

Membership Directory

'03



Upcoming Annual Meeting

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI



Member States:

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Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee**

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Kathy Franklin, 2003 MSERA President

As the long, hot days of summer in the mid-South melt into the somewhat cooler days of autumn, we herald the beginning of MSERA Season. Visions of good friends, interesting presentations, and delightful experiences dance in our heads as we put the final touches on our research presentations. The countdown to Biloxi is under-way!

Gahan Bailey, program chair, is finalizing the 2003 program finding a time slot for approximately 250 presentations representing the work of over 450 members. The annual meeting begins at 7:30am on Wednesday, November 5 with the new member/graduate student breakfast. I encourage you to make your reservation at the Grand Hotel as soon as possible. The deadline to receive the "MSERA" discount is October 12, 2003.

All MSERA committees are working diligently to plan a quality annual meeting. For example, members of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee are preparing mentoring and networking activities for graduate students. A group of MSERA members with over 15 years in the association are planning mentoring activities for newly minted faculty.

The keynote address is scheduled for 5:00pm on Wednesday with Drs. Bill and Caroline Cody as the featured speakers. Pulling from a wealth of educational experience, they plan to discuss the decoupling of policymaking from practice and educational research from dissemination. Bill Cody has 27 years experience related to educational policymaking serving as State Commissioner of Education for Kentucky,



Kathy Franklin

State Superintendent of Education for Louisiana, and Superintendent of Schools in Maryland, Alabama, and North Carolina. On the research side of the discussion, Caroline Cody retired as tenured associate professor in educational administration from the University of New Orleans after 13 years service. During her tenure at UNO, she also served as the Assistant to the Chancellor and Department Chair.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Larry Daniel and Tony Onwuegbuzie are the new editors for Research in the Schools (RIS). They plan to address the members at the business meeting on Thursday evening about the future of our journal. They have also scheduled a workshop during the annual meeting to discuss the mission of the journal, the selection of the editorial board, and guidelines for submitting a manuscript. I wish to thank Larry and Tony for their willingness to devote their time and expertise in continuing the exemplary tradition of RIS.

We are planning a Grand time in Biloxi!

-MSERA President
Kathy Franklin

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www.ms-era.org

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2003 MSERA Annual Meeting Program Update



Gahan Bailey

Tomorrow (July 29) is my big day. I will start building the program for the annual conference. I am nervous, yet excited. I am able to get a good running start because so many of you have been of great help. The reviewers responded quickly and I received many e-mails from volunteers to serve as Session Chairs. I thank you all so very much! I am also grateful to the past program chairs, officers, the local arrangement committee, our current president, and board of directors for their help.

Serving as Program Chair has been the most challenging project that I have undertaken in my professional career. I know that so many people are counting on me; however, when I start feeling anxious I think of all the people within MSERA on whom I can call and who have called me to offer support. I am especially grateful to my colleagues in the College of Education at the University of South Alabama. I am most indebted to my Dean and Department Chair for their support in getting me the greatest Computer Information Systems person to work with me on the electronic submissions. As with any technological revamping, glitches occur, but we worked them out. I received favorable feedback from many regarding the ease of reviewing proposals. I hope to have a session to

demonstrate the technological process of creating the MSERA program. This will include the proposal submissions, reviews, acceptance, and building the program.

I received 251 proposals covering a variety of stimulating topics, thus, the program will be one of rich scholarship. As always, there will be various sessions and activities planned specifically for our wonderful graduate students. I have visited the conference site and am thrilled with the hotel, the conference rooms, and the entire setting. I look forward to seeing you in Biloxi on November 5, 2003. Again, many thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement.

Gahan Bailey,
2003 MSERA Program Chair

ANNOUNCEMENT: Research Mentors available at the 2003 MSERA Annual Meeting

There will be a session at the 2003 MSERA Annual Meeting in Biloxi hosted by the group of MSERA members who have 15+ years of continuous membership. The purpose of this session is to give attendees the opportunity to collaborate with one or more of the long-term MSERA members who have expertise or interest in the research topics that are brought to this session. Those wishing to interact with one or more of these long-term members about a proposed research project, or about a manuscript that is in progress, should plan to attend this session. When the schedule for the 2003 MSERA meeting is available, the time and location for this session will be listed in it. For questions, contact Carolyn Reeves Kazelskis at: carolyn.reeves@usm.edu

Reminder

Your conference registration fee for 2003 includes a complimentary membership for 2004.

Attention:

Members with 15+ years in MSERA.

Please send your name, phone number, and address to

CarolynReeves@usm.edu so that we can compile an official list of people who have achieved this membership status. You will be invited to participate in activities conducted by this subgroup of MSERA.

2003 MSERA Annual Meeting

Biloxi, Mississippi

Biloxi, one of the fastest growing areas in the country, has become an internationally renowned destination resort. The city is the site of twelve casinos, a large regional mall, championship golf courses, historic sites, museums, and pristine white sand beaches. Biloxi offers a variety of attractions from beach and water activities to tours of historical homes. The Tullis Toledo Manor will provide a view of Mississippi Gulf Coast's most unique example of antebellum architecture. The home of the 81st Training wings, Hurricane Hunters, and USAF electronic training center is located at the Keesler Air Force Base. To learn the history of



Grand Theater

Biloxi including several Civil War attractions, take the Biloxi Historical Walking Tour or the Biloxi Train Tour. Gaming at the casinos, parasailing at Beach Bums Parasail, sailing at North Star sailing, dancing at the Wild Coyotes nightclub, or swimming at the Biloxi Natatorium are some of the activities in the area. To see the spectacular world of sea life, enjoy a unique cruise on the Biloxi Shrimping Trip. Biloxi is the home for the Grand Bear, an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course.



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2003 MSERA Annual Meeting

Biloxi, Mississippi



Guests of the Grand Casino hotels receive discounted green fees to experience this spectacular course. To relax away stress and fatigue, treat yourself to the Bellissimo Spa and Salon in the Grand Casino hotel. The city also offers many great restaurants. Brulo's Seafood Company offers a delicious mix of gourmet seafood. At the Marketplace Buffet you can sample foods from around the world. Chopstix features Chinese cuisine in an upscale atmosphere and enjoy the Creamery for the light breakfast items in the expresso bar.

Grand Casino Biloxi

265 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
1-800-354-2450
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Room rates:

King or two doubles: \$107

*Mention MSERA for rate!
October 22 is the deadline
for the special rate.*

Keynote Speakers for 2003 Annual Meeting

Bill Cody

From 1967 to 2000, Dr. Bill Cody served as Superintendent of Schools in North Carolina, Alabama, and Maryland, the State Superintendent of Education for Louisiana, and the State Commissioner of Education for Kentucky. Additionally, during the 1980s and 1990s, he worked as the Director of the Southern Regional Office for The National Faculty of the Humanities, Arts, and Sciences, the Executive Director of the National Education Goals Panel, and the Director of the National Assessment Planning Project for the Council of Chief State School Officers. Dr. Cody served as Coordinator of the Alabama Education Policy Seminar for the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC for ten years.

He began his career as an elementary teacher in Mobile, Alabama during the early 1960s. Over the years, he taught graduate education courses at Peabody College of Vanderbilt, the University of Alabama, Emory University, Atlanta University, and the University of South Alabama. Dr. Cody was a teaching fellow in the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1964.

Dr. Cody has served as a board member or chair of several national or regional organizations to include the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Board, Council of Chief State School Officers, and The Southern Region Education Board.

He is the author of numerous articles in educational journals and publications.

Caroline Cody

Dr. Caroline Cody has established a record of successful personal and institutional proposals funded in excess of seven million dollars from competitive agencies such as NSF, FIPSE, U.S. Department of Education, the Mott Foundation, and the McConnell-Clark Foundation. Additionally, she has assisted others with their proposals as grants officer for non-medical faculty at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

During the 1970s, Caroline designed and implemented successful compensatory reading programs in twenty-six schools in the Birmingham City Schools and consulted throughout the state of Alabama as program staff of the Title III Desegregation Center, University of Alabama. In the 1990s, she served as consultant to New Orleans area Title1 School

Improvement Teams.

Dr. Cody has served as external evaluator for the National Governance Project of the Institute of Educational Leadership, Washington, D.C., as member of external evaluation team for the Urban Systemic Initiative in the New Orleans Public School, and as the external evaluator for the Oracle Help Us Help Foundation project in the New Orleans Public Schools.

She retired as tenured associate professor in educational administration in the Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Foundations, University of New Orleans. Caroline has published in journals, monographs, texts, and yearbooks including those of the National Society for the Study of Education and the Politics of Education Association.

Thank You From The Foundation

Thank you for your support!

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. MSER Foundation Plans for this year include contributing \$1000 to support graduate students and new member activities at the 2003 annual meeting, continuing to supplement the outstanding paper award by \$250, and continuing to support the costs of the MSERA web site, currently in the amount of \$250. Thank you for the contributions that you have made in support of these activities!

If you would like to further support these activities, please consider making a donation when you renew or begin your membership, using the form provided in this issue of the *Researcher*. Donations to the MSER Foundation are fully tax deductible.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Rob Kennedy (rlkennedy@ualr.edu), John Petry (jpetry@memphis.edu), or any other Foundation Board member. Thank you for your support!

Graduate Student Corner



Gail Weems

Hello graduate students! I hope that you submitted your proposals for the 2003 Annual Meeting. It is sure to be a grand meeting on the coast at the Grand Casino Resort and Hotel. When you arrive, be sure to visit the Graduate Student

Information table in the registration area for the latest information about conference activities of special interest to you.

Several of you mentioned an interest in sessions offering tips on researching and writing. Therefore, the first tip I can offer is to begin immediately. Now is the time to write research proposals and submit requests to conduct research to your institution's review board for Fall research projects. My next suggestion is to recruit a colleague. Two heads are always better than one and make it much easier to work

through any problems and stay on task with the project. Therefore, contact people that you met at MSERA last year and discuss possible collaborations. Finally, be sure to make use of the networking room that will be reserved for you in Biloxi to continue making contacts.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me. I look forward to seeing you in November!

Gail Weems
ghweems@memphis.edu

2003 MSERA Annual Meeting Registration

Biloxi, MS • November 5-7, 2003 (Please print or type)

Note: If you are a current member of MSERA, use the pre-printed form you will receive as an email attachment or in the mail. If you are not a current member, use the form below. Your mailing label on this newsletter will show if you are a current 2003 member.

Name: _____

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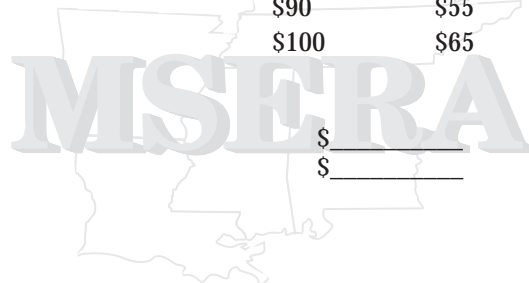
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2003 Meeting Registration and 2004 Membership (circle correct amount)

		Professional	Student
Current Member:	Pre-registration (postmarked by Oct. 17)	\$60	\$35
	On-site Registration	\$65	\$40
Non-member:	Pre-registration	\$90	\$55
	On-site Registration	\$100	\$65
Amount Enclosed:	Registration (enter amount circled)		
\$ _____	MSER Foundation Contribution	\$ _____	
	TOTAL	\$ _____	

Send this form and check to: **MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
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Your participation in MSERA activities is greatly appreciated. Please indicate any activities you would be interested in during the year.

- Annual Meeting Registration Desk. Serves in information center and registers participants at the annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting Session Chair. Presides for a session with 3-4 presentations by opening the session, keeping time, moderating discussion and closing the session.
- Budget Planning and Analysis Committee. Analyzes past budgets.
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Considers and proposes needed changes in the MSERA constitution and bylaws.
- Development Committee. Identifies and solicits sources of financial support.
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- Evaluation Committee. Evaluates the annual meeting.

- Future Site Selection Committee. Recommends future annual meeting sites.
- Graduate Students Advisory Committee. Recommends and conducts activities to encourage graduate student membership and participation.
- Local Arrangements Committee. Serves as liaison for annual meeting and coordinates with local resource people.
- Membership Committee. Recommends and conducts activities to promote MSERA membership.
- Nominations Committee. Selects candidates for the next MSERA election.
- Program Committee. Reviews abstracts submitted for the annual meeting program.
- Publications and Communications Committee. Recommends policy for MSERA publications and communication.

Schedule of Events



Grand Casino Biloxi
1-800-343-2450

Mark Your Calendar!

2003 Deadlines:

- Sept. 15 Bowman Service Award Nominations
- Oct. 1 Proposals for 2006 & 2007 Host Cities
- Oct. 17 Pre-Registration due to MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
- Oct. 22 Hotel Reservations at \$107 rate

2003 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Grand Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi

2004 Annual Meeting
November 17-19
Park Vista Resort Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN

Biloxi Attractions



Biloxi Lighthouse



Father Ryan House



Biloxi Shrimboat

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