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The year was 1972, when a young Walter Mathews called to order the first Mid-South Educational Research Association meeting at the University of Mississippi. The stated purpose of the organization was, "To provide an organization that will promote and encourage utilization of quality research in the region and its application in the schools." Thirty-five years later, the mission is still the same, as it should be; yet, my MSERA experiences have taken me far beyond the mission and have had other great impacts on my life: people, places, and memories.

I attended my first MSERA Conference in 1994 in Nashville. I was a tenderfoot graduate student at The University of Southern Mississippi. Before I knew it, I was writing a research proposal, submitting it to MSERA (paper submission only), and riding on a USM van with professors and other graduate students. I was excited, nervous, and anxious; for, I was presenting my first research in front of professors who I held, and hold, in such high regard. We were doing a symposium and some how I was assigned the Statistics part; surely this was a mistake, but it was not. Thanks a lot Dr. Kazelskis! I got through it reasonably well; no one laughed, I sighed in relief and was then so moved as the participants applauded. I knew right then this was the organization for me. I haven't missed a conference since.

During the meeting, I was able to network and meet people. It was not difficult to leave my comfort zone because my professors spent time introducing me, and the MSERA members were gracious in introducing themselves. I remember shaking



Gahan Bailey

hands with Dr. Gerald Halpin from Auburn. I had heard so much about him and his wonderful wife Glennelle; I was in awe. Dr. Halpin's words are still with me today. He said, "You sure know how to work a room." Well of course, I was job hunting! In 1998, Dr. Halpin called me at my new home at The University of South Alabama and asked me to fill a vacant seat on the MSERA Board. I couldn't believe it. I was thrilled. Thank you, Gerald. I guess it pays to know how to work a room!

Two, of many, research memories stay with me. One, I remember when the Auburn folks made a presentation which focused on the Myers Briggs Instrument. The crowd was out the door; thus, a testament to the excellent research as well as the respect they had as researchers. A second remembrance is when I presided over a session on qualitative and quantitative research (statistics again, and Dr. Kazelskis was in the room). Could qualitative research also be quantitative research? A very lively session! Invigorating!

Beyond the research part of our mission, there are many other examples of why I believe MSERA has been one of the best parts of my higher edu-

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cation career. The 1998 Conference at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans is one never to forget. About 3:00 in the morning, the fire alarm went off, lights were flashing, and the recorded announcement to evacuate and not use the elevator was blasting. After walking down 14 flights of stairs and reaching the lobby I found a sight to behold! Intelligent scholars in their sleepwear and bad hair. I won't reveal who was wearing what, but I do agree with Dr. Daniel that pajama pants and tee shirts are comfortable.

This story is not just about me. It is about us: MSERA members, colleagues, and life-long friends. MSERA is a place to share our research, learn from one another, and question ourselves as scholars. I have attended many sessions on technology which has now prompted me to put my first class on line. I have learned about various research instruments and have been challenged in how I look at my data and the inferences I make. I have become a better researcher and scholar; but my life has also been enhanced a hundred times, because of the people I have met, the places I have been, and the experiences I have had.

Many of you share the same memories and have your own stories to tell. Let's meet in Birmingham and share our research and our work, but also the wonderful MSERA tales that have come from beyond the mission first stated in 1972. MSERA will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary in 2006. The dues have gone from \$2.00 to \$25.00, an insignificant increase to increase our significant mission. We have new faces around the board table who are enthusiastic about continuing the mission, as well as going beyond. When you see our Founding Father of MSERA in November, please give him a hug and thank him for establishing this wonderful organization where we share our research, our professional endeavors, and our friendships. Overlook the little gray he may have around his temples; for when you are an MSERA member, you are forever young and the memories just keep getting better.

-Gahan Bailey
MSERA 2006 President

Program Update for 2006 Annual Meeting

This year's conference program is shaping up to be the best ever. With a wide variety of strands and topics, the MSERA 2006 sessions will benefit individuals interested in educational research in elementary and secondary schools and in institutions of higher learning. Please consider serving as a Session Chair at the Annual Meeting. This an excellent way for any member to participate in the Annual Meeting and is an excellent way to provide service to MSERA. Graduate student members are especially encouraged to serve in this capacity. A Session Chair introduces each session participant, informs participants of time limits and monitors the time of presentations, collects copies of the papers for the MSERA Archives and may facilitate discussion in the session. Any member interested in serving as a Session Chair should provide the following information to the Program Chair:

- Name
- Mailing address
- e-mail address

Information should be e-mailed to Donna Herring, MSERA Program Chair, at dherring@jsu.edu

See you in Birmingham!



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Things to Do in Birmingham, Alabama



Shopping

Birmingham has many shopping destinations including the huge **Riverchase Galleria**, which is the largest enclosed shopping mall in the South. **Riverchase Galleria** has department stores and an additional 200 specialty shops, restaurants, and a fast-food court. Adjoining the Galleria is the elegant **Wynfrey Hotel**, with 329 rooms and three restaurants. Other major malls include: **The Summit**, one of the newest shopping malls in Birmingham, **Colonial Brookwood Village**, and for distinctive outlet shopping with over 30 stores, visit **WaterMark Place**. Birmingham is a great place to indulge a sense of style and a nose for bargains.

Antique malls and “other than ordinary” shopping are further choices for your shopping enjoyment in the Birmingham area. Stores specialize in everything from furniture and accessories to jewelry, books, clothing, paintings, china and other collectibles -- American, French, English and Oriental -- of all periods.

Nightlife

From great restaurants to exciting night spots, Birmingham offers plenty to entertain visitors. **The Comedy Club** at the Stardome in Hoover brings in nationally known comedians for nights of terrific fun. There are country music clubs such as **Midnight Rodeo**, rock clubs such as **The Nick** and **5 Points South Music Hall**, as well as jazz clubs like the legendary **22nd Street Jazz & Blues Café**.

Sports fans can visit **The Original Steakhouse & Sports Theatre** where you can feast upon hand selected, aged beef cut fresh daily by professional, in-house butchers while enjoying their one of a kind Sports Theatre surrounded by 6 by 8 foot TV's.



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Birmingham, Alabama

Recreation

Whether you are a spectator or a weekend athlete, the city offers just about any form of recreation you could want, from softball to tennis to biking or hiking. The area is famous for its natural beauty, which makes Birmingham ideal for such outdoors pursuits as mountain biking, camping, and hiking.

Off dry land, you can go swimming, canoeing, fishing, boating, and waterskiing on one of the metro areas many lakes and rivers.

Rickwood Caverns in western Blount County contains some of the most massive and fascinating underground formations in the state. **Moss Rock Preserve** is a beautiful 250 acre nature preserve with trees, plants, rock outcroppings, streams, waterfalls, wildlife and other unique natural features coupled with nearly 10 miles of hiking footpaths. **Air Alabama** offers hot air balloon flights.

Golf is very popular here, and the mild climate turns it into a game you can play most of the year. Birmingham is famous for its beautifully designed golf courses. The state is also home to **Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail**, a collection of courses created by the world-famous course designer. The trail has become a major spot on the itineraries of golf tourists.

If more cultural entertainment is what you are seeking, Birmingham offers wonderful museums. **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute** captures the spirit and drama of the countless individuals – both well known and unsung – who dared to confront racial discrimination and bigotry. Also, **The Birmingham Museum of Art** is the largest municipal museum in the Southeast and one of the finest regional museums in the country.

Other key sites to see in Birmingham include; **Vulcan Park**, home of the world's largest cast iron statue, and **Rickwood Field**, America's oldest standing baseball park.



Wynfrey Hotel Galleria

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Single/Double \$115 + tax
Club Level \$145 + tax

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Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Pamela Broadston and Sherry Shaw

Hello Graduate Students (and Faculty Research Mentors)!

As you make plans to attend the Annual Meeting in Birmingham, we hope you will con-

sider submitting a proposal to present your research projects in a session at the Annual Meeting called Research in Progress (RIP). This session will allow you to discuss your research interests, plans, and progress with seasoned researchers who can provide you with suggestions and feedback. Proposals will be considered across all stages of project development, so even if you haven't collected data yet, this is a great venue to receive feedback.

HOW TO SUBMIT A RIP PROPOSAL

Please watch the MSERA website for directions about submitting your proposal once the call for proposals becomes available OR submit

your proposal directly to us at the email addresses below (please include both email addresses). You will be required to send: 1) an abstract (300 word max) of your research proposal, and 2) a memo of support from your advisor or sponsoring faculty member.

We hope you will be joining us in Birmingham!

Your Graduate Student Advisory Committee Co-Chairs Pamela Broadston (pmbroadston@ualr.edu) Sherry Shaw (slshaw@ualr.edu)

2006 MSERA Annual Meeting Registration

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Name: _____

Institution: _____

Preferred Mailing Address:

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Work _____ Home _____ Fax _____

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Directions: Circle one category below based on your membership status and time of remittance.

	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	\$ _____	
MSER Foundation Contribution	\$ _____	
Total	\$ _____	

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

New MSERA Member _____ Yes _____ No AERA member _____ Yes _____ No

Have you been a member of MSERA for at least 15 years? If so, please check here: _____

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Schedule of Events



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Mark Your Calendar!

2006 Deadlines:

- Sept. 14 Bowman Service Award Nominations
- Oct. 9 Pre-Registration due to MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
- Oct. 17 Hotel Reservations at \$115 rate

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November 8-10
Wynfrey Hotel Galleria
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2007 Annual Meeting
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Birmingham Attractions



Birmingham Civil Rights Museum



Rickwood Field



Vulcan Park

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