



SRSA Newsletter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

May 2004

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GOOD TIMES IN NEW ORLEANS

Mark Partridge put together an excellent program with 39 sessions and over 125 papers. Among the sessions were several fascinating panel discussions. Despite all of the potential distractions of New Orleans, the sessions were well attended! The Le Pavillon Hotel provided an excellent venue for the meetings. (Particularly the food at the lunches!)

Mark Henry, 2004 Fellow, presented his Fellow's address at the meeting.

At the business meeting new officers were nominated and elected.



New Officers

President: Mark Partridge, University of Saskatchewan

President-elect (and program chair for 2005): Cynthia Rogers, University of Oklahoma

Councilor 2004-2007: Eric Scorsone, University of Kentucky
Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University

The Association thanks outgoing president Stephen Smith and the outgoing council members, Ed Feser and Scott Loveridge for their work on behalf of the Association.

Future Meetings:

2005 Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, VA, April 7-9, 2005. The 2005 meeting will be held in conjunction with the **Mid Continent Regional Science Association** Meetings.

2006 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine, FL

SRSA FELLOWS:

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Announcing the William H. Miernyk Research Excellence Medal

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the West Virginia University's Regional Research Institute, the 2005 SRSA Meetings will mark the first 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 **2005 meeting**. Contact Cynthia Rogers 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).



2004 Moriarty Prize: Guang Yang from George Mason, working with Roger Stough, received the 2004 Moriarty Prize for his paper, "Functional Closeness, Spatial Proximity and Regional Competition in Baltimore," which he presented at the New Orleans meeting. Congratulations!

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: The North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International meets in Seattle, Washington in Nov. 11-13, 2004. You can access their website through www.SRSA.org.

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 and is currently available electronically. The editors, Dan Rickman and Ronald Moomaw, encourage you to submit your paper for consideration. Details can be found at the SRSA website.

Greetings from Mark Partridge, SRSA President

As the calendar turns to June, I am reminded of the diversity of our organization. For someone like myself on the Canadian Prairies, I am desperately hoping for the first signs of summer, while there are members in the southern United States who are already wishing the hot-months of summer were already over. I should first thank everyone for their help with the SRSA meetings in New Orleans. I changed institutions during the midst of organizing the program, and countless people offered their generous help and suggestions in seeing that we had a successful meeting.

As we look ahead, I want to encourage everyone to present papers or attend the RSAI meetings in Seattle this upcoming November. It provides an opportunity for our membership to interact with regional scientists from elsewhere and to receive excellent comments on ongoing work. Foremost, I want to encourage everyone to submit an abstract or participate in the upcoming SRSA meetings next April in the Washington, DC area. Cynthia Rogers, SRSA Program Chair, is actively planning an excellent conference. The meetings will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, which is just a short walk across the bridge to the amenities in Georgetown. Also, the conference will mark a watershed in that the SRSA will be holding their meetings in conjunction with the Mid Continent Regional Science Association. Not only will the MCRSA's participation add to the overall quality of the conference, it will give both memberships an opportunity to further extend their professional connections. Besides the usual reasons to attend the SRSA meetings, the joint conference with the MCRSA greatly adds to its appeal. For these reasons, be sure to encourage your colleagues, especially your more recent colleagues to attend or participate.

Mark

Wanted Co-executive Director/Secretary for the SRSA

Frank Hefner will be stepping down as Secretary of the Association after the April 2005 meeting in Arlington, VA. He will work with the incoming Secretary to ensure a smooth transition and to explain the duties associated with the position.

The Secretary is required to:

1. be an active participant in the Association's work, especially at the two Executive Council meetings each year;
2. gather items for the Association's newsletters (Spring, Fall, and Winter) and prepare and edit the final copy for electronic transmission;
3. update the Association's web page (currently maintained and operated at RRI, West Virginia University)

4. assist the Local Arrangements Chair with preparations for the annual meeting, and;
5. generally assist the Executive Council in handling the Association's ongoing business.

To apply for this position, contact any Council member. If you have specific questions call (843-953-8111) or e-mail Frank at hefnerf@cofc.edu. Frank will be glad to discuss the details of the position and to assist in making a smooth transition.

The SRSA Newsletter is published three times each year in January, May, and September. Material for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to:

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2004 SRSA Executive Council

President

Mark Partridge -- University of Saskatchewan

President-elect and Program Chair, 2005

Cynthia Rogers -- University of Oklahoma

Immediate Past President

Stephen M. Smith -- Pennsylvania State University

Representative to NARSC (2001-2005)

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Co-executive Directors

Frank Hefner -- College of Charleston
Kevin McNamara, Treasurer --Purdue University

Nominations Chair 2005

Robert Gibbs – ERS, USDA

Honors Chair and Graduate Student Papers 2005

Frank Hefner – College of Charleston

Elected Council Members

(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

(2002-2005)

Jiemin Guo --BEA, USDOC

David McGranahan --ERS, USDA

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
44th Annual Meeting

April 7-9, 2005
Key Bridge Marriott
Arlington, VA

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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Cynthia Rogers, Program Chair for 2005
Associate Professor of Economics
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**2005 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, 2005;
- 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 2005 Meetings of the Association in Arlington, VA, April 7-9, 2005, 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.

Five copies of the paper must be submitted by **January 5, 2005** to:

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Winner will be announced by March 1, 2005.