

Southern AIR

President's Message

By Bernie Braun, Louisiana State University

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People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. ~Rogers Hornsby

After a long winter (even for those of us in the DEEP South), spring has arrived! In late January, Vice-President Ikenberry and his Local Arrangements Committee welcomed the Board to the Intercontinental Hotel in New Orleans to plan for the 37th Annual SAIR Conference. Despite the very cold and windy conditions, the energy in the city was at an all time high as the New Orleans Saints had recently clinched their first NFC Championship and were on their way to the Super Bowl!

As a Louisiana native, I'm very excited to welcome you to my state and to New Orleans for SAIR 2010. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us September 25-28! This fall will again be an incredible time to visit and explore all that New Orleans has to offer. From world class restaurants, to top notch tourist attractions such as the World War II Museum, Audubon Insectarium, and Aquarium of the Americas, not to mention the revelry of Bourbon Street, New Orleans has something for everyone. As an added bonus, the city will again be alive with "Who Dat Fever" during our stay as the Super Bowl Champion Saints play a home game on Sunday, September 26 against the Atlanta Falcons.

While these outstanding social opportunities await, let's not forget that Ike and his committee will put on a fabulous SAIR conference for us. The schedule will be packed with pre-conference workshops, an incredible plenary speaker, concurrent sessions, roundtable lunch discussions, and many opportunities to visit with exhibitors. Remember, there is still time for you to be a part of SAIR 2010 by submitting a proposal – the deadline is June 18. Find out more about the proposal process at:

http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/sair_proposal_form

Also, please note that the registration fee for the conference will remain at \$150 for early registration. The SAIR Board is conscious of the budget situation that many of our states are experiencing and are happy to keep pricing stable for the second year in a row. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in September!

Do you want to become more involved in SAIR? If so, consider nominating yourself or someone else for one of the openings on the SAIR Board of Directors. Past President Michelle Hall and the 2010 Nominating Committee are overseeing this year's elections. Election details can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. SAIR members are an incredibly talented group and running for an office is a great opportunity to be involved and share your expertise with us.

Finally, if you are going to Chicago for the 50th AIR Forum, please join us for the SAIR Special Interest Group Meeting that will be held on Monday, May 31 from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Michigan B Room of the Sheraton. A light breakfast will be available so please join your colleagues for important SAIR updates.

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Please submit materials for the next issue of Southern AIR to Kathleen Morley via e-mail <Kathleen_morley@baylor.edu> by August 13, 2010.



2010 Annual AIR Forum

May 29 - June 2, 2010

Chicago, Illinois

Charting our Future in Higher Education

You are invited to the 2010 AIR Forum, *Charting our Future in Higher Education*, in Chicago, the same city where the first Forum was held 50 years ago. The 2010 Forum is an ideal time to reflect with colleagues on the history of institutional research and our role in improving higher education for the future.

We are especially excited about a series of White Paper Discussion Groups that will meet on Sunday afternoon to discuss new directions in institutional research and how AIR can promote the exchange of scholarship and knowledge between institutional researchers from all sectors. See the Educational Opportunities page for more information about the White Paper Discussion Groups and how to nominate a colleague or yourself to participate.

We are also introducing a new feature that allows you to spend a full afternoon focused on one of five special topics. Learn more about the Targeted Affinity Groups, or TAGs, on the Educational Opportunities page.

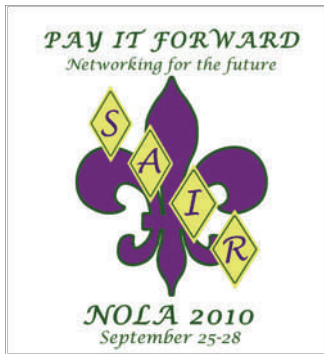
We are proud to announce our plenary speakers, William G. Bowen and Jamie Merisotis. Dr. Bowen's important new book, *Crossing the Finish Line: Completing College at America's Public Universities*, looks at college drop-out rates and the linkage to race, gender, and socio-economic status. Mr. Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation for Education, is a veteran policy and research organization leader known for his innovative, out-of-the-box thinking.

Most of all, we are looking forward to seeing you! The 2010 Forum is a time to celebrate 50 years of coming together to share ideas and practices, and to plan for the next 50. Join us as we *chart our future in higher education*.

Julie Carpenter-Hubin, Forum Chair

Debbie Dailey, Associate Forum Chair

Visit the AIR website at www.airweb.org



SAIR Conference General Information
September 25 - 28, 2010
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Colleagues,

Bernie Braun, our President, shared an interesting bit of information with me on April 22, 2010. The New Orleans Saints will be playing the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, September 26, 2010 game time at 12:00 noon CDT. Have you any idea what the French Quarter will be like that day not to mention the airport, transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant services? Folks, we are all in for a treat! The Who Dats must be seen to be believed.

WAIT, I am supposed to be talking up the conference, not a football game! So here goes.

The 37th annual SAIR conference in New Orleans, Louisiana promises to be one of the best yet. The InterContinental New Orleans is a magnificent hotel with all the amenities we could ask for. Located on St. Charles Avenue, just off Canal Street, its lower lobby literally beckons you to come up and stay awhile. And I offer that same invitation to you, come on down to New Orleans and stay awhile. You will not find a more friendly professional association in the world than we have in SAIR. We will have numerous opportunities to get together with old friends and make new friends as well. In fact, if we live our theme "Pay It Forward: Networking for the Future" we can all come away from NOLA with a replenished arsenal of great ideas and a host of friends that we can network with to bring those ideas to fruition.

Our annual conference is steeped in a history of professional development of individuals engaging in the field of institutional research and it has provided the knowledge and skills necessary for us to be good practitioners of the art. The professional development is provided by skilled experts in the field, namely YOU! We need your assistance to provide the outstanding sessions we have all come to expect from a SAIR Conference. Please respond to this extended Call for Proposals by going to the proposal submission site http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/sair_proposal_form and submitting a proposal in one of the nine tracks and one of the session formats.) We have included Roundtables, SIGs, and Preconference Workshops in addition to the six recognized tracks to make program development easier and more efficient.

Are you ready to party? Our Monday Night Event will be held at the Rock 'n' Bowl at the World Famous Mid City Lanes, aka Party Central in NOLA. Free shoes, balls, and as many lines as you want to bowl is not the only venue to be enjoyed. There is a large dance floor and a huge jukebox that will provide all you dancers with a variety of musical genres and there are several adjoining rooms where you can just sit and visit. The food items include six different finger food trays and three Creole entrees (including vegetarian fare). The bar will be an open bar with no drink limit. We will provide shuttle service from the hotel and return. The estimated cost at this point is less than \$45.00 per head.

Check the conference website <http://www.louisianau.com/sair10> often as we will be updating information on an as need basis. Come on down to New Orleans and please submit a proposal so this conference lives up to the quality we have all come to expect.

Roy "Ike" Ikenberry
Program Chair, 2010 Conference
Belmont University
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Call for Proposals

**SAIR 37th Annual Conference
September 25-28, 2010
The InterContinental New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Proposal Due Date: June 18, 2010

Proposal Submission Site:

http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/sair_proposal_form

The **Accreditation Track** welcomes proposals that address the revised principles of accreditation adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our members will gain valuable insights into how your knowledge and expertise informs this important process of external peer review.

The **Assessment Track** addresses authentic approaches to evaluating administrative, support and learning outcomes. Whether reflecting upon insights gained from national surveys or highlighting improved learning outcomes based upon locally developed assessment measures, these sessions will highlight best practices.

The **Community College Track** is a growing area of interest at SAIR. The size and diversity of the community college sector requires us to learn as much as we can about these institutions.

The **Institutional Research Track** addresses the effective and efficient collection of data to inform college and university decisions. In addition to data collection, sessions may also address data analysis and dissemination to various stakeholders.

The **Planning Track** welcomes proposals that address how legitimate planning processes shape the agenda for your institution.

The **Technology Track** demonstrates creative and innovative uses of information technology to support institutional research and effectiveness activities.

The **Pre-Conference Workshop Track** provides the opportunity for in-depth discussion and instruction on a single topic. Demonstrations, exercises, group activities, and other methods of experiential learning are appropriate and desirable. Proposals should outline the specific objectives of the workshop, the intended audience (novice or experienced researchers, prerequisite knowledge/skills, etc.), the instructional techniques, and the qualifications of the instructor(s). Proposals also must include an estimate of the reimbursable expenses and the minimum and maximum number of participants allowed.

The **Roundtable** activity allows for discussion on a variety of topics of interest to conference participants. It is a unique opportunity to make new acquaintances and to take part in a free-wheeling discussion of a single topic over lunch. Networking at its best!

The **Special Interest Groups** activity allows conference participants to meet together as an affiliated group, a state association meeting, or a specific hardware/software users group.

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Presentation Formats

Papers (45 minutes)

Papers should describe a research study or an effective process or technique (quantitative or qualitative), present a theoretical approach to a problem or issue, or review the literature on a topic of interest to institutional researchers.

Panels (45 minutes)

Panel presentations involve three or more individuals who present different perspectives on a common theme or topic. The proposal should describe the common theme/topic and the major points of discussion. The proposal should also describe how each panelist contributes a different perspective to the session.

Roundtables (60 minutes)

Roundtable sessions occur during lunch on Monday, September 27 and offer an opportunity for a convener to give a brief overview of a relevant topic that leads to an engaged and lively discussion. A proposal should include a description of the topic and the convener's relevant expertise and experience.

Software Demonstrations (45 minutes)

Presentations should demonstrate one or more software packages or programming solutions that are applicable to the work of institutional researchers. The proposal should describe the relative strengths, weaknesses, and special features of the product or solution. The presenter should also discuss the hardware required for the software/solution. If Internet access is needed, please request such access during the proposal process.

Workshare (45 minutes)

Workshare sessions provide an opportunity to share professional work products, effective practices, innovative applications, and creative solutions that are not ready to be presented as a paper. A proposal should include a description of the topic and its applicability to other institutions.

Workshops (3 or 6 hours)

Workshops provide the opportunity for in-depth discussion and instruction on a single topic. Demonstrations, exercises, group activities, and other methods of experiential learning are appropriate and desirable. Proposals should outline the specific objectives of the workshop, the intended audience (novice or experienced researchers, prerequisite knowledge/skills, etc.), the instructional techniques, and the qualifications of the instructor(s). Proposals also must include an estimate of the reimbursable expenses and the minimum and maximum number of participants allowed. Workshops occur on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 & 26. Workshops which require a computer lab will be held off site at Delgado Community College. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to Delgado Community College and back. All other workshops will be held in the Executive Conference Center in the InterContinental New Orleans.

PAY IT FORWARD
Networking for the future



NOLA 2010
September 25-28

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Proposal Submission Instructions

Paper, Panel, Roundtable, Software Demonstration, Workshare, Workshop or SIG

**All proposals listed above should be submitted on-line at
http://www.louisianau.com/sair_proposal_form**

Deadline: June 18, 2010

An abstract of no more than 100 words is required. Although some editing may occur, most abstracts of accepted presentations will appear verbatim in the conference program.

A narrative representing the body of the proposal should cover the following: a) significance of timeliness of the topic; b) historical, theoretical, and/or conceptual framework; c) method of inquiry; d) analytical method; and e) intended audience.

No reference to authors or their institutions should appear in the body of the proposal.

SAIR will notify primary presenters in late July about the status of their proposals.

Equipment: Each session room will have a computer projector and a screen. Please submit all requests and justifications for other equipment during the proposal process. SAIR will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests. For additional information, please contact Program Chair, Ike Ikenberry (roy.ikenberry@belmont.edu).

Facilitators: The session facilitators' tasks are to introduce the sessions, distribute session evaluation materials, return session evaluation materials to the presenter, and assure that sessions begin and end on time. Newcomers and veteran participants are invited to serve as a facilitator and become involved in SAIR. If you would like to serve as a facilitator, check the facilitator box when you register for the conference. Any questions you might have about being a facilitator should be directed to Sandi Bramblett (sandi@gatech.edu), Georgia Tech.

Please note that all participants are expected to pay conference registration fees, and those submitting proposals acknowledge their intent to register by submitting a proposal. Honoraria are not paid to presenters, although reasonable expenses are reimbursed for pre-conference workshop materials.

Join the SAIR 2010 Conference Group on Facebook!

This group provides a forum to discuss the upcoming conference in New Orleans, and the many volunteer opportunities available to get involved in the annual conference and this outstanding organization.

You need to have a Facebook account in order to join the group. Once you've established your account, search for "SAIR 2010" and request to become a member.

Pre-Conference Workshops

By Cara Mia Braswell, Auburn University

SAIR members have begun to submit excellent proposals for pre-conference workshops. However we still have several slots available for Saturday and Sunday prior to the conference. Pre-conference workshops are designed to provide more in-depth training for either half-day or full-day time period. You may have attended a workshop recently which you would recommend to SAIR members or you may have developed a project that you wish to share with members. There is a wealth of knowledge within our own membership that we wish to identify. Additionally there are many new members looking for training opportunities. I know there are times during my day I find myself saying, "I wish I could improve my skills in" and that time becomes available rarely. The SAIR board would like these workshops to meet specific professional development needs that SAIR members have right now. Either I or SAIR pre-conference workshop committee members (below) would be glad to talk to you about your needs or ideas for workshops (or potential instructors). A discussion thread has been started on SAIR 2010 Facebook in an attempt to ask members for ideas of good trainers or topics. Workshop topic ideas were gathered last year and are on the 2010 Facebook page but our field is changing so rapidly there may be additional needs. **So, while the time is now to submit your pre-conference proposal – you also still have time to discuss your ideas or knowledge of good trainers with peers.** If you have your idea developed, be sure to submit early as we may also be able to help with refining or expanding your workshop.



Any workshops requiring labs will be held at Delgado Community College. The lab facilities at Delgado were updated in 2009 providing ergonomic-friendly labs with state-of-art technology, including smart-board technology with spacious classrooms. Anyone considering proposing a workshop requiring a lab can be excited about the technology available for instruction. The SAIR Board and members are very appreciative of Delgado Community College for opening their facilities to SAIR. Many thanks to Cathy Sarrazin from Delgado Community College along with V. Allen Gale from Xavier University for their time involved in setting up these lab facilities. You've both been great!

Contact pre-conference workshop committee members to discuss training needs, ideas, and instructors

Cara Mia Braswell- Chair
Auburn University

Stephanie Tully-Dartez
South Arkansas Community College

John Kalb
Southern Methodist University

Kevin Osborne
Sand Hills Community College

Bob Kuhn
Louisiana State University



Sharon Ronco
Florida Atlantic University

Valeria Patton
Texas Tech University

Lisa Lord
University of Louisiana - Lafayette

Angela Hamlin
University of Maryland

Shirley Harrington
Auburn University

*Ideas submitted by SAIR members to “Pay It Forward”
in Workshops at SAIR 2010.*

Find your expertise and submit a proposal by June 18th to:

http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/sair_proposal_form

- ✓ Effectively presenting program review data across the campus
- ✓ What is an “effective” IR/IE office - evidence of/need for self-study/external site visits
- ✓ Incorporating the results of assessment into cabinet level planning process to fund mission-critical budget requests
- ✓ Application of a database project -i.e. present a problem or request and how relational database queries and reports can be used to respond
- ✓ Writing good learning outcomes objectives – general education, subject, and administrative
- ✓ Assessing and writing learning outcomes for distance programs
- ✓ Conducting instructional cost studies
- ✓ Assessing physical plant units and information technology
- ✓ Selecting contents of an economic impact study – what is important
- ✓ Conducting a graduate student time to degree study
- ✓ Example of grant writing, use of data in, IR/IE role in providing data
- ✓ Faculty productivity study
- ✓ Data warehousing - building reports which extract data directly from the warehouse
- ✓ QEP topics and plans - start to finish
- ✓ Internal survey creation - how to
- ✓ ACCESS report writing
- ✓ Using geographical Information systems within IR offices
- ✓ Statistical software training: factor analysis, path analysis, HLM, advanced, intermediate, beginner
- ✓ Software training: EXCEL, ACCESS, SPSS, SAS (all levels); Class Climate; Open Source software; MAP-works: Factbook tools. Target special skills such as Pivot tables, report writing, graphs, etc.
- ✓ Assessment of an enrollment management unit
- ✓ IPEDS tools
- ✓ Strategic planning & budgeting, what is working – purchased software or office designed software to support
- ✓ Institutional effectiveness best practices and rubrics
- ✓ SQL training
- ✓ Leadership/time management
- ✓ Dashboards, using Microsoft tools
- ✓ Banner Survey Module – surveys and teaching evaluation
- ✓ Examples of offices developed for emphasis on retention



Call for Nominations
By Michelle Hall, Past President

As Chair of the SAIR 2010 Nominating Committee, I encourage you to respond soon to the "Call for Nominations" at:

http://www.sair.org/Call_For_Nominations/sair_nominations.html

You are welcome to submit more than one person for each position. We also encourage you to nominate yourself if you want to serve SAIR in one of these available capacities. The current SAIR Board can be accessed at:

http://www.sair.org/Officers_Committees/Officers/Officers2.asp.

Specifically, the Nominating Committee's task will be to provide by July an election ballot with a slate of nominations for the following positions to be filled effective September 28, 2010:

- 1) Vice President/President Elect and 2011 Program Chair (in Atlanta, GA)
- 2) Secretary - Currently Kathleen Morley of Baylor University
- 3) Member at Large - Currently Bethany Bodo of Radford University
- 4) Member at Large - Currently Dana Dalton of Winston-Salem State University
- 5) Five Nominating Committee members to participate in the 2011 nomination process



Please send an email to mhall@selu.edu if you have any questions. The Nominating Committee values your input.

Renew your SAIR Membership Today!

If you missed the conference in Dallas last fall and have not renewed your SAIR membership, it's not too late!

Access to the renewal form is at the following URL:

www.sair.org/about_sair/Membership_Information/Membership_Information.asp

Send the form and the \$25 membership fee to

Ruth Salter, SAIR Treasurer
Albany State University
504 College Drive
Albany, GA

Ph: (229) 430-3986; FAX: (229) 430-3691

E-mail: Ruth.Salter@asurams.edu

Apply for a SAIR 2010 Conference Travel Grant to The Big Easy!

SAIR awards three types of travel grants. Information on applying for the travel grants and the deadlines can be found at <http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/>

SAIR Travel Grant

SAIR 2010 Conference Travel Grants will be awarded to 10 members in order to promote professional development among institutional research professionals. Awards are available to both active members and newcomers (individuals who will become new members of SAIR at the 2010 Annual Conference). Applications from individuals who have not received a travel grant from SAIR within the past two years will receive priority. All grants are awarded in the amount of \$300, plus waiver of conference registration fees (an additional \$150 value). For more information about the SAIR Travel Grant program, please contact Dana Dalton at <daltond@wssu.edu>.

William (Bill) Fendley Travel Grant

If Dallas 2009 was your first SAIR conference, you are eligible to receive the Bill Fendley Travel Grant. The Fendley Grant is awarded to a deserving member in the amount of \$300, plus waiver of conference registration fees. For more information please contact Dana Dalton at <daltond@wssu.edu>.

Larry Jones Graduate Student Travel Grant

Established in 2005 to honor past SAIR president and executive board member Larry G. Jones, the travel grant will be awarded annually to a deserving graduate student who meets the award criteria outlined below. A total of \$500 will be awarded to the successful applicant to defray travel expenses associated with the annual SAIR conference and the conference registration fee will be waived as well.

The applicant for the Larry G. Jones Graduate Student Travel Grant must be currently enrolled as a graduate student at either the master's or PhD level at an accredited institution of higher education. Enrollment must be verified via letter from the registrar of the home institution. The applicant must also have submitted a scholarly paper which has been accepted for presentation at the annual SAIR conference

For further information, please contact Nerissa Rivera at <nerissa.rivera@duke.edu>.



Call for Nominations for SAIR Awards

SAIR encourages nominations of its outstanding members for consideration for the following awards -

James Montgomery Outstanding Service Award

This award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to SAIR over an extended period of time. Nominees must have been a SAIR member for over five years and cannot be a member of, nor a candidate for, the Board of Directors during the year nominated. In addition, two of the following criteria must be met: (1) have been a member of the Board of Directors or a chair of a conference, or a presidentially appointed committee; (2) have been an officer of, or a recognized leader in, the establishment of a state or special interest group which has been associated with SAIR; (3) have made a professional contribution to SAIR by being actively involved in a combination of the following: (a) presented contributed papers at the SAIR conference; (b) organized, offered, or acted as a primary participant in workshops at the SAIR conference or workshops sponsored by an affiliated SAIR organization or group; (c) contributed in some other specific significant way that has advanced the professionalism of SAIR.

Distinguished Member Award

Distinguished Membership may be awarded to members or former members who have made distinguished contributions to institutional research. This award is a meaningful recognition of significant effort in the field of institutional research. The award is for the lifetime of the individual. (Persons retiring from active service in institutional research may be recognized through the award of emeritus membership rather than distinguished Membership).

A member or former member nominated for Distinguished Membership should meet the following qualifications: (1) has been an active and contributing member of SAIR; (2) has contributed substantially to the field of institutional research over an extended period of time, either in the practice of institutional research or in a supporting role (e.g. faculty, President); (3) has influenced higher education policies and practices through work or research.

Special Recognition Unsung Hero Award

This award recognizes the ongoing contributions of a member to SAIR and the field of institutional research and planning in the broadest sense. This Award honors individuals whose effort and initiative might not otherwise receive public recognition. The types of effort to be considered include management assignments, innovative projects or ideas, development of new initiatives, or other ongoing service to SAIR, other than as an elected officer. [For purposes of this award, "officer" is defined as President, Secretary, or Treasurer.] Officers are excluded in order to encourage initiative in fields other than political office and to ensure that the award does not become an appreciation award for past presidents.

All members of SAIR are eligible to receive the award with the following exceptions: (1) A person who has previously won the award. (2) Officers of SAIR shall not be eligible for five years after leaving their last officership.



***Please submit all nominations to Nerissa Rivera
by August 1, 2010
<nerissa.rivera@duke.edu>***



Exhibitor Opportunities

SAIR invites exhibitors with products and/or services pertaining to the higher education community to become involved in our annual conference. If anyone knows of an exhibitor that might be interested in participating in the 2010 SAIR conference in New Orleans, please pass along the following information.

Exhibitor benefits include: **Fully dedicated exhibit area and times, various sponsorship levels to meet their company's needs, and brand awareness opportunities to showcase their products.**



Summary of Sponsorship Level Benefits



BENEFIT GOLD - COST \$2,500

Advertisement in Conference Program - Full Page * Complimentary Conference Registration (3) * Sponsorship of Events * Verbal Recognition at Event - Opening Session * Acknowledgement in Program as GOLD Sponsor * Hyperlink on Conference Webpage Identifying Gold Sponsor * Email Addresses of Attendees * Presentation During Conference * Roundtable During Monday Lunch

BENEFIT SILVER - COST \$1,500

Advertisement in Conference Program - Half Page * Complimentary Conference Registrations (2) * Sponsorship of Events * Verbal Recognition at Event - Roundtable Lunch * Acknowledgement in Program as SILVER Sponsor * Hyperlink on Conference Webpage Identifying Silver Sponsor * Email Addresses of Attendees * Presentation During Conference

BENEFIT BRONZE - COST \$1,000

Advertisement in Conference Program - Quarter Page * Complimentary Conference Registrations (1) * Sponsorship of Events * Verbal Recognition at Event - Awards Breakfast * Acknowledgement in Program as BRONZE Sponsor * Hyperlink on Conference Webpage Identifying Bronze Sponsor * Email Addresses of Attendees

For additional information exhibitors can contact SAIR Board member Bethany Bodo by email <bbodo@radford.edu> or by phone (540)831-5316.

SAIR Welcomes Newcomers with Special Events

SAIR members, you know SAIR is the premier regional IR organizational group. Tell other colleagues and associates who are not yet members. The Annual Conference has designated activities for Newcomers. A very informative day long Newcomers' Workshop will be presented and a fun-filled Reception will take place prior to the Opening Session. Encourage non-members to join to learn, engage, exchange and form life-long friendships.





Conference Awards



The annual conference awards - Best Fact Book, Best Mini-Fact Book, Best Electronic Fact Book, and Best IR Website will be given out during the awards breakfast at the conference in New Orleans.

Submissions and judging for the Best Electronic Fact Book and Best IR Website will take place prior to the conference. To submit your electronic fact book or IR website for consideration, please contact Nerissa Rivera <nerissa.rivera@duke.edu> by June 15, 2010.

We also need volunteers to judge these two categories. If you are interested in judging, please contact Nerissa!

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<http://www.louisianau.com/sair10/>

- Submit your proposal
 - Get up to date information on conference events
 - Check out the conference sponsors/vendors
 - Get hotel information
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In Memoriam—Dr. Cameron Fincher

Dr. Cameron Lane Fincher, 83, passed away on March 13, 2010. In addition to serving at the University of Georgia for over 40 years, Dr. Fincher had a major impact on the field of Institutional Research. He was a charter member of AIR and received numerous awards from the Association. In 1998 Dr. Fincher was awarded the SAIR Distinguished Member Award at the Savannah conference. At that time he was noted as one of the “most prolific scholars in the south in higher education and institutional research”.

Upon receiving the Distinguished Member Award, Dr. Fincher wrote the following message to the SAIR Board -

“I do indeed appreciate the honor of being designated a Distinguished Member of SAIR — and I hope that by thanking you as SAIR officials, I can convey some small measure of my appreciation to the entire membership. I was quite serious when I said that the recognition given me is really proof of the many friends I have. Both my wife and my children (n=4) have noticed the number and extent of the friendships I enjoy — and living with me for so many years, they have expressed amazement! Best wishes to each of you — and again, my personal thanks!”



His contribution to our organization and his friendship will be missed.

Fun Facts about New Orleans

Tales of the City. Attributed to the *New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau*. 2020 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 504-566-5019. www.neworleanscvb.com.

THE GOODS ON GUMBO

This ultimate Creole dish is a tasty metaphor of New Orleans culture: not a melting pot, but a spicy mix of ingredients that complement each other without losing their individual flavors. Based on the African tradition of soup, gumbo is made with local seafood like our superb Gulf shrimp, crabs and crawfish, or a mix of meat and sausage (usually Cajun Andouille). Native American file' spice thickens and flavors the stock. Okra (from the Bantu *nkombo*) also helps with the thickening process as do Creole tomatoes. The 'holy trinity' of New Orleans food -- onions, garlic and green peppers -- is a must.

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

On January 7, 1815, the eve of the Battle of New Orleans, citizens spent the night in the old Ursuline Convent on Chartres Street in prayerful vigil to Our Lady of Prompt Succor for victory. Fearing the arrival of British guns at their doors, they sought Our Lady's intercession, along with the Ursuline nuns in residence, for a miracle. In return, they promised to dedicate the City to her should the ragtag warriors drive the British forces away in defeat. The Americans won decisively. General Andrew Jackson personally visited the Convent to thank the faithful for their prayers, and grateful citizens donated family jewels to create fabulous gold crowns for a statue of Our Lady and the infant Jesus in her arms. Every year, on the anniversary of the battle, a solemn high mass is celebrated at the national shrine of the Ursulines in uptown New Orleans as the people follow through on their promise of thanksgiving. The chapel is open to the public where the Our Lady's statue can be venerated.

JAZZ!

They say that was born in the 1890's when Buddy Bolden put his cornet to his lips and blew a few hot notes to a cool tune. Just that simple and JAZZ was created, an American original and a world favorite. JAZZ mixes African and Creole rhythms with African American and European styles. The Irish, Germans and Italians contributed the presence of brass bands.

JEAN LAFITTE

He had the manners of a gentleman, the wealth of royalty, and the mystique of a legend. Some called him the Hero of New Orleans, to others he was known as "The Terror of the Gulf." He personally preferred the term PRIVATEER and he crowned himself as King of Baratavia and the labyrinthine empire of waterways where he ruled nearly a thousand followers and where legend is that he buried much of his ill gotten loot. Today, the land of Lafitte is a haven for fishermen and home to quite a few of the descendants of the infamous pirate. It was of he that Lord Byron wrote: "He left a corsair's name to other times, linked one virtue with a thousand crimes."

MARIE LAVEAU

She passed away over a century ago and, yet, people still visit her tomb in the Old St. Louis Number One cemetery to gain a touch of the Voodoo queen's power. The tomb can be easily accessed in the old burial grounds on Basin Street, just outside the French Quarter. Those who believe mark the tomb with an X (many use lipstick) in hopes of securing fresh gris-gris, a voodoo spell or a charm that only Marie can offer.

STORYVILLE

It exists in name only. This was the area of the official red-light district of New Orleans, from 1897 to 1917, when it was decided far better to make war than love. Attempts at regulating and taxing the world's oldest profession failed until 1897 when a city alderman named Sidney Story drafted an ordinance confirming prostitution to a controlled district where it was still illegal, yet madams were required to have a license to operate their brothels. Instantly dubbed Storyville, the ladies cheerfully profited from consolidation, creating the 'Blue Book.' their own private yellow pages listing the houses, girls, services and prices for many of the 700 women who worked there. The book's famed photographs inspired potential customers to take a closer look. Business boomed, and Jazz greats like Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver played in bordellos. The Louis Armstrong Park today sits across North Rampart Street, a Storyville area where many young musicians got a start. Look for Donna's Bar and Grill and the Funky Butt where you can still hear the music of the City.

SAIR Financial Statement Calendar Year 2009

Assets as of January 1, 2009	SAIR	CMG	PDCF	Total
Bank balance	\$ 48,008.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,008.06
Investment balance	\$ 57,981.35	\$ 4,758.51	\$ 5,350.98	\$ 68,090.84
Total	\$ 105,989.41	\$ 4,758.51	\$ 5,350.98	\$ 116,098.90
Income during the year:				
New and Renewed Membership	\$ 2,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,125.00
2008 Conference Income	\$ 4,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,550.00
2009 Conference Income	\$ 100,717.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,717.92
Checking Interest	\$ 52.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52.16
Contribution CMG	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00
Investment Interest	\$ 35.73	\$ 2.93	\$ 3.30	\$ 41.96
Total Income	\$ 107,480.81	\$ 277.93	\$ 3.30	\$ 107,762.04
Expenditures during the year:				
January 2009 Board/Planning Meeting	\$ 3,801.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,801.87
2008 Conference	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210.00
2009 Conference	\$ 86,559.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,559.65
May Board Meeting/SAIR SIG @ AIR	\$ 1,667.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,667.31
Nova/Elavon Merchant Account Fees	\$ 4,350.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,350.69
Cvent Services	\$ 2,491.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,491.00
Future Site Selection Expenditures	\$ 765.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 765.58
SAIR Best Paper Award	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bill Fendley Travel Grant	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Larry Jones Travel Grant	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 61.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.25
Tax Preparation	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325.00
Postage	\$ 242.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242.36
Investment Account Annual Fee	\$ 51.09	\$ 4.19	\$ 4.72	\$ 60.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 101,825.80	\$ 4.19	\$ 4.72	\$ 101,834.71
Total net income during period	\$ 5,655.01	\$ 273.74	\$ (1.42)	\$ 5,927.33
Assets as of December 31, 2009				
Bank balance	\$ 53,678.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,678.43
Investment balance	\$ 57,965.99	\$ 5,032.25	\$ 5,349.56	\$ 68,347.80
Total	\$ 111,644.42	\$ 5,032.25	\$ 5,349.56	\$ 122,026.23

Donald Boeckman
SAIR Past Treasurer
January 17, 2010

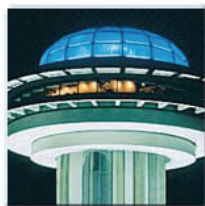
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The presentations can be found at: <http://www.sair.org/Conferences/Papers/SAIRlogin.html>

If you have not submitted your presentation for inclusion, please send it to Michelle Hall.



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Aquarium (The Georgia Aquarium)
Braves Baseball and Turner Field
CNN
Downtown Atlanta Tours
Experience "Gone with the Wind"
Fernbank Museum of Natural History
Golf Atlanta (Over 100 Courses!)
High Museum of Art
Image It! The Children's Museum
Jimmy Carter Library and Museum
Kennesaw Mountain
Little Five Points
Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site

New World of Coca-Cola
Olympic Ring Fountain @ Centennial Park
Piedmont Park
Quilt Shops (13 of them!)
Restaurants Galore
Six Flags Over Georgia
Technology Square @ Georgia Tech
Underground Atlanta
Varsity
William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum
Yellow River Game Ranch
Zoo Atlanta

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