparation for Post Secondary Education</i> Randy Parker, Julie A. Holmes, Louisiana Tech University <i>The Effectiveness Of The Balanced Calendar In Maury County, Tennessee</i> Melinda W. Marks, Tennessee State University <i>The Associations of Student Achievement and Classroom Practices Among Third Grade Teachers in Upper East Tennessee</i> Tausha L. Clay, Milligan College	<b>Avon</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>READING</b> Presider: Debra K. Goodwin, Jacksonville State University  <i>Efficacy Beliefs and the Student Reader</i> Jordan M. Barkley, Jacksonville State University <i>Reading Performance of Elementary Students: Results of a Five-Year Longitudinal Study of Direct Reading Instruction</i> Dana G. Thames, Richard Kazelskis, Carolyn Reeves Kazelskis, University of Southern Mississippi <i>Differences Between High and Low Level Preservice Teachers' Instructional Conversations with Elementary School Students: A Grounded Theory Study</i> Shannon C. Henderson, Auburn University	<b>Berkshire</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>AT-RISK STUDENTS</b> Presider: Beverly M. Klecker, Morehead State University  <i>Written Retellings of Narratives as a Method of Assessing Struggling Reader's Literacy Development</i> Rita C. Boydston, Jacksonville State University <i>Brief Experimental Analysis and Reading Interventions with Consultation</i> LaQuanta M. Watson, Masanori Ota, Laura Kuhn, Mary Cole, Marylyn Miller, Kristin Johnson-Gros, Mississippi State University <i>An Assessment of Selected Developmental Education Programs</i> John D. Osborn, University of Alabama—Birmingham	<b>Cornwall</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b> Presider: Mary Kay Bacallao, Mercer University  <i>Generalization Practices in Qualitative Research: A Mixed Methods Case Study</i> Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie, University of South Florida, Nancy L. Leech, University of Colorado—Denver <i>Using Likert-Type Scales in Quantitative Research</i> James H. Lampley, East Tennessee State University	<b>Devon</b>



**11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **TEACHER EDUCATION**      Dorset  
 President: Tom B. Wallace, Northeast State Technical Community College

- The Student Teacher Journey: Voices from the Field*  
 James D. Kirylo, Southeastern Louisiana University, Edward L. Shaw, Jr.,  
 University of South Alabama
- Levels of Wholetheme Instruction and Student Outcomes: A Mixed-method Study*  
 Yuejin Xu, Asghar Iran-Nejad, University of Alabama
- The Effectiveness of National Board Pre-Candidacy Training at Harding University*  
 Linda H. Thornton, Clara Carroll, Jamee Benningfield, Harding University

**11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **EXHIBITS/Internet Café**      Essex

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**11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **TRAINING SESSION**      Yorkshire

- LiveText-Assessment-Accreditation*  
 John Hammett, Jacksonville State University

**12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM**      **MSERA MEMBER LUNCHEON**      Wynfrey A, B, C

**1:40 – 2:30 PM**      **2005 OUTSTANDING PAPERS**      Avon  
 President: Gahan Bailey, University of South Alabama

- James E. McClean Outstanding Distinguished Paper Award**  
*Can You Trust Education and Other "Science-Based" Publications?*  
 Charles M. Achilles, Seton Hall University
- Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award**  
*The Association Between the ACT Test and Tennessee's Value-Added Assessment*  
 Paul B. Webb, East Tennessee State University

**1:40 – 2:30 PM**      **PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**      Berkshire  
 President: Sherry E. Nichols, University of Alabama

- Assessing Service-Learning: A Delphi Study*  
 Shucking Wang, Margaret Ross, You-Jen Guo , Auburn University
- Influence of Demographic Factors on Accountability Indexes in Kentucky: Variation by Grade Level and Type of Test*  
 Stephen K. Miller, Beverly Derington Moore, University of Louisville
- Fueled by Theory: Does Research Move on The Wheels of Measurement?*  
 Abraham A. Andero, Mississippi State University

**1:40 – 2:30 PM**      **CURRICULUM**      Cornwall  
 President: Tamara Payne, University of Alabama—Birmingham

- A Case Study of Textbook Use In A High School Mathematics Classroom*  
 John A. Sargent, East Texas Baptist University
- The Effects of the Talents Unlimited Model on Student Creative Productivity*  
 Jane L. Newman, University of Alabama
- A Study of Teacher Efficacy in the Application of Bloom's Taxonomy in the Classroom*  
 Leslie L. Griffin, Ronald J. Garrison, Delta State University

**1:40 – 2:30 PM**      **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**      Devon  
 President: Gerald Halpin, Auburn University

- The Relationship Between Classroom Literacy, Balanced Assessment Practice and Student Achievement*  
 Beverly Ruthvan, Pulaski County Special School District, Gail D. Hughes, University of Arkansas—Little Rock
- Red Zone Training: A Post-Pilot Report*  
 James E. Witte, Auburn University, Billie Crannell, East Alabama Medical Center, Julie McClanahan, Southern Union State Community College
- Transforming Teachers into ESL Mentors Through a School/University Partnership*  
 Susan K. Spezzini, Julia S. Austin, University of Alabama—Birmingham

1:40 – 2:30 PM	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY</b>  <b>President: John Long, Mississippi State University</b></p> <p><i>You've Got Mail! An In-Basket Simulation Gets an Extreme Makeover</i>          Shelly Albritton, University of Central Arkansas</p> <p><i>A Grounded Theory of Interactive Video Conferencing: Making a Difference in Preservice Teacher Education</i>          Andrea M. Kent, Jennifer Simpson, University of South Alabama</p> <p><i>Technology Skills, Availability, and Attitude of Graduate Students Enrolled in Online Programs</i>          Thomas A. DeVaney, Robert J. Hancock, Southeastern Louisiana University</p>	Dorset
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1:40 – 2:30 PM	<p><b>TRAINING SESSION</b></p> <p><i>Improving Student Performance Through Graduate Orientation: Graduate Education and Technology</i>          Kathleen Friery, Nancy Fox, Donna Herring, Jacksonville State University</p>	Yorkshire
2:40 – 3:30 PM	<p><b>SYMPOSIUM</b>          Organizer: Gypsy Abbot, University of Alabama—Birmingham</p> <p><i>Development and Evaluation of a Science and Technology Honors Program at UAB</i>          Diane Tucker, Michel Gould, University of Alabama—Birmingham</p>	Avon
2:40 – 3:30 PM	<p><b>SYMPOSIUM</b>          Organizer: Susan P. Santoli, University of South Alabama</p> <p><i>Museums, K-12 Schools and Universities: Collaborative Opportunities for Teaching and Learning</i>          Paige Baggett, Edward Shaw, University of South Alabama, Jennifer Fondren, Museum of Mobile, Melissa Morgan, Mobile Museum of Art, Ilka Porter, Gulf Coast Explorem</p>	Berkshire
2:40 – 3:30 PM	<p><b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>          President: Melinda W. Marks, Tennessee State University</p> <p><i>The Relationship Between Character Traits and Academic Performance of AFJROTC High School Students</i>          Linda M. Williams, Patrick Kariuki, Milligan College</p> <p><i>The Use Of Quantile Regression In Education Research</i>          Edward B. Reeves, Morehead State University</p> <p><i>Narrowing The Literacy Gap: Results Of A State Reading Recovery Study</i>          Kathleen A. Martin, University of Alabama—Birmingham</p>	Cornwall
2:40 – 3:30 PM	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b>          President: Deborah L. Edwards, University of South Alabama</p> <p><i>School Administrators and Technology Leadership</i>          Lawrence J. Leonard, Louisiana Tech University</p> <p><i>Recent Research Concerning Substitute Teacher Training</i>          Tina T. Smith, Maury County Schools, Tennessee</p> <p><i>Study On Support And Resources For Effective SBDM Councils: Developing The Questionnaire</i>          Sharon Spall, William Kelley, Mary Ophelan, Western Kentucky University</p>	Devon

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<b>2:40 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Proven Ways to Bring Faculty &amp; Staff on Board With LiveText</i> Nancy Fox, Kathleen Friery, Donna Herring, Jacksonville State University	
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Technology</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<i>Classroom Observations in Preservice Teacher Education Using Videoconferencing Technology</i> Eamonn J. Walsh, Jr., Joseph Walsh, Lloyd Pickering, University of Montevallo <i>Digital Storytelling: One Method, But Multiple Uses for Teacher Educators</i> Vivian H. Wright, University of Alabama <i>The Impact of the Loss of Technology on Graduate Students Due to Hurricane Katrina West Alabama</i> Johan W. van der Jagt, Southeastern Louisville University, Marion L. Madison, University of West Alabama	
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>COLLEGE STUDENTS</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	President: Stephen K. Miller, University of Louisville  <i>The Relationship between Citation Errors and Library Anxiety: An Empirical Study of Doctoral Students in Education</i> Qun G. Jiao, Baruch College, Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie, University of South Florida, Vicki L. Waytowich, University of North Florida <i>College Students' Behavior on Multiple Choice Self-Tailored Exams</i> Jasna Vuk, Mississippi State University	
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>MENTOR SESSION</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	President: Linda Morse, Mississippi State University	
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<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	President: John A. Sargent, East Texas Baptist University  <i>A Paradigmatic Shift In Assessing Far Transfer Of Learning: Order Out Of Chaos Via The Barnett-Ceci Taxonomic Framework</i> Gerald J. Calais, McNeese State University <i>Multimedia Case Studies in the Classroom: Impact on Learning Skills and Teaching Strategies</i> Jarrett M. Landor-Ngemi, University of Southern Mississippi <i>The Impact of School Reform Design, ESOL Instruction, and SES on ESOL Students' Reading Achievement</i> Cristina P. Valentino, Jacksonville University	
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>MULTICULTURAL</b>	<b>Dorset</b>
	President: Shelly Albritton, University of Central Arkansas  <i>Pre-Service and In-Service Teachers' Attitudes Toward Multicultural Issues in Tennessee's Public Schools</i> Barbara N. Young, Donald Snead, Middle Tennessee State University <i>Teaching for Diversity: Multicultural Teacher Education and Preservice Teachers' Beliefs About Diversity</i> Jay Feng, Leonard Lancette, Mercer University <i>Diversity in Adult English Language Learning Programs</i> Lishu Yin, Dwight Hare, Mississippi State University	
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>3:40 – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Improving Student Performance Through Undergraduate Orientation to Education</i> Gena Riley, Roland Thornburg, Kelly Ryan, Jacksonville State University	
<b>4:30 – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GRADUATE STUDENT/NEW MEMBER SOCIAL</b>	<b>Windsor II</b>

# THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2006

7:30 AM – 4:50 PM      **REGISTRATION**      Foyer Area

7:30 – 8:45 AM      **GRADUATE STUDENT/NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST**      Windsor II

9:00 – 9:50 AM      **DISPLAYS: Teacher Education**      Avon

*Developing Professional Dispositions in the Preservice Teacher: Raising Standards*  
Nina M. King, Celia Hilber, Elizabeth Engley, Jacksonville State University

*An Innovative Instructional Technique: Combining Looping With Action Research in the College Classroom*  
Judy H. McCrary, Patricia K. Lowry, Jacksonville State University

*Successes And Challenges Of Implementing Inquiry-Based Mathematics Instruction At The University Level*  
Rachel D. Cochran, Tommy G. Smith, University of Alabama—Birmingham

*A Comprehensive Approach To Evaluating Changes In Teachers' Mathematics Understanding*  
Rachel D. Cochran, University of Alabama—Birmingham

*Exploring Mathematical Concepts Through Applications Of Technology*  
Cynthia Harper, Jan Wilson, Jacksonville State University

9:00 – 9:50 AM      **SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**      Berkshire  
Presider: Olin L. Adams III, Auburn University

*Mississippi Elementary School Counselors' Perceptions of Character Education Programs*  
Linda Wilson-Jones, Fayetteville State University, Cedric A. Dixon, Memphis Public Schools

*Teaching: More Than Academics*  
Sheila A. Webb, Jacksonville State University

9:00 – 9:50 AM      **MENTOR SESSION**      Cornwall  
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9:00 – 9:50 AM      **LEADERSHIP**      Devon  
Presider: Richard L. Daughenbaugh, University of South Alabama

*An Examination Of The Relationships Among Emotional Competencies And Factors Of Transformational Leadership Style Of Educational Leaders*  
J. William Hortman, The Hortman Group, LLC, Paul Thomas Hackett, Columbus State University

*Interpreting Praxis: Stories of Three Women Educational Leaders*  
Janetta R. Waddell, Aretha Hargrove Edwards, Eddie Mae Springfield, Delta State University

*I Want A Mentor But I'm Afraid To Ask: A Study of Women's Mentoring Needs*  
Linda J. Searby, University of Alabama—Birmingham

9:00 – 9:50 AM      **TECHNOLOGY**      Dorset  
Presider: Margaret L. Rice, University of Alabama

*Using Technology in the Classroom: The Journey of Two Teachers*  
Vivian H. Wright, Elizabeth Wilson, University of Alabama

*Computer Self-Efficacy: A multicultural perspective*  
Srilata Bhattacharyya, Adelphi University

*Technology Use in the K-12 Classroom: What Preservice Teachers See*  
Jeff Anderson, University of Alabama—Birmingham

9:00 – 9:50 AM      **EXHIBITS/Internet Café**      Essex

Thursday

<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Speech-To-Text Applications in the Special Education Classroom</i> Lawrence A. Beard, Teresa J. Gardner, Jacksonville State University	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: At-Risk Students</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<i>Brief Interventions to Increase Academic Fluency and Skill</i> Jen Kazmerski, Rachele Schuck, Kristi Campbell, Masanori Ota, Kristin Johnson-Gros, Mississippi State University	
	<i>Underage Drinking: Peer and Parental Opinion</i> Angela L White, Mark Edwards, Leanne Whiteside Mansell, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Carol Lee, Child Development, Inc.	
	<i>Personal Problems Reported By A Non-Clinical Sample Of Rural Youth</i> Tommy M. Phillips, Jacksonville State University	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	Organizer: Scott C. Bauer, George Mason University	
	<i>Dialogue on Redesigning Leadership Preparation Programs</i> George Theodore, University of Alabama—Birmingham, Juanita Haydel, University of New Orleans, Carmen Riedlinger, Our Lady of Holy Cross College	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>SCIENCE EDUCATION</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	Presider: Robert L. Kennedy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	
	<i>Academic Contracts in a General Biology Class</i> Brenda C. Litchfield, Juan Mata, Laura Gray, University of South Alabama	
	<i>Accuracy in Science Textbooks: Research on Perspectives</i> Mary Kay Bacallao, Mercer University	
	<i>Assessing Second Grade Students' Concepts Of Science Through Art</i> Edward L. Shaw, Jr., Gahan Bailey, University of South Alabama	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	Presider: Kecia C. Topping, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>Teacher Attitudes Prior to Mandated Inclusion</i> Susan Santoli, John Sachs, University of South Alabama	
	<i>Examining Connections: Placement, Test Performance, and Graduation Rates for Students with Disabilities</i> Jane Nell Luster, LSUHSC-Human Development Center	
	<i>Do Sources of Information Influence Pre-Teaching Service Beliefs about Interventions for Childhood Disorders?</i> Sherry K. Bain, Kelli Jordan, University of Tennessee	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b>	<b>Dorsett</b>
	Presider: Jennifer L. Moore, Mississippi State University	
	<i>The Motivated Strategies for Learning Questionnaire (MSLQ): An Outcome Analysis Based on Gender and Campus Type</i> Rebecca R. Jacobson, Troy University—Montgomery, Sandra Harris, Troy University	
	<i>Embracing Interdisciplinary Research: Analyzing Faculty Participation</i> Kelly A. Brennan, University of Alabama	
	<i>All About Textbooks: A Literature Review</i> Belinda Riley, Lola Aagaard, Ron Skidmore, Morehead State University	
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>

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<b>10:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION (2 Hours)</b>  <i>Creating &amp; Delivering Online Courses with LiveText</i> Donna Herring, Kathleen Friery, Nancy Fox, Jacksonville State University	<b>Yorkshire</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Exceptional Children</b>  <i>Before and After Special Education: The Three Tier Model and Differentiated Instruction</i> Carlen Henington, Sandy Devlin, Mississippi State University <i>Enhancing Cultural Competency Among SLP Students</i> Calandra D. Lockhart, Mary M. Gorham-Rowan, Valdosta State University <i>Special Education and Research Web Resources for Professionals Concerned With the Education of Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders</i> Chhanda Ghose, Jimmy D. Lindsey, Regina Patterson, Southern University—Baton Rouge <i>No Child With Autism Left Behind: Sound Strategies to Facilitate Successful Inclusion</i> Lynetta Owens, Jacksonville State University	<b>Avon</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>READING</b> Presider: Sheila A. Webb, Jacksonville State University  <i>Reading Strategies Enhance Lower-Level Readers' Comprehension</i> Li-Ching Hung, C. Stacy Smith, Mississippi State University <i>ESLPESUWS</i> John S. Burgin, Gail D. Hughs, University of Arkansas—Little Rock <i>Effects of Teachers' Instructional Strategies on Kentucky Seventh Grade Reading Assessment</i> Stephen K. Miller, University of Louisville, D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University, Larry S. Ennis, Lindsey Wilson College	<b>Berkshire</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>FIELD EXPERIENCE</b> Presider: Linda J. Searby, University of Alabama—Birmingham  <i>Participating In A Study-Buddy Program: An Analysis On How Pre-Service Teachers' Beliefs And Assumptions About Diverse Students Change</i> Fanni L. Coward, University of Alabama—Huntsville, Deborah Brown, West Chester University of Pennsylvania <i>An Off-Campus Study of the Cherokee: Assessing Multicultural Curricular Frameworks</i> Kay L. Williams, Hanover College <i>An On-going Action Research Project to Improve Students' Reading Fluency in an Urban Elementary Professional Development School</i> Janetta L. Bradley, Bonne Warren-Kring, Jeanette Stepanske, University of Tennessee—Chattanooga	<b>Cornwall</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b> Presider: Vivian H. Wright, University of Alabama  <i>A Comparison of Analytical Methods When Predicting From Incomplete Multivariate Data</i> Carl M. Brezausek, Kent M. Daum, Alice Irby, Marcia O'Neal, University of Alabama—Birmingham <i>Relationship Between Reading Ability and Self-Esteem Within Graduate Cooperative Groups</i> Kathleen Collins, University of Arkansas, Anthony Onwuegbuzie, University of South Florida <i>Mixed Methods Research in Counseling Research: The Past, Present, and Future</i> Nancy L. Leech, University of Colorado—Denver, Tony Onwuegbuzie, University of South Florida	<b>Devon</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>TEACHER EDUCATION</b> Presider: Angela L White, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  <i>Developing Electronic Exhibits for Performance Based Systems</i> Glenn Sheets, Arkansas Tech University <i>Learning to Plan for Teaching: A Multiple-Case Study</i> Franco Zengaro, Middle Tennessee State University <i>The Preparedness of New Teachers for the Profession: What New Teachers are Saying</i> Christon G. Arthur, Tennessee State University, Tina Smith, Michael Gonzales, Maury County Schools, Eric Jones, Lincoln County Schools	<b>Dorset</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>

<b>12:00– 1:30 PM</b>	<b>MSER FOUNDATION LUNCHEON</b>	<b>Hampshire</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Leadership</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<i>The University of Southern Mississippi School Leadership Institute</i> Ronald A. Styron, David E. Lee, University of Southern Mississippi	
	<i>Fitness to Lead</i> Jack G. Blendinger, Vince McGrath, Linda McGrath, Mississippi State University, Lauren R. Wells, Consultant	
	<i>Taste of Reality: Principalship Training Using Simulated Schools</i> Donna E. Pascoe, Martha Hall, Columbus State University	
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>EVALUATION</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	Presider: Sherry K. Bain, University of Tennessee	
	<i>Building Capacity in a Middle School Through Improved Professional Practices: 2nd Year Results of Longitudinal Study</i> Maria M. Witte, James E. Witte, Auburn University, Iris Saltiel, Troy University, Tom Hackett, Columbus State University, Kathy Hesler, Richards Middle School	
	<i>An Open Systems Model for Evaluating Partnership Projects: Overview and Illustration</i> Scott Snyder, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>Evaluating Online Instruction</i> Gayle Davidson-Shivers, University of South Alabama	
	<i>Evaluation of Summit II: Planning a COE's Future</i> John R. Petry, University of Memphis	
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>AT-RISK STUDENTS</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	Presider: Rebecca R. Jacobson, Troy University—Montgomery	
	<i>Special Programs for Minorities: A Key to Overcoming Barriers to Collegiate Success</i> Shirley Scott-Harris, Glennelle Halpin, Gerald Halpin, Robin Taylor, Auburn University	
	<i>Study Of The Impact Of A Tailored Educational Environment (Freshman Academy) On Urban High School Minority Students' Academic Achievement and Truancy Rates</i> Dedrick J. Sims, University of South Alabama	
	<i>A College Level Instructional Technique for Pre-Service Teachers – Impacting Upper Elementary, Middle, And High School Students' Reading Scores</i> Connie Schimmel, Millsaps College	
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	Organizer: Kathleen Friery, Jacksonville State University	
	<i>Future Risks of Competing in Collegiate Athletics</i> Kelly Friery, University of Louisiana—Monroe	
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>Dorset</b>
	Presider: Belinda Riley, Morehead State University	
	<i>Barriers Which Predict The Number Of Distance Courses Faculty Deliver At Higher Education Institutions</i> La Toya Hart, Mary Nell McNeese, University of Southern Mississippi	
	<i>A Million to One</i> Portia Hull, Gaylynn Parker, University of Southern Mississippi	
	<i>How to Effectively Train Instructors to Use Technology in the Classroom</i> Kristie L. Ramsey, University of Alabama	
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION (2 hours)</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Enhancement of Classroom Instruction and Presentations: Moving Digital Pictures into Movies Using Photo Story 3 for Windows</i> Feng Sun, Jeff Anderson, University of Alabama—Birmingham	

<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Curriculum</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<p><i>Effective Learning Environments Via Active Teaching Enhancement Strategies: Project ELEVATE – Year Two</i> Julie A. Holmes, Randy Parker, Louisiana Tech University</p> <p><i>Designing and Incorporating Food Safety Education into the Middle School Curriculum: Results of a Pilot Study</i> Jennifer K. Richards, Gary Skolits, F. Ann Draughon, University of Tennessee</p> <p><i>A New Look at Providing Programs in Career Technical Education</i> Patsy Lowry, Karen Nemeth, Kelly Ryan, Jacksonville State University</p>	
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>COLLEGE STUDENTS</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	<p>Presider: Scott Snyder, University of Alabama—Birmingham</p> <p><i>Students' Perceptions of Mentoring in a University Cooperative Education Program</i> Matthew Fifolt, University of Alabama—Birmingham</p> <p><i>White Faculty, Black Students, and Mentoring Relationships: A Literature Review</i> Marco J. Barker, Louisiana State University</p> <p><i>Student Perceptions of and Satisfaction with Academic Advising</i> Brian Bourke, University of Alabama</p>	
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>ATTITUDES</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	<p>Presider: Jane Nell Luster, LSUHSC-Human Development Center</p> <p><i>The Downside Of Internet Metaphors</i> Terrance K. Harrington, University of Alabama</p> <p><i>Student Attitudes Toward Using a Global Positioning System as a Mathematics Learning Aid</i> Lisa Buck, Margaret Rice, University of Alabama</p> <p><i>Sex Differences in Mathematics</i> Martha Tapia, Berry College</p>	
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	<p>Presider: Li-Ching Hung, Mississippi State University</p> <p><i>Supervisors' Perceptions Of Integrating Music Into Core Areas To Positively Influence Learning</i> Isreal L. Eady, Jacksonville State University</p> <p><i>Teachers' Perceptions of Substitute Teacher Performance and Training in Maury County, Tennessee</i> Tina T. Smith, Maury County Schools</p> <p><i>Reaching Out to a Rural School in Crisis: An Action Research Study</i> Rayma L. Harchar, Kathleen Campbell, Southeastern Louisiana University</p>	
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b>	<b>Dorset</b>
	<p>Presider: Glenn Sheets, Arkansas Tech University</p> <p><i>Evaluation of Faculty Development through Perception</i> Terry D. Allen, University of North Texas</p> <p><i>Determinants Of Successful Doctoral Completion</i> Cary S. Smith, Li-Ching Hung, Mississippi State University</p> <p><i>A Comparison of Managerial Accounting Practices in Private Liberal Arts Institutions and Other Higher Education Institutions</i> Olin L. Adams III, A.J. Guarino, Rebecca R. Robichaux, Auburn University</p>	
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Evaluation/Statistics</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<p><i>Use of Wireless Assessment Systems in Post K-12 Classrooms</i> Richard L. Daughenbaugh, Edward L. Shaw, Jr., Lynda R. Daughenbaugh, Paige Baggett, University of South Alabama</p> <p><i>Evaluating Educational Training Programs Using the Kirkpatrick Model</i> Margaret L. Rice, Richard L. Rice, Jr., University of Alabama, J. Elizabeth Gibbs, Gibbs Learning Technologies, LLC</p> <p><i>A Template For Teaching The Spearman "rho" Correlation Technique</i> Robert L. Kennedy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Pamela M. Broadston, University of Arkansas—Little Rock</p>	



<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>SCIENCE EDUCATION</b> President: Ronald A. Styron, University of Southern Mississippi	<b>Berkshire</b>
	<i>An Analysis of Teacher Education Students' Conceptual Knowledge of the Ozone Layer and It's Depletion</i> Ava F. Pugh, Holly B. Casey, Jerilene Washington, University of Louisiana—Monroe, Rebecca S. Watts, Caddo Parish Schools, Louisiana	
	<i>Science Achievement of African American Females in Suburban Middle Schools: A Mixed Methods Study</i> Kecia C. Topping, Nataliya Ivankova, Loucretia Collins, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>Student Achievement in Inquiry Based Verses Traditional Chemistry Programs</i> Issa M. Saleh, University of North Florida	
<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b> President: Jack G. Blendinger, Mississippi State University	<b>Cornwall</b>
	<i>The Effects of Drama on the Performance of At-Risk Elementary Math Students</i> Linda M. Williams, Patrick Kariuki, Milligan College	
	<i>Results For Year 2 Of An Early Reading First Project</i> Kathleen A. Martin, Kay Emfinger, Scott Snyder, Marcia O'Neal, University of Alabama—Birmingham	
	<i>Visual and Performing Arts and the Academic Achievement of English Language Learners and Students in Poverty</i> Marsha L. Walters, University of Southern Mississippi	
<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b> President: Donna E. Pascoe, Columbus State University	<b>Devon</b>
	<i>Connecting to Community Through Collaboration</i> Ruth S. Busby, University of South Alabama, Janie Hubbard, University of Montevallo	
	<i>Promoting Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Classroom: The Collaborative Assessment Project (CAP)</i> Lloyd E. Pickering, Kristi Julian, University of Montevallo	
	<i>Student Engagement During Learning Activities</i> Linda Gatlin, Walden University, Susie Watts, Middle Tennessee State University	
<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>TEACHER EDUCATION</b> President: Maria M. Witte, Auburn University	<b>Dorset</b>
	<i>Novice Teachers' Assessment of Their Teacher Education Programs: A Comparative Analysis</i> Martha W. Pettway, William Spencer, Auburn University	
	<i>Effectiveness of Science Teaching Video Case Studies As Demonstrated in Classroom Practices</i> Clifford Hofwolt, Vanderbilt University	
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<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>
	<i>Teaching and Assessing the INTASC Standards Through Project-Based Learning</i> Donna Herring, Kathleen Friery, Nancy Fox, Jacksonville State University	
<b>4:00 – 4:50 PM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Attitudes</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<i>Examining the Attitudes of Teachers and Prospective Teachers Toward Mathematics Instruction in Elementary Grades</i> Gena Riley, Dale Campbell, Jacksonville State University	
	<i>Viewing Knowledge Maps: The Attitudes of Preservice and Inservice Teachers</i> Paige V. Baggett, Edward L. Shaw, Jr., Rebecca M. Giles, Lynda Daughenbaugh, University of South Alabama	
	<i>Linking Moral Disengagement to Physical and Sexual Aggression in College Freshman</i> Jessica Ashley Carroll, University of Alabama	
	<i>Gender Differences in Helping Behaviors of Bystanders</i> Vanessa Esparza, Anastasia D. Elder, Mississippi State University	

4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>SYMPOSIUM</b>  Organizer: Randy Parker, Louisiana Tech University</p> <p><i>Storm Sagas: The Displacement, Return, and Resurgence of Mid-South Educational Researchers in the Wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita</i>  Kathleen Campbell, Southeastern Louisiana University, Betty Porter, School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans, Michelle Haj-Broussard, McNeese State University</p>	Berkshire
4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>EDUCATION REFORM</b>  Presider: La Toya Hart, University of Southern Mississippi</p> <p><i>Middle School Principals' Perspectives of Evaluation As They Implement Mandated Educational Reform</i>  Charlotte Eady, Jacksonville State University</p> <p><i>Adequate Yearly Progress: Leaving Explanation Behind?</i>  Jennifer L. Moore, Mississippi State University</p> <p><i>A Dimensional Resolution of the Qualitative-Quantitative Dichotomy: Implications for Theory, Praxis, and National</i>  Charles McLafferty, Tony Onwuegbuzie, University of South Florida</p>	Cornwall
4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT</b>  Presider: Terrance K. Harrington, University of Alabama</p> <p><i>Technology Tipping Point</i>  David Freeman, Xiamen International School, Thelma Roberson, University of Southern Mississippi</p> <p><i>Factors That Facilitate The Infusion Of Technology Into K-12 Schools</i>  Daniel W. Surry, Dedrick J. Sims, Brooks Steele, University of South Alabama</p>	Devon
4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>STATISTICS</b>  Presider: Isreal L. Eady, Jacksonville State University</p> <p><i>Psychometric Analysis of Athletic Perfectionism through Polytomous Item Response Theory</i>  Amanda K. Cotton, Jwa Kim, Middle Tennessee State University</p> <p><i>The Effect of Sample Size on Statistical Significance</i>  Sunghee Yangkim, Lynn Loftin, Southern University</p> <p><i>Caution: Some Multivariate Texts Ignore the Structure Coefficients in Oblique Rotation</i>  Essenc M. Balam, Anthony J. Guarino, Auburn University</p>	Dorset
4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>EXHIBITS/Internet Café</b></p>	Essex
4:00 – 4:50 PM	<p><b>TRAINING SESSION</b></p> <p><i>Writing and Getting Published</i>  John R. Petry, University of Memphis</p>	Yorkshire
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<p><b>MSERA BUSINESS MEETING</b></p>	Wynfrey A & B
6:00 – 7:30 PM	<p><b>MSERA RECEPTION</b></p>	Riverchase Ballroom

# FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2006

<b>7:30 AM – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Foyer Area</b>
<b>7:30 – 8:45 AM</b>	<b>PAST PRESIDENTS' BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Hampshire</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>DISPLAYS: Online Learning</b>	<b>Avon</b>
	<p><i>Wired for Research: An Online Graduate Research Course</i> Donald Sneed, Barbara N. Young, Middle Tennessee State University</p> <p><i>How Two Distance Learning Systems Augment Instructional Delivery in a Graduate Program for School Leadership</i> Shelly Albritton, Jack Klotz, University of Central Arkansas</p> <p><i>The Effects of Gender and GPA on Asynchronous Online Discussion</i> Christopher Scott Tollison, Mississippi State University</p>	
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>GENDER ISSUES</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	<p>Presider: Meiko Negishi, Mississippi State University</p> <p><i>Self-Efficacy and Sexual Behavior: Gender Differences Among Adolescents</i> Sharon K. McDonough, Glennelle Halpin, Gerald Halpin, Robin Taylor, Auburn University</p> <p><i>A Study of Single-Sex Classes in Coeducational Middle Schools</i> Kathleen Campbell, Rayma Harchar, Southeastern Louisiana University</p> <p><i>The Role of Gender as a Variable of Self-Selection and Success in Online Coursework in Higher Education</i> Sherri Restauri, Gordon Nelson, Frank King, Jacksonville State University</p>	
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>ATTITUDES</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
	<p>Presider: Sherry L. Shaw, University of Arkansas—Little Rock</p> <p><i>Comparing Pre-Teaching Service Students' Beliefs in Evidence-Based and Non-Evidence Based Childhood Disorders to their Spiritual and Religious Characteristics</i> Kelli R. Jordan, University of Tennessee</p> <p><i>Are All Freshman Classes Created Equal?</i> Martha Tapia, Berry College</p> <p><i>A Literature Review Of Educating Resistant Adult Learners</i> Elizabeth C. Smith, University of Southern Mississippi</p>	
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>Devon</b>
	<p>Presider: Sherri Restauri, Jacksonville State University</p> <p><i>What Makes an "Effective" Leader: The Application of Leadership</i> Charles E. Notar, Carol S. Uline, Charlotte K. Eady, Jacksonville State University</p> <p><i>Evaluation of University-Sponsored Professional Development for PK-12 Teachers</i> Bonnie Daniel, University of Tennessee—Martin</p> <p><i>Critical Personal Narratives of Administrators and Professional Staff of Color</i> Carlton R. McHargh, University of Alabama</p> <p><i>'Principals' Perceptions of Achieving Success in Overcoming Hurricane Katrina Challenge</i> Jean D. Krieger, Woodlake Elementary School, John Brown, Betty Porter, School Leadership of Greater New Orleans</p>	
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Dorset</b>
	<p>Presider: Lola Aagaard, Morehead State University</p> <p><i>A Portrait Of Collaborative Leadership Between An Urban School And A Church Congregation</i> Jenny S. Tripses, Lori E. Scroggs, Bradley University</p> <p><i>Reading Issues and Literacy Coaches: Perceptions of Principals of the Mississippi Delta</i> Corlis L. Snow, Delta State University</p> <p><i>Reasons for Becoming A School Administrator</i> Thelma J. Roberson, Geoffry Haines, Rose McNeese, University of Southern Mississippi</p>	

<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>MULTICULTURAL</b> Presider: Velma L. Campbell, Morehead State University  <i>Do Multicultural Courses Foster Multicultural Education?</i> Sirlata Bhattacharyya, Adelphi University <i>ESL Teachers' Culture Competence and Students Performance</i> Li-Ching Hung, C. Stacy Smith, Mississippi State University <i>A Cross-Cultural Validation of the PASS Theory of Intelligence in Korean Children</i> Soo-Back Moon, Catholic University of Daegu, South Korea	<b>Essex</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION</b>  <i>Using Blackboard for Student Assignments: Thinking Outside the Box</i> Jeff Anderson, University of Alabama—Birmingham	<b>Yorkshire</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>2006 OUTSTANDING PAPERS</b> Presider: William Spencer, Auburn University	<b>Avon</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b> Organizer: Lindon J. Ratliff, Delta State University  <i>Can Dispositions Be Changed? A Review of Previous Research</i> Lindon J. Ratliff, Delta State University	<b>Berkshire</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b> Presider: Linda Searby, University of Alabama—Birmingham  <i>Impact of No Child Left Behind on the Passage Rate for Statewide Assessments in Mathematics: A Comparative Look at Students With Disabilities</i> Jennifer Bell, Glennelle Halpin, Gerald Halpin, Auburn University <i>Evaluation of 6th Graders Staying in Elementary School</i> Brenda C. Litchfield, Joe'l Lewis, University of South Alabama <i>An Investigation of Formal Operational Thought in College Students, Utilizing Logic and Probability</i> Kimberly E. Ball, Louise Mullins, Linda Morse, Mississippi State University	<b>Cornwall</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>LEARNING</b> Presider: Vincent R. McGrath, Mississippi State University  <i>Multimedia and Learning: Too Much of a Good Thing?</i> Tim Wilcox, Mississippi State University <i>Wholetheme Educational Integration of Self-Regulation</i> Asghar Iran-Nejad, University of Alabama <i>An Exploratory Study of Philosophy and Teaching Style in Alabama's Workforce Education and Entrepreneurship Instructors</i> Lisa M. Powell, Auburn University	<b>Devon</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b> Presider: Dana G. Thames, University of Southern Mississippi  <i>Cognitivism vs. Constructivism: Which Is More Appropriate for Instructional Design?</i> Laura E. Gray, University of South Alabama <i>Applying Behavioral Techniques To English Language Learners</i> Cary S. Smith Li-Ching Hung, Mississippi State University <i>Four Perspectives of Effective Teaching</i> Leslie Jones-Hamilton, Nicholls State University	<b>Dorset</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b> Presider: Charlotte Eady, Jacksonville State University  <i>Validity Study of an Online Version of the Motivational Strategies for Learning Questionnaire (MSLQ)</i> Sandra M. Harris, Troy University, Rebecca Jacobson, Troy University—Montgomery <i>Ain't I A Woman: An Inquiry Into the Collective and Experiential Dimensions of Teachers' Practical Knowledge Through the Experience of African American Female Academics</i> Roland W. Mitchell, Louisiana State University, Torhonda Lee, University of Alabama <i>Employee Job Satisfaction in Intercollegiate Athletics: The Influences of Leadership Style</i> David LaVetter, Arkansas State University <i>Grading and Attendance in Doctoral Programs</i> Chiwaraidzo J. Nyabando, James H. Lampley, East Tennessee State University	<b>Essex</b>

<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION</b> <i>Writing Grant Proposals</i> John R. Petry, University of Memphis	<b>Yorkshire</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>STUDENT MOTIVATION</b> President: Jeff Anderson, University of Alabama—Birmingham  <i>Is There Any Hope ? A Study of Struggling College Students' Hope in Staying in College</i> Shoudong Feng, Patty Kohler-Evans, Mark Cooper, University of Central Arkansas <i>Academic Domain-Specific Hope Measures: Validation of Math and English Hope Scales</i> Sage E. Rose, Cecil Robinson, University of Alabama <i>What Motivate Students to Learn? Contribution of Student-to-Student Relations, Teacher Student Relations and Higher Order Thinking Skills</i> John K. Rugutt, Caroline C. Chemosit, Illinois State University, Luria S. Stubblefield, Southern University—Baton Rouge, Philip K. Kaloki, Dallas Baptist University	<b>Avon</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b> Organizer: Nancy Fox, Jacksonville State University  <i>Using Music Through the Life Span</i> Kathleen Friery, Jacksonville State University, Kelly Friery, University of Louisiana—Monroe	<b>Berkshire</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>CULTURE</b> President: Sharon K. McDonough, Auburn University  <i>Preparing Today's Pre-service Providers: An Examination Of Cultural Competence Among Teacher And Speech Pathologist Candidates</i> Calandra D. Lockhart, Shirley E. Thompson, Valdosta State University <i>A Cross-Cultural Study of Teachers' Epistemological Beliefs and Inquiry-Based Teaching Practices in High School Physics</i> Meiko Negishi, Anastasia D. Elder, Mississippi State University <i>Magnet Programs And Desegregation: A Case Study Of A Foreign Language Immersion Program</i> Heather K. Olson Beal, Louisiana State University	<b>Cornwall</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>POST SECONDARY EDUCATION</b> President: Kathleen Campbell, Southeastern Louisiana University  <i>Bodies of Knowledge: Faculty Members with Disabilities in Higher Education</i> Robert C. Anderson, University of Alabama <i>A Comparison of Educational Aspirations and Graduation Rates in Four Rural Tennessee Counties</i> Kristy M. Leonard, Andrea D. Clements, East Tennessee State University	<b>Devon</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>  <i>How To Support Healing In Students With The Arts</i> Vincent R. McGrath, Linda C. McGrath, Jack G. Blendinger, Mississippi State University	<b>Dorset</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>REFLECTIVE OR CRITICAL THINKING</b> President: Charles E. Notar, Jacksonville State University:  <i>Program Assessment via Content Analysis of Service-Learning Reflections</i> Sherry L. Shaw, University of Arkansas—Little Rock <i>An Analysis of a Service-Learning Project: Students' Expectations, Concerns, and Reflections</i> Tricia McClam, Joel Diambra, Bobbie Burton, Angie Fuss, Daniel Fudge, University of Tennessee	<b>Essex</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>TRAINING SESSION (2 hours)</b>  <i>Using Drawing-Tools in Flash 8 to Enhance Computer Based Design</i> Ai-Lun Wu, University of Tennessee	<b>Yorkshire</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b> President: Carlton R. McHargh, University of Alabama  <i>Knowing and Understanding: Perceived Relationships And The Effect On Research</i> Terrance K. Harrington, University of Alabama <i>Caring Culture And Leadership Revealed: Narrative Non-Fiction Story Method And The Crystallization Process</i> Anita L. Johnston, University of Central Arkansas <i>Unexamined Research Assumptions Nullify Nature-Nurture Paradigm of Human Development Theory</i> Charles McLafferty, University of South Florida	<b>Avon</b>

- 11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **COLLEGE STUDENTS**      **Berkshire**  
 President: Jean D. Krieger, Woodlake Elementary School
- Assessment of Health Knowledge Among College Freshmen Students at the Hashemite University in Jordan*  
 Moayad A Wahsheh, University of Alabama—Birmingham
- Discussion Occurring During Group Testing*  
 Lola Aagaard, Ron Skidmore, Belinda Riley, Morehead State University
- University Women's Experiences of Sexual Coercion*  
 Velma L. Campbell, Beverly M. Klecker, Morehead State University
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **EDUCATIONAL REFORM**      **Cornwall**  
 President: Rayma L. Harchar, Southeastern Louisiana University
- Challenges to School Finance Systems, From Equity to Adequacy: Are They So Different?*  
 John J. Marshak, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Learn-to-Work: A Case Study*  
 Denise Richardson, Jacksonville State University
- School Reform, Newspaper Reporting, and Shaping Public Opinion*  
 James D. Kirylo, Ann K. Nauman, Southeastern Louisiana University
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **POLICY**      **Devon**  
 President: Thelma J. Roberson, University of Southern Mississippi
- Experiences of International Female Student Raising Children in the United States*  
 Grace Jepkemboi, University of Alabama—Birmingham
- Schools And The Wellness Policy*  
 Linda C. McGrath, Vincent R. McGrath, Mississippi State University
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **SYMPOSIUM**      **Dorset**  
 Organizer: Gypsy Abbot, University of Alabama—Birmingham
- Advancing Institutional Transformation through UAB ADVANCE*  
 Rose Scripa, Wendy Gunther-Canada, Dave Corliss, University of Alabama—Birmingham
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM**      **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**      **Essex**  
 President: Jennifer Bell, Auburn University
- Parents' Perceptions of Arkansas' Act 603, The Parent Involvement Plan: First and Second Year Results of A Three-year Study*  
 Shelly Albritton, Jack Klotz, Anita Johnston, University of Central Arkansas, Marcia Lamkin, University of North Florida, Jackie McBride, Arkansas State University
- An Examination of Parent and Teacher Opinions Regarding School Communication*  
 Reenay R. H. Rogers, Margaret Rice, University of Alabama
- School Culture, Parent Involvement, and Accountability Outcomes: Evidence from Kentucky's Scholastic Audit for School Improvement*  
 Alejandro Saravia, D. Clayton Smith, Christopher Wagner, Western Kentucky University, Stephen K. Miller, University of Louisville
- First and Second Grade Parents' Perceptions in a Looping Setting*  
 Rose B. Jones, Christa Martin, University of Southern Mississippi

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If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Rob Kennedy (rlkennedy@uams.edu), Cliff Hofwolt (clifford.hofwolt@vanderbilt.edu), or any other Foundation Board member. Thank you for your support!

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Outstanding papers are recognized each year with a special award.



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Tony Onwuebuzie
- 2002 Betty Porter
- 2000 J. Jackson Barnette  
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Bruce Thompson
- 1998 Katrina N. Rhymer,  
Karen I. Dittmer,

- 1997 Christopher H. Skinner,  
and Bertha Jackson  
Scott C. Bauer and  
Ira E. Bogotch
- 1996 Pat Wachholz and  
Carol Etheridge
- 1995 Christopher H. Skinner,  
Patricia Logan,  
Gregg A. Johns, and  
Sheri L. Robinson
- 1994 Yi-Cheng Wu and  
James E. McLean
- 1993 Alan S. Kaufman,  
Jane Ford-Richardson, and  
James E. McLean
- 1992 B. A. Nye, C. M. Achilles,  
J. Zahorias, and  
D. Fulton
- 1991 Robert L. Kennedy,  
Jianliang Wang, and  
Gene Harryman
- 1990 Marion Dana,  
Anthony Scheffler,  
Mark Richmond,

- 1989 Sandra Smith, and  
Howard Draper
- 1988 Jeffrey Gorrell  
James E. McLean and  
Alan S. Kaufman
- 1987 Larry Webber,  
Bruce Thompson, and  
Gerald S. Berenson
- 1986 Joan M. Butler,  
David DeRuzzo,  
John P. Wollenberg, and  
Herbert M. Handley
- 1985 Charles J. Achilles and  
M. Nan Lintz
- 1984 James Flaitz
- 1983 James M. Prater, Jr.
- 1982 Debra Joyce Steele
- 1981 Linda Newby
- 1980 Ruth Bragman
- 1979 Charles E. Standifer and  
Ernest G. Maples
- 1978 Robert E. Bills
- 1977 Robert H. Bradley and  
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## Herbert Handley Dissertation/Thesis Award

The first dissertation/thesis award was given in 1985. This award was renamed in 1991 to honor Herbert Handley, a distinguished Mississippi State University professor.



- 2004 LaDonna K. Morris
- 2003 Mary Margaret Merrill
- 2002 Carla R. Monroe
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- 1995 Malenna A. Sumrall
- 1994 Jayne B. Zaharias

- 1993 Colleen C. Johnson
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- 1987 M. Nan Lintz
- 1986 Esther M. Howard
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This award was established in 1992 to honor persons who make significant and continuing contributions to the organization.



- 2004 Qaisar Sultana
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- 1997 Glennelle Halpin and  
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- 1995 James E. McLean
- 1994 John R. Petty
- 1993 Judith A. Boser
- 1992 Harry L. Bowman

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This service award was created to recognize contributions that led to MSERA's present status and is named for the founder of MSERA.



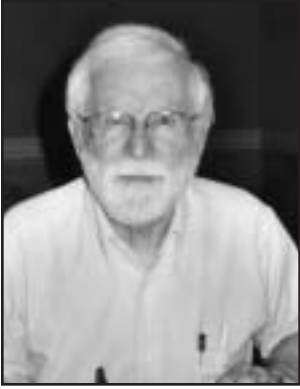
- 2004 Harry Bowman  
John Petry
- 2003 Charles A. Achilles
- 2002 Richard Kazelskis  
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- 2000 Walter Mathews

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- 2000 Jan Downing
- 1998 Beverly Wallace  
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- 1996 Denise Johnson
- 1995 Cindy Williams

## Dr. John Petry Honored By MSERA Board



Dr. John R. Petry was honored by the MSERA Board at its meeting on March 31-April 1, 2006, in Birmingham, AL, by being granted the first life membership ever awarded to a MSERA member. The honor was given to Dr. Petry, a charter member of MSERA, in recognition of his distinguished service to the association since its inception in 1972. In addition to holding every elective office on the association's Board, including President and Secretary-Treasurer, he concluded several years of service as the MSERA Executive Secretary at the Birmingham Board Meeting. He has been the editor of the MSERA Proceedings, with the exception of one year, since the association held its first annual meeting in 1972. He is a recipient of the MSERA Harry L. Bowman Service Award and the MSERA Walter Mathews Historical Contribution Award.

Dr. Petry has also served numerous other education organizations during his professional career. His service includes President of Kappa Delta Pi International, President of the College and University Partnership Program – International, and President of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa Chapters in Nashville and Memphis.

Dr. Petry is in his 40th year as a faculty member at the University of Memphis. In addition to service on innumerable university, college, and department committees, he has served as Faculty Senate Chair for five one-year terms and Academic Senate Secretary for two one-year terms. He has served as chair and member of numerous doctoral committees during his tenure at the University of Memphis.

## Birmingham Directions

### How to get to The Wynfrey

The Wynfrey Hotel is located in Birmingham, Alabama. It is directly attached to the Riverchase Galleria which boasts 250 famous name stores, 20 restaurants and 10 theaters. It is 15 minutes south of downtown Birmingham and 20 minutes from the Birmingham International Airport, and less than 10 minutes from Oak Mountain State Park, Hoover Metroplex, Pelham Civic Center, Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and many other local attractions.

### From Birmingham International Airport:

Leaving the airport, take I-20 west through downtown Birmingham. At the I-65 junction take I-65 South. At the I-459 junction take I-459 South. Exit off of I-459 South at Exit 13 (this is the first exit you come to). At the end of the exit ramp (traffic light), turn left. The Riverchase Galleria and The Wynfrey are immediately on your right. Take the 2nd entrance into the Galleria complex. This will bring you to the entrance of The Wynfrey Hotel.

Time: Approximately 20 minutes

### From the North (Chattanooga, TN)

Take I-59 South to I-459 Junction (just east of Birmingham). Take I-459 South. Take exit #13 (Hoover-Pelham) off I-459 South. Turn Left. The Wynfrey Hotel is on the right, second Galleria entrance.

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### From the North (Nashville, TN)

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### From the North (Huntsville, AL)

Take I-65 South through Birmingham to I-459 junction. Take I-459 South. Take exit #13 (Hoover-Pelham) off I-459 South. Turn left. The Wynfrey Hotel is on the right, second Galleria entrance.

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### From North West (Memphis, TN)

Take U.S. Highway 78 South to Birmingham. Take I-59/I-20 North/West towards Birmingham to I-65 South towards Montgomery, to I-459 South towards Tuscaloosa. Exit# 13 at the Hoover/Pelham and take a left onto Highway 31 and we're on the right hand side.

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### From the West (Jackson, MS)

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### From the South (Montgomery, AL)

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Approximately 90 miles



# Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Pamela Broadston and Sherry Shaw

Hello Graduate Students!

I hope that you are all looking forward to the upcoming Annual

Meeting in Birmingham. It will be an exciting meeting, especially since we were not able to meet last year. When you register, please make your way over to the Graduate Student table where I will have a "highlights" sheet that will show you program sessions that may be particularly applicable to you. There will be several opportunities to network and meet each other during the conference, including a student reception and breakfast for stu-

dents and new members. I wish you the very best in your studies and your involvement in MSERA.

Most of all, I want you to know how much you are welcomed into the organization! If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me.

Graduate Student Advisory  
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	Professional	Student
Pre-Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2007 Membership:		
2006 Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)	\$60	\$35
Non-Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)	\$90	\$55
On- Site Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2007 Membership		
2006 Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)	\$75	\$50
Non-Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)	\$110	\$75

Amount Enclosed: Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your registration includes a luncheon and reception.**

Do you plan to attend the Wednesday luncheon? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you plan to attend the Thursday reception? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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# 2006 MSERA Annual Meeting Highlights

## Wednesday, November 8

7:30-4:30 PM Registration (Foyer)  
 8:00-4:30 PM Internet Café  
 9:00-4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions  
 12:00-1:30 PM Luncheon (Wynfrey A,B,C)  
 1:40-2:30 PM 2005 Outstanding Papers (Avon)  
 3:40-4:30 PM Mentor Session (Cornwall)  
 4:30-6:00 PM Graduate Student Social (Windsor II)

## Thursday, November 9

7:30-4:50 PM Registration (Foyer)  
 7:30-8:45 AM Graduate Student-New Member Breakfast (Windsor II)  
 8:00-4:50 PM Internet Café  
 9:00-4:50 PM Concurrent Sessions  
 9:00-9:50 AM Mentor Session (Cornwall)  
 12:00-1:30 PM MSER Foundation Luncheon (Hampshire)  
 5:00-6:00 PM Business Meeting (Wynfrey A & B)

6:00-7:30 PM MSERA Reception Riverchase Ballroom  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM Reception (Exhibit Hall)

## Friday, November 10

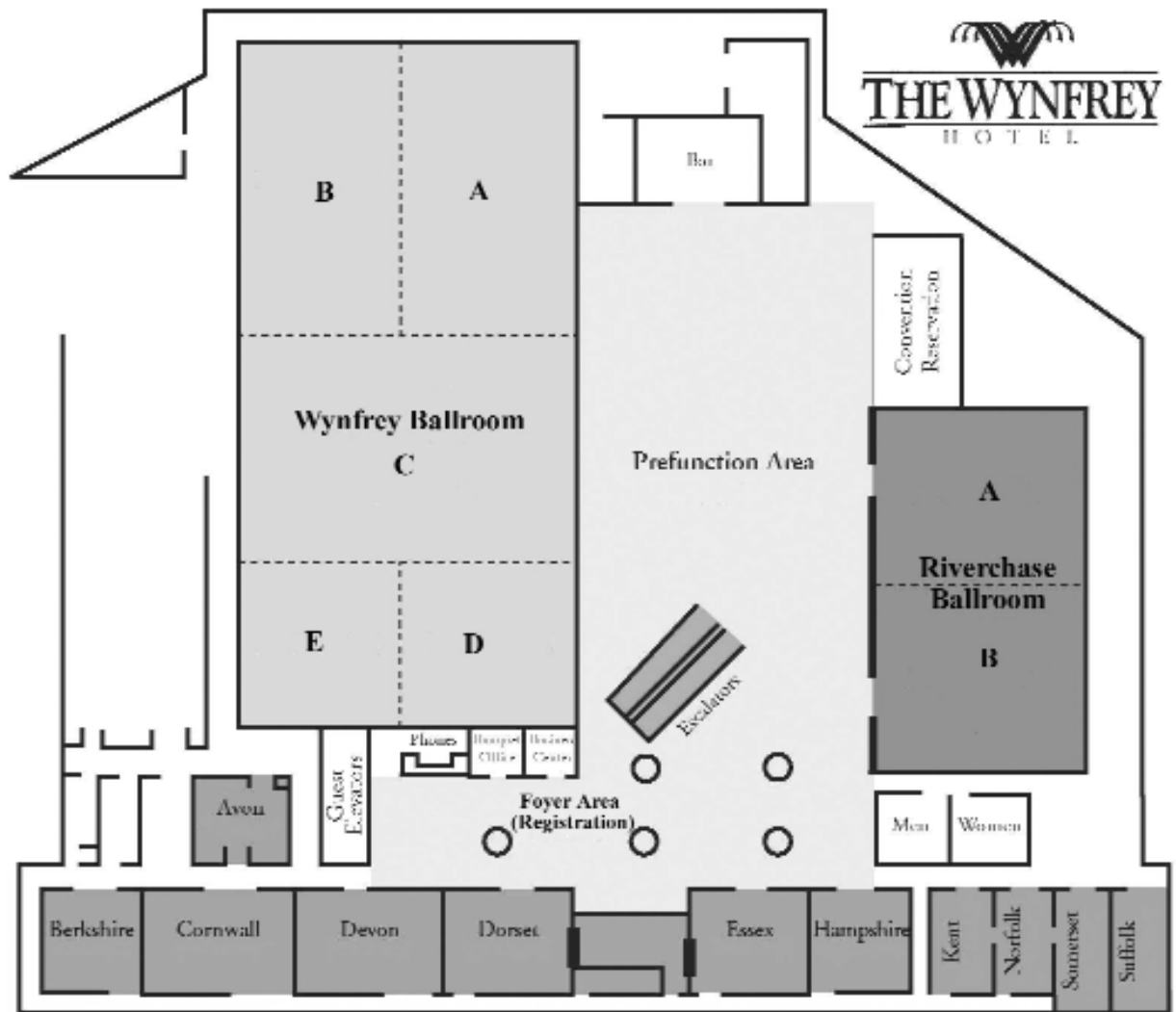
7:30-10:50 AM Registration (Foyer)  
 7:30-8:45 AM Past Presidents' Breakfast (Hampshire)  
 8:00-11:50 AM Concurrent Sessions  
 9:00-9:50 AM 2006 Outstanding Papers (Avon)

## Overview of Concurrent Paper Sessions

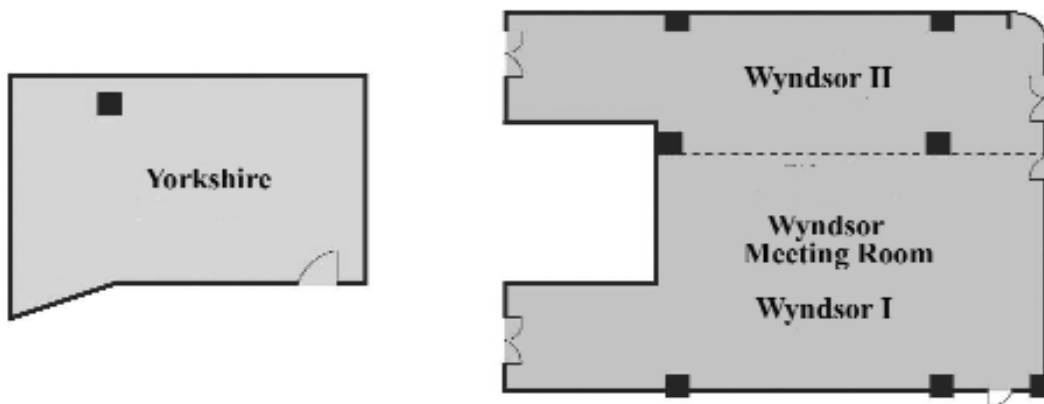
(Discussion sessions unless otherwise noted)

	Avon	Berkshire	Cornwall	Devon	Dorset	Essex	Yorkshire	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00	Early Childhood	Evaluation	Early Childhood	Mathematics Education	Exhibits & Wireless Internet Café	Training	
	10:00	Culture	Community College	Attitudes	Leadership		Higher Education	Training
	11:00	Achievement	Reading	At-Risk Students	Research Methodology		Teacher Education	Training
	12:00	<b>MSERA Member Luncheon</b>					Wynfrey A, B, C	
	1:40	2005 Outstanding Papers	Performance Assessment	Curriculum	Professional Development	Technology	Exhibits & Wireless Internet Café	Training
	2:40	Symposium	Symposium	Achievement	Administration	Higher Education		Training
	3:40	Technology	College Students	Mentor Session	Instruction	Multicultural Education		Training
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00	Teacher Education	School Environment	Mentor Session	Leadership	Technology	Exhibits & Wireless Internet Café	Training
	10:00	At-Risk Students	Symposium	Science Education	Exceptional Children	Higher Education		Training
	11:00	Exceptional Children	Reading	Field Experience	Research Methodology	Teacher Education		Training
	1:00	Leadership	Evaluation	At-Risk Students	Symposium	Technology		Training
	2:00	Curriculum	College Students	Attitudes	Leadership	Higher Education		Training
	3:00	Evaluation/Statistics	Science Education	Achievement	Instruction	Teacher Education		Training
	4:00	Attitudes	Symposium	Education Reform	School Improvement	Statistics		Training
<b>Friday</b>	8:00	Online Learning	Gender Issues	Attitudes	Administration	Leadership	Multicultural Education	Training
	9:00	2006 Outstanding Papers	Symposium	Achievement	Learning	Instruction	Higher Education	Training
	10:00	Student Motivation	Symposium	Culture	Post Secondary Education	Training	Reflective or Critical Thinking	Training
	11:00	Research Methodology	College Students	Education Reform	Policy	Symposium	Parent Involvement	Training

# Meeting Rooms



*Second Level*



*Lobby Level*

# Schedule of Events



Wynfrey Hotel Galleria  
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## 2006 Deadlines:

- Oct. 1 Pre-Registration due to MSERA Executive Director
- Oct. 17 Hotel Reservations at \$115 rate for single/double

**2006 Annual Meeting  
November 8-10  
Wynfrey Hotel Galleria  
Birmingham, Alabama**

**2007 Annual Meeting  
November 7-9  
Austin Hotel  
Hot Springs, Arkansas**

# Birmingham Area



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