

# Membership Directory **409** Upcoming Annual Meeting



## BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

**Upcoming 40th Anniversary  
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# Baton Rouge with Lagniappe



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|                                |   |
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| <i>MSERA Proceedings</i>       | John Petry<br>University of Memphis   |
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| <i>MSERA Web Page</i>          | David Morse<br>Mississippi State University   |

This year's meeting in Baton Rouge provides me with the opportunity to return home in several ways. First, it is the place where I completed my Graduate Degree, Louisiana State University. Second, it is the place where I lived for ten years and worked at Southeastern Louisiana University. Finally, it is the place where I was first introduced to MSERA, ah – fond memories. All three opportunities served me well in terms of professional development, research opportunities and the building and making of lasting friendships. It is my personal hope that you too have such fond memories of MSERA and its Annual Meetings and that you will "Return Home," once again to participate in the renewal and rejuvenation of friendships and professional development at this year's conference.

This year's upcoming conference in Baton Rouge provides a venue for networking and learning that exceeds the mind's expectations and one's personal imagination. Participants have the luxury to hold personal or professional conversations within view of this historical site and within the view of the lazy Mississippi River as evidenced by its slow moving current. Research ideas may be generated, developed, and concluded as groups lounge in numerous venues afforded in the downtown location. Coffee shops on the corners, roof top views of the downtown area and the river provide opportunities for work, food, fellowship and fun. How often are we afforded the opportunity to network, reflect and initiate professional efforts in such a historical and pleasant environment?

Taking a step back into time, the evening brings its own ambiance which exceeds all expectations for developing research efforts and renewing friendships. One can always find a group ready to eat, talk, and "swing" regardless of what your idea of "swing" entails. Whether dancing, singing, talking, working, or catching up (because you are away from the office) "the night" provides all types of locations and glimpses into the culture of the area.

Dr. Edward (Eddie) Shaw and his Co-



Dana Thames

Program Chair Julie Holmes are working at this very moment to coordinate the review of papers, proposals, and research forums submitted for this year's program. Reviewing, scheduling, and organizing this information is a complex task and we thank Eddie and Julie for all the hard work they have completed and for that which is to come, "an outstanding program for all participants." What a program they have planned for you!

Remember too, MSERA is your organization. Your thoughts, ideas, and participation at all levels of the organization are paramount to the growth and development of MSERA. There are many ways to become involved and to assist MSERA while supporting your personal development and professional standing in the field of research. Talk with "old-timers," we love nothing better than to share ways that you too may become involved. Visit the "Sign-up" table for opportunities to actively assist the organization. Visit the website to view additional opportunities or to follow through with conversations, sign-ups, and ideas that you received while attending the meeting. An organization's strength and effectiveness is determined by the organization's membership and its support! We count on you. We appreciate you. We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge.

Warm regards from MSERA,  
Dana G. Thames, President

## "Caught in the Web"

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www.msera.org

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# Keynote Speaker for 2009 Annual Meeting

Paul G. Vallas, speaker for the 2009 meeting, serves as Superintendent of the Recovery School District of New Orleans. He is known for his work in education reform. See October 2009 *Researcher* for more information.

## Program Update for 2009 Annual Meeting

The program for the 2009 MSERA annual meeting is being completed as you read this. Thanks to all for submitting such great proposals. A big thank you goes to all the proposal reviewers and the future presenters and presiders at the annual meeting. A personal thank you goes to Cliff Hofwolt and Dana Thames for their assistance in the submission, review, and program organization process. The local arrangement committee is completing final details to ensure that you will have a professionally rewarding conference as well as a good time in Baton Rouge. Please plan to join us the first week of November at the Downtown Hilton in Baton Rouge for professional growth, make new friends and renew friendships, mentor new attendees, and enjoy the best of Baton Rouge.

Julie Holmes and Eddie Shaw  
Co-Program Chairs

## MSER Foundation thanks 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 2009 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 2008:

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# Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston

Dear Graduate Students,

Now is the time to begin preparations for attending our MSERA annual meeting in Baton Rouge. Remember to attend our "Research in

Progress" sessions. These sessions are specifically conceived to offer graduate students additional support to strengthen not only their research but also their skills in presenting and discussing that research. Last year in our RIP sessions we had graduate students that asked for feedback on their pilot studies, studies in progress, and completed dissertation studies. Search for "Research in Progress" on last year's program to take a look at those submissions. <http://www.msera.org/2008/proceedwednesday.pdf>  
<http://www.msera.org/2008/proceedthursday.pdf>

In addition, remember that we will have our graduate student/new member social and breakfast as well as our jobs list. This is truly a

graduate study friendly conference. Please come and see how much support and guidance MSERA has to offer you.

I look forward to seeing you all in Baton Rouge and if you have any questions about the RIP submissions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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## 2009 MSERA Annual Meeting Registration Form

Baton Rouge, LA • November 4-6, 2009 (Please print or type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pre-Registration for Meeting and Complimentary 2010 Membership:  
 2009 Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)  
 Non-Member Pre-registration (must remit by Oct. 1)

|   | Professional | Student |
|---|--------------|---------|
| 2009 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 2010 Membership  
 2009 Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)  
 Non-Member On-site Registration (after Oct. 1)

|   | Professional | Student |
|---|--------------|---------|
| 2009 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Schedule of Events

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### 2009 Deadlines:

- Sept 15 Harry Bowman and Walt Mathews Award Nominations
- Oct. 1 Annual Meeting Preregistration Deadline
- Oct. 3 Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel Rate



2009 Annual Meeting  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2009 Annual Meeting  
November 4-6  
Hilton Caitol CenterBaton  
Rouge, LA

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

## Baton Rouge Attractions



Governor's Mansion lake



Downtown Fountains



Old State Capital