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“Oh the Places You’ll Go with Research in Tow”



Dana Thames

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Several years ago, actually it was more like twenty, I was fortunate to have a proposal accepted at the Mid-South Educational Research Association Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. It would be the first of many professional meetings held in November where I would religiously plan to present, learn, and share in the camaraderie and fellowship of others interested in educational research. This venue has provided hundreds of researchers like me with a lifetime of support from colleagues across the country who discuss and answer questions related to professional research, share the findings of their studies as well as information related to quality programs and outcomes, and provide pertinent educational information for the support and promotion of quality education for all.

As we continue to strive in our efforts to strengthen our educational programs through quality research studies, the Mid-South Educational Research Association continues to play a vital role in the future of education. Research endeavors presented at the organization’s annual meeting are disseminated in the Annual Proceedings. The information in the Annual Proceedings can also be secured in full paper form via our Archives/Paper Repository by anyone at anytime. MSERA supports doctoral students’ research efforts, in order to strengthen the research information available to all. Thus, MSERA continues to endeavor to do its part through sharing quality research and supporting research initiatives for the improvement of education. These efforts are immeasurable when we as an organization “see what everybody else has seen and think what no one else has thought.” Collectively, we have continued to bring about and support change for all to ensure a strong educational programs at all levels of education.

This year’s conference already proves to be following in the footsteps of those that have come before in that it will be filled with outstanding presentations that You as members and supporters submit, keynote speakers who embrace educational research as the future for academic change, a new strand of presentations through “Second-Life,” a presentation by the “Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award” recipient (so Doctoral Students – get those submissions in, pronto), Poster Sessions, and Graduate Students’ Research in Progress, to mention a few of the activities you have awaiting you!

It is the hope of the organization’s leaders that as you participate in this year’s meeting, whether by making a presentation, renewing your membership, attending to support a colleague, or engaging in renewal and rejuvenation, you too will find the acceptance, fellowship, and camaraderie that the Founding Researchers’ of MSERA had hoped would be the longstanding reputation for this organization. We look forward to seeing each of you in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in November 2009 for “Research Lagniappe” and fellowship.

Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what no body else has thought” –Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

Warm regards from MSERA,
Dana G. Thames, President

(My apologies to Dr. Seuss for abusing his title)

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MSERA Website
www.msera.org

The Mid-South Educational Researcher

Co-Editors: Mary Jane Bradley
and Lynn Howerton

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2009 MSERA Leadership

2009 Board of Directors

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Local Arrangements for 2010 (Mobile): Gahan Bailey and Eddie Shaw, University of South Alabama

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MSERA Mentors: Linda Morse, Mississippi State University

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Walter Mathews Historical Contributions Award; Richard Kazelskis, University of South Mississippi

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40th Anniversary Celebration/Conference; Walt Mathews Evaluation Association of New York

John Slate *Jane Nell Luster* *Judy Boser* *Harry Bowman* *Larry Daniel* *Lynn Howerton* *Mary Jane Bradley* *Bill Spencer* *Walter Mathews*



Rob Kennedy *Linda Morse* *John Petry* *David Morse* *Anthony Onwuegbuzie* *Rebecca Robichaux* *Charles Notar* *Paige Baggett* *Patrick Kariuki*



2009 Annual Meeting at Baton Rouge



Baton Rouge offers a rich multicultural experience, engaging history and exciting entertainment to fit all its many visitors' taste. It is considered the major hub for all things in Louisiana and completely epitomizes the natural beauty that makes the state so unique. From its modern shopping to Cajun cuisine to its swampland ecology, you will find this and more to feast upon for your eyes, ears, mouth and soul.

Main Street Market is one of the many opportunities to experience the town in a comfortable atmosphere. There, you will find an assortment of Louisiana-made art, crafts and gifts plus fresh produce and Cajun fresh-baked goods or food. A sight to behold is the 150-year old St. Joseph's Cathedral with its towering steeple and stained glass windows. Decide for yourself if the Old State Capitol building is, "the ugliest thing on the Mississippi", as Mark Twain so eloquently put. Enjoy a panoramic view of Baton Rouge from the Louisiana State Capitol, the tallest state capitol building in the United States. If that fascinates you, check out the U.S.S. Kidd, a restored WWII destroyer, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum, Beauregard Town, the Old Governor's Mansion or tour the LSU campus.



2009 Annual Meeting at Baton Rouge

Experience the native flora and fauna by booking an eco-swamp tour with Alligator Bayou Wilderness Adventure. Their knowledgeable tour guides will educate you on local ecology as well as discussing over 300 years of Cajun culture. To sample the local cuisine, try Boutin's Cajun Restaurant, Ralph & Kacoo's, Jambalaya Shoppe or Louisiana Lagniappe. Expect delicious Cajun cuisine, Zydeco music and dancing as you experience the nightlife of Baton Rouge. Please visit www.visitbatonrouge.com and use "Trip Planner" to select the sites and attractions for your maximum enjoyment.



Research in Progress

Supported by MSERA and MSERF

Research in Progress, a new initiative of the ***Mid-South Educational Research Association***, serves as a graduate student research forum, held during the MSERA annual meeting, and offers an opportunity for students to present research projects at virtually any stage of development. These presentations take place in a supportive environment where constructive suggestions and ideas for the continuation and completion of the project are discussed. Last year's conference, hosted two sessions of ***Research in Progress***, both of which were well attended. Faculty members are encouraged to suggest this avenue of research presentation to students participating in on-going research or research near completion.

The ***Mid-South Educational Research Foundation (MSERF)*** provides partial funding for students who have applied to and been accepted for presentations for the ***Research in Progress*** sessions, and who are subsequently selected by the ***Foundation*** to receive this support. The ***Foundation*** uses contributions to support this as well as other activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association. The ***Foundation*** itself is a nonprofit organization designed to support and promote the activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association. MSERA members are encouraged to support MSERF with their tax deductible donations.

Robert L. Kennedy, Chair, MSERF

MSERA 2009 Spring Board Meeting Scrapbook



Call for Nominees for Harry L. Bowman Service Award

The Bowman Service Award was created in 1992 to honor Harry Bowman, who has served MSERA as president, executive secretary, chair of constitution and bylaws committee, and in other ways too numerous to mention. The Bowman Service Award is made at the annual meeting of MSERA, in November. The recipient is honored with a plaque at the business meeting (Thursday evening). The award has been used to honor persons who are notable for their significant and continuing contributions to the organization. Nominations for the 2009 award must be postmarked by September 15, 2009. Any MSERA member may submit a nomination for this award.

Nominations for the Bowman Service Award should be sent to:

Judy Boser , Chair
Bowman Service Award
A311 Bailey Education Complex
Knoxville ,TN 37996-3433
(865) 974-2137 (voice)
(865) 974-6848 (fax)

Call for Nominees for Walter M. Mathews Historical Contribution Award

The Walter M. Mathews Historical Contributions Award was created by the MSERA Board of Directors in 1999. This award was developed for the purpose of recognizing contributions that have led to MSERA's present status. The award is named for the founder of MSERA (see MSERA history). Walter Mathews was the first recipient of the award in 2000.

Please send by September 15, 2009 nominations for deserving contributors to MSERA to:

Richard Kazelskis , Chair
Mathews Historical Contributions Award
106 Candlewick Road
Hattiesburg ,MS 39402
(601) 264-2328 (voice)

Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston

Dear MSERA Graduate Students and New Members,

I hope your year is going well. We are looking forward to having a lot of graduate students and new members at MSERA

2009. Last year we had nearly 60 graduate students/new members. Of those students 50 signed up for our email list and nearly half signed up for the job list.

We just recently created the email list and sent out our first email asking our graduate students and new members what we can do to make MSERA 2009 great for them. We feel that last year's job list was helpful for both job seekers and university members looking for faculty. We are planning on expanding that list. Also, we will, of course, have the graduate student/new member social and breakfast again at

MSERA along with the Research in Progress sessions.

We hope to see you all in Baton Rouge on November 4-6 (save the dates on your calendars).

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2009 MSERA Membership Form *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

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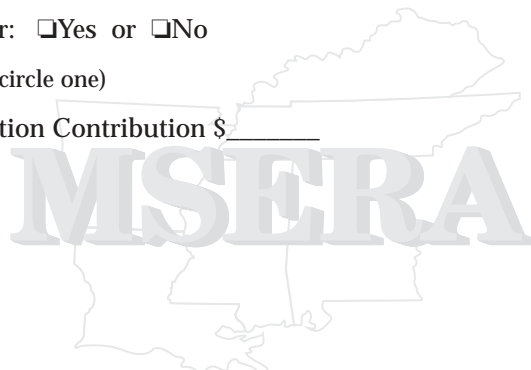
MSERA Membership: Renewal or New AERA Member: Yes or No

Have you been a member of MSERA for at least 15 years? Yes No (circle one)

Dues: Professional (\$25) or Student (\$15) MSER Foundation Contribution \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____ *(Make check payable to MSERA.)*

Send this form and check to: **Cliff Hofwolt**
Executive Director
230 Appleton Place, #230
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN 37203



IMPORTANT NOTE: If your mailing label has a 2009 at the top, you are a current member. If your mailing label has a 2008, you will need to complete the membership form to keep your membership current, otherwise, this is the last publication you will receive. The registration fee for the Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN, November 5-7, 2008 included your dues for 2009.

Your participation in MSERA activities is greatly appreciated. Please indicate any activities you would like to do 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.*
- Distinguished Awards Selection Committee. *Reviews papers submitted for the outstanding paper award and the distinguished dissertation/thesis award.*
- 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.*

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Schedule of Events

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2009 Deadlines:

- June 15 Paper Proposal Submission (online only)
- June 15 Outstanding Paper Submission
- June 15 Distinguished Thesis/Dissertation Submission
- July 1 Board of Director & Officer Nominations
- Sept 15 Harry Bowman and Walt Mathews Awards



2009 Annual Meeting
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2009 Annual Meeting
November 4-6, 2009
Hilton Hotel-Downtown
Baton Rouge, LA

2010 Annual Meeting
November 3-5, 2010
Riverview Plaza and Battle
House Hotels
Mobile, AL

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