

Membership Directory '08



Upcoming Annual Meeting

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



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MSERA-Service and Support

Randy Parker, 2008 MSERA President



Randy Parker

In just a few short weeks we will gather in Knoxville for our Annual Meeting. In reflecting on our association, I am reminded of two constants of MSERA – our spirit of service and our sense of support for each other. First, we have a rich tradition of working together for the advancement of our association. From elected officers and board members to committee members and the general membership, our members step forward to serve with distinction and dedication. I am especially grateful to all of you who have served as program reviewers and as reviewers for the association awards. A special thanks to Linda Kondick, our Program Chair, her co-chair Julie Holmes, and Cliff Hofwolt, our Executive Director, for their leadership and dedication in guiding the development of this year's program. Chris Skinner and Gary Skolits, our 2008 local arrangements co-chairs, have worked tirelessly to arrange an excellent venue for our meeting. Many of you have served on committees or reviewed materials and still others of you will step forward in Knoxville to preside, assist with registration and evaluation, and in other ways ensure a productive and successful meeting. Our strength is in the willingness and commitment of our members who see a need and then step forward to advance the goals of our association. Thanks to all of you for your service and commitment to MSERA.

person in the audience who had made eye contact with you and who had given you a sense of assurance, asked a question in such a supportive way that you felt empowered and accepted. I remember him and thank him for welcoming and supporting an unknown graduate student. This is the heritage of our rich supportive and collaborative relationship. As you join us in Knoxville, remember those who have taken the opportunity to assist and welcome you (and thank them if you get the chance). I would also charge each of you to take the opportunity to empower and welcome new members and graduate students, for in so doing, you honor our traditions and serve to enrich our association.

In closing, I would remind you to vote before you get to Knoxville. In a democracy, we get the government we deserve – so be sure that your voice is heard. The join us at the Crowne-Plaza in Knoxville for Paper, Display, Training, Research in Progress and Mentor Sessions; Symposia, an outstanding Keynote Address, Collaborating with Old Friends and a chance to make New Ones. We have much to experience together and I look forward to seeing you in November.

Randy Parker
MSERA 2008 President

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A second constant of MSERA is our rich tradition of being an inviting, friendly association where we welcome newcomers and build supportive relationships. Like many of you, my first professional presentation was at MSERA. Like me, perhaps you recall the anxiety and excitement of your first presentation, and, like me, recall that awkward moment when the presentation was over at it was time for questions. Then, as was my experience at MSERA, the

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**The Mid-South
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Program Update for 2008 Annual Meeting

The program for a great 2008 MSERA Annual Meeting is rapidly coming together. Thanks to all the researchers, authors, and presenters for submitting a fine slate of proposals. Thanks also to the many members who have volunteered their services as reviewers and session presiders. The online submission program ran smoothly, thanks to the effort Cliff Hofwolt put into developing this essential management tool. Our Local arrangements co-chairs are working diligently to insure your comfort and ease of access to all our program has to offer. Plan to join with us in November as we share our professional interests, make new contacts, and renew old friendships at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville.

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 2008 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 2007:

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Keynote Speaker for 2008 Annual Meeting

We are pleased to have Dr. Paula Myrick Short, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, as our Keynote Speaker in conjunction with our MSERA Member Luncheon on Wednesday. As Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Short has major system-wide responsibilities including approval of new academic programs and supervision of initiatives in strategic planning, institutional effectiveness, student learning, program coordination, transfer, and articulation. She provides leadership and support for the Regents' Online Degree Program, Institutional Assessment and Research, P-16 Council, and for faculty development.

Prior to coming to the Board of Regents, Dr. Short served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of Missouri System. While at Missouri, she provided leadership to initiate the University of Missouri New Faculty Teaching Scholars Program, the Campus Mediation Service, the University of Missouri Consortium for Educational Policy Analysis, and the Statewide Ed.D. in Educational Leadership-- a collaborative among the University of Missouri-Columbia and five other Missouri universities. Dr. Short was a tenured professor and former Department Chair in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University of Missouri-Columbia, a program chair and associate professor in educational administration at The Pennsylvania State University and she was associate professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Educational Leadership, Foundations, and Technology at Auburn University. She currently is a tenured professor at Tennessee State University. She also taught and held administrative positions in the North Carolina public schools including the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Short received her Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision in the Department of Organizational Development and Institutional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983. Her areas of emphasis included organizational leadership/management and organizational change. A nationally recognized scholar and researcher in the field of educational administration, Dr. Short was chosen as the recipient of the 1993 Jack A. Culbertson Award, given nationally by the University Council for Educational Administration to the outstanding professor of educational administration who, within the first ten years in the professorship, made distinguished contributions in research.

She has published over 75 scholarly articles and 14 books, book chapters, monographs, and technical reports. She has also made over 112 national and international scholarly presentations. Short has served as editor of one of the top refereed journals in educational administration and on the editorial board of several others. She has mentored and graduated 22 doctoral students some of whom are professors in academe. Dr. Short has also won three teaching awards from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She conducts leadership training nationally and has served as a consultant to numerous universities across the nation. Dr. Short has been president of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, the Southern Regional Council on Education Administration and the University Council for Educational Administration, a consortium of 60 research universities in the US and Canada that prepare educational leaders and served as a member of the Washington-based National Policy Board for Educational Administration.



Dr. Paula Myrick Short, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents

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King or Queen \$102 + tax
(Oct 3 deadline)

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Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston

Hello, Graduate Students!

Graduate students: You still have time, if you are working on a research project and have hit a snag or if you would like some constructive feedback on your research, please consider sub-

mitting your work for our "Research in Progress" sessions. For some examples of sessions from last year, search for "Research in Progress" on last year's program. http://www.msera.org/download/2007_program.pdf

To submit your work you need to go to the following site. <http://www.msera.org/call.htm> The submission software should be on-line by the time this column is published. You will also need to have an MSERA member send a letter of support of your project to me (via fax or e-mail).

I look forward to seeing you all in Knoxville and

if you have any questions about the RIP submissions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

MSERA members: The graduate student area will also house three jobs binders. We will have a binder for "Curriculum and Instruction", "Leadership and Research" and a "Technology and Other". If you have a job vacancy at your university, please bring a flyer to place in our jobs binders.

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2008 MSERA Annual Meeting Registration Form

Knoxville, TN • November 5-7, 2008 (Please print or type)

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____ Work _____ Home _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

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

Pre-Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2009 Membership:

2008 Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)

Non-Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)

Professional Student

\$60

\$35

\$90

\$55

On- Site Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2009 Membership

2008 Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)

Non-Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)

\$75

\$50

\$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

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Schedule of Events



Crowne Plaza
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Mark Your Calendar!

2008 Deadlines:

- Sept 15 Bowman Service Award Nominations
- Oct. 1 Annual Meeting Preregistration Deadline
- Oct. 3 Crowne Plaza Hotel Rate

2008 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Crowne Plaza
Knoxville, Tennessee

2009 Annual Meeting
November 4-6
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Knoxville Attractions



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