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Upcoming Annual Meeting

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS



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**Alabama, Arkansas,
Kentucky, Louisiana,
Mississippi, Tennessee**

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MSERA and Practice

Bill Spencer, 2007 MSERA President



Bill Spencer

I am very excited about our upcoming conference in Hot Springs and am looking forward to seeing all of you again this fall. At the spring board meeting, we had a very good session working on several major issues that have been ongoing concerns in MSERA. I am pleased to report that things are looking good as we have a very strong group of officers and board members who are dedicated to the organization's welfare.

One of the conference themes this year is the relationship between the public K-12 system and the research activities of the Post-Secondary institutions. In Education, the researchers and the practitioners have a mutual role in strengthening the other. Researchers who design and carry out activities without regard to the practitioner field are not likely to produce research that will really matter and practitioners who operate without regard to consulting the ongoing research are not likely to be effective. It is the symbiotic relationship which strengthens us all and this is something I hope we can highlight at this year's conference. Gail Hughes, our program chair, hopes to have several practitioner oriented sessions which can be of benefit not only to established researchers but also to new members of MSERA who are just beginning their careers in professional education. We all take great pride in being a supportive audience for those just presenting their first papers at a professional conference and I know this year will be a continuation of that tradition.

As you know, we finally got our proposal submission site up and running and this is a great step forward towards having a more stable process

for conducting one of the organization's most important functions. Thanks not only to Cliff, but also to Gail and Linda, our program cochairs, for all their work. In this an other ways, we have begun structuring committees and other responsibilities to allow both for continuity as well as the induction of new members who are willing to support MSERA and help it grow.

It also looks like we are beginning to get back on track with the Future Site Selection Committee thanks to Susan Santoli and Patrick Kariuki as well as Randy Parker. The Board voted to designate Louisiana as the state having priority for 2009 and all indications are that proposals for that year are coming in for consideration. The following year is an open year so if you'd like to develop a proposal, please contact Susan or Patrick and they can help you put together a proposal that the Board would consider at its next meeting just before the conference starts.

So, let's look forward to our meeting in Hot Springs and to an exciting time both professionally and personally. See you there!

-William Spencer
MSERA 2007 President

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Program Update for 2007 Annual Meeting

I would like to begin by thanking all the members for your patience as we waited for our new online submission system to be completed. In the meantime, I have had numerous email inquiries about submitting papers; so I am confident that we will have the wonderful selection of sessions at the 2007 Annual Meeting that we have come to expect from MSERA.

If you have not yet volunteered, serving as a session chair is an excellent way for any member to participate in the Annual Meeting. Graduate student members are especially encouraged to serve in this capacity. A Session Chair introduces each presenter; informs presenters of time limits; and facilitates discussion. Any member interested in serving as a Session Chair, should email their name, institution, and email address to the Program Chair, Dr. Gail D. Hughes at gdhughes@ualr.edu. Thank you for your participation.

Program Chair Notes

Proposal submissions are in and it looks like it will be another great meeting this year in Hot Springs. The presentations will span a variety of topics and graduate students will enjoy the first ever session on Research in Progress. The organization is indebted to Cliff Hofwolt, our Executive Director, for overseeing the development of our new online submission program that we can enjoy for many years to come. We would also like thank everyone for submitting proposals, reviewing proposals, and volunteering to preside at the annual meeting. Come enjoy what the organization has to offer this year in Hot Springs.

See you in Hot Springs!



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Things to Do in Hot Springs, Arkansas



Hot Springs sets the pace with a wealth of Arkansas attractions, fun activities and year round outdoor adventures for all ages and interests. Tourists and Arkansas residents alike will find lots of fun things to do in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Popular activities include taking relaxed nature walks in Garvan Woodland botanical gardens or heart-pumping theme park rides at Magic Springs, thoroughbred horse racing at Oaklawn Park, finding quartz crystals, visiting museums, and so much more.



Outdoor Recreation & Water Sports - Bring your energy outside to play all year long: fresh mountain air, beautiful clear lakes for fishing and water sports, championship golf courses and four fantastic seasons.



Thermal Baths & Day Spas - Nature's geological wonders are here: find natural hot and cold mineral springs, tour historic bath houses and visitors center, and indulge in modern full-service spa treatments.



Hot Springs Art Galleries - Celebrate the internationally renowned fine arts community in historic Hot Springs at galleries and studios located in beautifully restored Victorian buildings in the downtown area.



2007 MSERA Annual Meeting

Hot Springs, Arkansas

National Landmarks - Explore the magical Native American spirit center, a world-famous thermal water healing destination, romantic spa and gambling resort, famed bath house row, the mystical mountains of Hot Springs National Park, classic hotels, faithfully restored architectural treasures.

Hot Springs Nightlife - For sparkling evenings, laughing nights enjoy night clubs, live music, family entertainment, international cuisine, river boat dining, romantic walks along the Promenade.

Gift Shopping - The shopping Mecca in Southeast Arkansas features specialty boutiques, shopping malls, art galleries, quartz crystal rock shops and Arkansas antique stores.

Arkansas Antiquing - World class antique and collectibles destination: one of a kind discoveries and treasured collectables selected by Hot Springs refined antique vendors.

Virtual Tour - Enjoy a 360 degree virtual tour of Hot Springs! See panoramic pictures of Downtown Hot Springs & Bathhouse Row, Summit Arena & Convention Center, Magic Springs, Mid-America Museum, The Lakes, Oaklawn Jockey Club and Garvan Woodland Gardens.



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Hot Springs, AR 71901-5445
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www.theaustinhotel.com

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Triple \$65 + tax
Quad \$70 + tax
(Oct 6 deadline)

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For more information, visit the web at <http://www.hotsprings.org>

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 student research through RIP at the 2007 annual meeting, continuing to supplement the outstanding paper award by \$250, and continuing to support the costs of the MSERA web site, up to \$250, if requested by David Morse, webmaster. 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 the membership 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@uams.edu), Cliff Hofwolt (clifford.hofwolt@vanderbilt.edu), or any other Foundation Board member. Thank you for your support!

We are particularly appreciative of the following MSERA members who contributed to MSERF during 2006:

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Annual Meeting
Preregistration
Deadline Oct. 1

Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Sherry Shaw

Hello, Graduate Students!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, AR. Please plan to attend the student reception and breakfast that will be provided in your honor. Taking the opportunity to meet other students and MSERA members will be time well-spent and door prizes will be plentiful. We have received several proposals from students to present their "Research in Progress (RIP)" at the meeting, so you will definitely want to add this session to your schedule. As you may have

already heard, the MSER Foundation generously contributed \$1,000.00 toward supporting those students who are selected to present their RIP. If you are interested in assisting during our activities at the Annual Meeting, please let us know. See you in beautiful Hot Springs!

Sherry Shaw, University of North Florida
Michelle Haj-Broussard, McNeese University
Graduate Student Advisory Committee,
Co-Chairs

2007 MSERA Annual Meeting Registration Form

Hot Springs, AR • November 7-9, 2007 (Please print or type)

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____ Work _____ Home _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Work _____ Home _____ Fax _____

E-mail: _____

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

	Professional	Student
Pre-Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2008 Membership:		
2007 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 2008 Membership		
2007 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: _____

Year you joined MSERA _____

Make check payable to MSERA, and mail this form and check to:
Cliff Hofwolt, Executive Director
Box 330, Peabody College
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN 37203

Schedule of Events



Austin Hotel
1-877-623-6697

Mark Your Calendar!

2007 Deadlines:

- Aug. 1 2009 and 2010 Site Proposals
- Sept. 14 Bowman Service Award Nominations
- Oct. 1 Annual Meeting Preregistration Deadline
- Oct. 6 Austin Hotel Reservation at \$62 rate

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

2008 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Knoxville, Tennessee

Hot Springs Attractions



Hot Springs Convention Center



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