

**2009 Southern Region AAAE Report  
Beth Wilson – Southern AAAE President**

**SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

**2009 HOST STATE: GEORGIA**

*January 31 – February 3, 2009  
Westin Peachtree Plaza – Atlanta, Georgia*

**Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) Agricultural Education Division Officers**

President and Conference Chair: Dennis Duncan, University of Georgia  
Research Meeting Chair: John Ricketts & Jason Peake, University of Georgia  
Vice-President: Craig Edwards, Oklahoma State University

**American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) Southern Region Officers**

Vice-President: Elizabeth Wilson, NC State University  
Alternate Vice-President: Todd Brashears, Texas Tech University  
Secretary: John Ricketts, University of Georgia

**Participation**

A total of 108 members were registered for the conference- 61 faculty and 47 grad students. A total of 47 papers were submitted for consideration to be presented at the conference. Each paper was sent to three reviewers for a blind review. A total of 32 papers were selected which is a 68% acceptance rate.

**Awards and Recognition**

Outstanding Young Member:  
Jason B. Peake, The University of Georgia

Distinguished Teaching:  
Elizabeth B. Wilson, North Carolina State University

Outstanding Agricultural Educator:  
Doug Ullrich, Jr., Sam Houston State University

Mystery Speaker:  
Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech University

Outstanding Article in The Journal of Southern Agricultural Education Research (JSAER)

R. Brent Young, North Dakota State University; M. Craig Edwards and James G. Leising, Oklahoma State University  
*Effects of a Math-Enhanced Curriculum and Instructional Approach on Students' Achievement in Mathematics: A Year-Long Experimental Study in Agricultural Power and Technology- Volume 58*

## **Outstanding Research Paper Presentations**

### **2009 Outstanding Research Presentation Award – Faculty Division**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Paper Presentation**

The Conceptualization and Investment of Leadership Development by Department Heads in Colleges of Agriculture at Land Grant Universities *Jennifer Williams, University of Georgia and Cindy Blackwell, Oklahoma State University*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Paper Presentation**

Challenges and Threats Facing County Extension Offices *Amy Harder, Alexa Lamm, and Robert Strong, University of Florida*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner -Up Paper Presentation**

Economic Impact of Supervised Agricultural Experiences in Texas: 2007 Returns from SAE Investment Cost *Roger D. Hanagriff, Texas A&M Kingsville; Tim Murphy and Gary Briers, Texas A&M; and T. Grady Roberts, University of Florida*

### **2009 Outstanding Research Presentation Award – Graduate Division**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Paper Presentation**

The Use of Vee Maps and Standard Laboratory Reports Effect on Content Knowledge Achievement *Andrew C. Thoron and Brian E. Myers, University of Florida*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Paper Presentation**

Are They Ready for Work? Understanding the Employability of College Graduates for Success in the Workplace *Richard J. Rateau and Eric K. Kaufman, Virginia Tech*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner -Up Paper Presentation**

Perceptions of Pre-Service Teachers Toward Integrating Science Into School-Based Agricultural Education Curriculum *Andrew C. Thoron and Brian E. Myers, University of Florida*

## **Outstanding Research Posters**

### **Faculty Category**

#### **Innovative Idea**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Recruiting Future Agricultural Education Students into the Teaching Profession: The Development of an AGED CDE.<br>Mandy Jo Campbell & Shane Robinson<br>Oklahoma State University |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Transforming Education in Agriculture for a Changing World<br>Kirby Barrick<br>University of FLorida   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Blogging in the Classroom: Three Pedagogical Approaches to Using Blogs for Reflection.<br>Greg Gifford, Nicole Stedman & Karen Cannon<br>University of FLorida                     |

## Research

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      A Model for Improving Faculty Instruction in Colleges of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences.  
Jason Peake, Diana King, Brian Parr  
Oklahoma State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Tips from the Trenches: Teaching Advice for Beginning Academics.  
Kelsey Hall & Courtney Meyers  
Texas Tech University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Perceptions of Instructional Methods in Biofuel Education of Secondary Students.  
Clayton Salle, Don Edgar & Donald Johnson  
University of Arkansas

## Graduate Student Category

### Innovative Idea

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      A Proposed Model for Developing a Well-Prepared Agricultural Workforce in an International Setting  
Kirby Barrick, Mohamed Samy, Michael Gunderson & Andrew Thoron  
University of Florida
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Incorporating Technology, YouTube®, and Learning in the Agriscience Classroom  
Anna Warner & Andrew Thoron  
University of Florida
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Cultural Experiences of the West: A Student Centered Course Design  
Bryan Hains & Brittany Wilkinson  
University of Kentucky

## Research

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Using Reflective Practices to Enhance Higher Order Questioning Frequency of Pre-Service Teachers  
Mr. Cory Epler & Dr. Thomas Broyles  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Predictors and Program Outcomes of Empowering Practices of FFA Chapter Advisors  
Kimberly Anderson & Lorilee Sandmann  
University of Georgia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Secondary Agriculture Teachers and 4-H Youth Development Personnel  
Billy McKim, Amy Smith & Robert Torres  
Texas A&M University

## **New Elected Officers Committee Members**

### **Program Improvement Committee**

John Kessell (term 5/09-5/11)

Leslie Edgar (term 5/09-5/11)

Diana King (term 5/09-5/11)

### **Professional Development Committee**

Hanna Carter (term 5/09-5/11)

Chris Morgan (term 5/09-5/11)

### **Member Services Committee**

Kirk Swortzel (term 5/09-5/11)

Brian Parr (term 5/09-5/11)

Phil Frabel (term 5/09-5/11)

### **Research Committee**

Don Edgar (term 5/09-5/11)

Brian Myers (term 5/09-5/11)

Eric Kaufman (term 5/09-5/11)

### **2010 Conference Coordinator – Orlando, FL**

Craig Edwards – Oklahoma State University