



Newsletter

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Brian Rolfe, Editor

President's Corner

Michael D. Hadley

The joint NCAIR-SCAIR conference in Asheville is coming up April 7-9. If you have not already done so, please make your hotel reservation at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. Space is limited and rooms are going fast.

More information on the conference including on-line registration information can be found at: <http://www.ncair.net>. Please note that Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACS will be addressing the group at 1:00 pm on April 7 and that we tentatively have scheduled a SACS Peer Evaluator Workshop at 9:00 am, so some of you may elect to drive-up on Sunday.

A big thanks to all of our colleagues who have submitted proposals. If you are presenting a paper, please be sure to submit your paper for the "Best Paper" award. The award recipient will receive \$400 to apply toward expenses for presenting your paper at either the 2008 SAIR conference in Nashville, Tennessee or the 2009 AIR conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

For those offices with limited budgets, be sure to check out our NCAIR Travel Grant Application included in this newsletter. The deadline for travel grants is **February 29, 2008**.

If you know of any person new to Institutional Research, new to this state, or someone who for some reason is not getting this newsletter and would like to be included in the distribution list, please email Keith Stiles (kstiles@email.wcu.edu) or me (mhadley@methodist.edu).

Brian Rolfe, our Communications Coordinator is leaving Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on March 31, and this will be his last newsletter for us. I would like to thank him for his service to NCAIR and wish him the best.

Hope to see everyone in Asheville!

Michael

From the Program Chair

Dana L. Dalton

Happy New Year fellow NCAIR members and friends:

I trust the New Year is off to a great start. The 2008 Conference Planning and Program Committees have been hard at work preparing for the Joint NCAIR/SCAIR Conference. The Conference theme is “Combining Our Strength in Numbers”. The proposals submitted are outstanding and will benefit the membership tremendously. We are also fortunate to offer a Peer Evaluator Workshop for those who may want to serve as site reviewers for SACS. Logistics are being arranged for a great workshop from our loyal partners at SAS®.

2008 will be the 35th Anniversary of NCAIR. This is a milestone and NCAIR is highly regarded as one of the strongest state associations in the country. It is always our goal to continue and strengthen our great organization. The members of NCAIR are what keep us strong. Please join us as we celebrate in Asheville. The Conference Registration and Preliminary Agenda are found within. Please, make your hotel reservations soon as rooms are limited.

We still need facilitators and other conference volunteers. Please send me an email to volunteer.

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Please consider other ways to become involved with NCAIR. Consider serving as an officer or as a committee chair.

I look forward to working with each of you and indeed your attendance in Asheville. This is one conference you do not want to miss.

Dana



North Carolina Association for Institutional Research



NCAIR/SCAIR JOINT 2008 CONFERENCE
“COMBINING OUR STRENGTH IN NUMBERS”
APRIL 7-9, ASHEVILLE, NC

SPEAKERS – MONDAY, APRIL 7



Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACS, <http://www.sacscoc.org/president.asp>

Dr. Wheelan currently serves as President of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans 33 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education in Virginia. In several of those roles she was the first African American and/or woman to serve in those capacities.



Dr. Eric Dey, Associate Professor of Education, University of Michigan

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dey/>

Dr. Dey's research is concerned with the ways that colleges and universities shape the experiences and lives of students and faculty. The central concern of this work is in identifying the influence that different institutional structures have on individuals, and the degree to which these influences are dependent on the evolving context within which the enterprise of higher education operates. As one example of this work, Dey was a member of the team of social scientists tapped to provide research on the educational effects of diverse student bodies; this work was foundational to the Supreme Court's decision supporting the continuing use of affirmative action in college admissions.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9



Dr. John Gardner, Executive Director of the Policy Center on the First Year of
(<http://www.firstyear.org/staff/john.html>)

John N. Gardner is an educator, university professor and administrator, author, editor, public speaker, consultant, change agent, student retention specialist, first-year students' advocate, and initiator and scholar of the American first-year and senior-year reform movements. He serves as the Executive Director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College, funded by a grant from Lumina Foundation for Education.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM AGENDA

Monday

Registration

SACS Peer Evaluator Workshop

9 am- 5pm

9am -12 pm presented by Dr. David Carter, SACS VP & Director of Training and Research

Vendor Exhibition

1-7 pm

General Session I

Dr. Wheelan @ 1 pm

Workshops

2:30-4:30 pm

Presenters and Facilitators

4:45-5:15 pm

Newcomers Welcome

5:00-6:00 pm

General Session II

Dr. Dey @ 6:15

Dinner

7:30

Tuesday

Registration

All Day

Vendor Exhibition

All Day

Morning

Concurrent Sessions

Refreshment Break

Luncheon

Chancellor Ponder, UNC-Asheville @ 12:30 pm

Afternoon

Concurrent Sessions

Refreshment Break

Dinner in groups at local eateries

Wednesday

Breakfast Plus

7:30-8:30 am

Closing General Session

Dr. Gardner @ 9-10:15 am

NC/SCAIR Business Meetings

10:30-11:30 am

NCAIR Travel Grant Program

The North Carolina Association for Institutional Research (NCAIR) has a travel grant program to assist members with attending the annual conference.

Purpose: To promote professional development among institutional research professionals that work in institutions and organizations from North Carolina associated with NCAIR.

Eligibility: Travel/development grants are available to both active members and newcomers (individuals who will become new members of NCAIR at the next annual conference) from North Carolina schools. Upon review of the applications by the Travel/Development Grant Committee, a recommendation is made to the NCAIR Board of Directors who will approve the travel/development grant awards.

Amount of Grants: The amount awarded to each grant recipient will be based on the amount requested as well as the financial need of the requester, but will not exceed \$200. The grant can be used toward hotel and mileage. *Conference registration fees will be waived for recipients.*

Application Materials and Considerations: To be considered for the award, application materials must be submitted to the Travel Grant Committee. The deadline for grant application will be February 3. The following items must be submitted:

- a. A completed NCAIR Travel Grant Request Form.
- b. A brief resume/curriculum vita.

Criteria for Awarding of Grants: Recommendations by the Travel Grant Committee to the Executive Committee for travel grant awards will be based on information submitted in the application materials.

NCAIR Travel Grant Committee
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For more information about NCAIR Travel Grants, go to:
http://www.ncair.net/travel_grants.htm

Nominating Committee Report

Kendrick Tatum, Nominating Committee Chair

Here are the candidates for office for NCAIR 2008-09

For Program Chair/President Elect: Adam Shick

- Education: M.A. in Mathematics from Wake Forest University. B.S. degree in Marine Engineering Systems from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Experience: Associate Director of Institutional Research at Wake Forest University since 2006. Assistant Director of Institutional Research at Wake Forest, 2001-2006.
- Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR, AIR.

For Member-at-Large 2-Year Colleges: William L. LeFevers

- Education: M.A. in Public Administration from Webster University; B.A. in Political Sciences from The Citadel
- Experience: Currently Director of Planning and Research at Western Piedmont Community College; eight years of experience at community colleges in administrative and instructional roles.
- Professional Affiliations: SAIR, NCAIR, CCPRO, ERCBEC

For Member-at-Large Private Institutions: Carol Carrere

- Education: Ph.D. and M.S. in Textile Technology and Management from N.C. State University; B.S. in Clothing and Textiles from East Carolina University
- Experience: Vice President for Institutional Planning and Support since 2003; Director of Institutional Research, 2000-2003
- Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR, AIR.

For Member-at-Large Public Institutions: Heather Langdon

- Education: M.A. in Higher Education Administration; B.A. in English Secondary Education from Appalachian State University
- Experience: IR at Appalachian State University since 1992, currently holds the position of Associate Director.
- Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR

For Secretary: Libby Joyce

- Education: M.S. in Educational Research Methodology from University of North Carolina at Greensboro; B.S. in Social Science from Campbell University
- Experience: Assistant Director of Institutional Research at Elon University since 2004
- Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR



North Carolina Association for Institutional Research

NCAIR 2008 REGISTRATION FORM
2008 NCAIR & SCAIR JOINT CONFERENCE
April 7-9, 2008
Asheville Renaissance Hotel
“Combining Our Strength in Numbers”

Name:	Badge Name:
Title:	Institution:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Telephone:	Email:
Vegetarian? Yes No	

Is this your first conference (Y or N)?	
Year of the first NCAIR conference you attended	

Fees	Postmarked By March 7	Postmarked After March 7	Amount Due
NCAIR Registration Fee	\$125	\$135	
SACS Peer Evaluator Workshop			
SAS® Workshop			

I would be willing to serve as a facilitator.	Y or N
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Checks are payable to NCAIR (Tax ID 561-56-2055). Send conference registration to Wayne Stone, Office of Institutional Research, UNC-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223

NCAIR 2008 Membership Renewal
If Unable to attend the conference this year.

Name:	Institution:
Title:	Address:
Telephone:	City, State, Zip:
Fax:	Email:

	Renewal Fee	Amount
Fees		Due
NCAIR Membership Renewal Fee	\$25	

**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
ELECTION OF 2008-2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws states “The Nominating Committee shall cause its slate of proposed officers and members-at-large (with any annotations deemed to be desirable) to be sent to each active member not later than thirty (30) days prior to each Annual Conference. Active members, having indicated their choices and/or written in their nominees, shall return their ballots to the Committee by the date specified on the ballot. Upon conclusion of the process, the Committee’s ballots shall be deposited with the Association’s secretary.”

Please vote for each of the following nominated by the Committee or write in the name of your nominee in the space provided.

For Program Chair/Pres elect:	Vote X
Adam Shick, Wake Forest University	
For Secretary:	
Libby Joyce, Elon University	
For Member at Large – Public Institutions:	
Heather Langdon, Appalachian State University	
For Member at Large – Private Institutions:	
Carol Carrere, Mount Olive College	
For Member at Large – Two Year Colleges:	
William LeFevres, Western Piedmont Community College	

Please deposit this ballot at the registration desk during the Annual Conference by April 8, 2008 or mail to the chair of the Nominating Committee by no later than April 1, 2008:

Kendrick Tatum
Duke University
303 Allen Building, Box 90004
Durham, NC 27706

Additional ballots will be available at the conference.

NCAIR 2007-08 TRAVEL GRANT REQUEST FORM

Name:

Institution:

Amount Requested (Maximum of \$200):

Please describe the financial need and the financial support, if any, available from your institution.

How will receiving this grant contribute to your professional development, particularly with regard to current and future activity in NCAIR?

Please attach a brief resume/curriculum vita to this form and mail, fax, or e-mail to the NCAIR Travel Grant Committee Chair named below on or before the date noted for the conference you plan to attend:

June 27, 2008 (Summer Drive-In)

September 1 (SAIR-presenters only)

February 29, 2008 (NCAIR/SCAIR Annual Conference in Asheville, NC)

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