



SRSA *Newsletter*

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

May 2005

JOINT MEETING OF SRSA AND MCRSA

The joint meeting of the SRSA and MCRSA was a smashing success. A record number of participants: 150 papers, panels, and presentations were given in 46 sessions.

A Note from Cynthia Rogers, SRSA President:

Greetings from the (already) warm dusty plains! Our joint meeting with the Mid Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) in Arlington was a tremendous success with record turnout, lively sessions, and collegiality galore. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of those who contributed to the success of the 2005 meetings. I am especially thankful for the guidance from Executive Director, Frank Hefner, and Immediate Past President, Mark Partridge, as well as the excellent coordination and promotional efforts by John Leatherman of the MCRSA. The many session organizers were most helpful too.

The outstanding turnout attests to the vitality of regional research. The opportunity to mingle with our MCRSA colleagues as well as the strong showing from our federal friends, and the graduate students from DC area universities as well as new friends from foreign lands, was most welcome. I would like to extend special thanks to the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Industry Centers Program for financially supporting the Panel Session on Outsourcing and to the students of Professor Miernyk who made special appearances in his honor. It was heartwarming to see Prof. Miernyk's first Ph.D. students and their students passing along his wisdom regarding scholarship and mentoring.

It is my sincerest hope that the SRSA continue in its outreach efforts by mingling with other regional science organizations, encouraging new scholars, and welcoming foreign colleagues to our meetings. In this vein, mark your calendars for the upcoming November meetings of the RSAI in Las Vegas. The 2006 SRSA meetings are scheduled for the historic and beautiful Casa Monica Hotel, in St. Augustine Florida. Rooms in the conference hotel will go quickly so reserve them early. Please help David McGranahan, the 2006 Program Chair, by submitting organized sessions, and offering other assistance. It's not too early to submit an abstract or session proposal!

Thanks again for the privilege and challenge of organizing the 2005 Program. I hope to see all of you at future meetings!

New Officers (2005-2006):

President: Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma

President-elect (and program chair for 2006): David McGranahan, ERS, USDA

Councilor 2005-2008: John Connaughton, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Randall Jackson, RRI, West Virginia University

Co-Executive Director/ Secretary: John Sporing, BEA.

The Association thanks outgoing president Mark Partridge and the outgoing council members, Jiemin Guo and David McGranahan, for their work on behalf of the Association.

Future Meetings:

2006 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine, FL , March 30 – April 1, 2006.

2007 Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S.C., March 29- Mach 31, 2007.

Announcing the William H. Miernyk Research Excellence Medal

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the West Virginia University's Regional Research Institute, the 2006 SRSA Meetings will mark the second awarding of the William H. Miernyk Research Excellence Medal for the best paper presented by someone who received their Ph.D. less than five years prior to the conference. We are really excited about this opportunity for young scholars to receive their due recognition. More details of the Miernyk Medal will be forthcoming, so please check the SRSA and RRI websites later this year for more details.

Call for Papers: It's never too early to start thinking about the next meeting. Attached is a call for papers for the **2006 meeting**. Contact David McGranahan if you are interested in presenting a paper or organizing a session. In addition, consider serving as a discussant and/or session chair.

Call for Graduate Student Papers: The SRSA is an association of scientists and educators from diverse disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in the application of regional science theory and methods to applied problems. To encourage young scholars, the SRSA offers the Barry M. Moriarty Student Paper Competition, which recognizes excellence in scholarly student work. It is open to all graduate students working on a wide variety of topics (as evidenced by the call for papers). Winning entries will receive a cash award and be asked to present their paper at the meeting.

Please circulate the attached notice to colleagues and interested students (or direct them to the website).

2005 Moriarty Prize - Lei Ding received the 2005 Moriarty Prize. He presented his paper, "The Role of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Regional Economic Growth in China," at the Arlington Meeting. Lei Ding is a student at George Mason University.

SRSA WEBSITE

www.srsa.org

Check out the website for updated information and links to other regional science websites. Thanks to the Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University, for maintaining the site. Randy Jackson and Mary Lou Myer have done an excellent job!

Note RSAI Meeting: 52nd North American Regional Science Association International (RSAI) Conference sponsored by the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. The conference will be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino from **November 10-12, 2005**. For more information see the SRSA website and follow the links.

RSAI News: Be sure to look at the RSAI newsletter (you can link to RSAI through our website) to see the **new membership category proposal**.

The Review of Regional Studies is published for the SRSA by The College of Business Administration at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. *The Review* is published three times a year, usually as summer, fall, and winter. The editors, Dan Rickman and Ronald Moomaw, encourage you to submit your paper for consideration. Details can be found at the SRSA website. *The Review* is currently available electronically.

Greetings from Cynthia Rogers, SRSA President

2005 SRSA Executive Council

President

Cynthia Rogers -- University of Oklahoma

President-elect and Program Chair, 2006

David McGranahan, ERS, USDA

Immediate Past President

Mark Partridge -- University of Saskatchewan

Representative to NARSC (2005-2009)

Peter Schaeffer – West Virginia University

Co-executive Directors

John Sporing, Secretary - BEA

Kevin McNamara, Treasurer -Purdue University

Nominations Chair 2006

Steve Smith – Pennsylvania State University

Honors Chair and Graduate Student Papers for 2006 Meeting
Robert Gibbs – ERS, USDA

Elected Council Members

(2005-2008)

John Connaughton, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Randall Jackson, RRI, West Virginia University

(2004-2007)

Peter Schaeffer – West Virginia University

Eric Scorsone – University of Kentucky

(2003-2006)

Nancy E. White -- Bucknell University

Douglas P. Woodward -- University of South Carolina

Editors, *The Review of Regional Studies*

Ronald L. Moomaw -- Oklahoma State University

Dan Rickman -- Oklahoma State University

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Southern Regional Science Association
45th Annual Meeting
March 30-April 1, 2006

Casa Monica
St. Augustine, Fl.

Potential Topic Areas Include:

Regional Modeling
International Trade
Resource Utilization
Environment Quality
Transportation Systems
Tourism and Recreation
Economic Impact Analysis
Rural Economic Development
Regional Migration/Labor Markets
Regional Development Issues/Policy
Public Finance and Investment Analysis

Submit Abstract of Paper to:

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2006 Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Paper Competition
Sponsored by the Southern Regional Science Association

Annually, SRSA awards a prize to the student submitting the best paper in the area of Regional Science. The following qualifications apply:

- The student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited academic institution sometime during the year following April, 2006;
- The student must be sponsored by a member of SRSA; and
- The winning student is expected to present the paper at a session of the 2006 Meetings of the Association in St. Augustine, Fl., March 30- April 1, 2006, using the award to defray costs of attending.

Papers must be double-spaced, no more than 25 pages in length, and written in the style of *The Review of Regional Studies*. The cover page should include: the paper's title; the author's full name, address, and telephone and FAX numbers; similar information for the sponsor; and an abstract of 100-150 words.

A copy of the paper must be submitted via e-mail by January 5, 2006 to:

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USDA Economic Research Service
ROOM 2061
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Washington, DC 20036-5828

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Winner will be announced by March 1, 2006.