

## **ISA South Annual President's Report, 2010**

### **Summary:**

The ISA-South Conference was held at the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center, St. Pete Beach, Florida October 22-23, 2010. The theme of the conference was: "International Studies, Environmental Security and Environmental Justice: From Local to the Global Levels." The Program Chair was Mary K. McAleese (Eckerd College). The total number of participants was 125, 52 were faculty members and 73 students. Most participants came from the region but a faculty member did travel from Israel and students came from California, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Switzerland. About 20 of the students participating were undergraduates drawn from the host institution, Eckerd College, as well as other colleges and universities in the region such as University of Central Florida, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, Elon University (North Carolina), and Georgia Southern University. In addition we had one student for the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The ISA-South organization distributed 16 travel grants to students totaling \$2,400. A total of 27 panels were convened.

The ISA-South will be meeting at Elon University in North Carolina in 2011 and Atlanta, Georgia in 2012 (host institution Kennesaw State University). The organization tries to have conference venues lined up several years in advance. Possible future venues include the University of Florida.

### **Highlights:**

The ISA-South Conference included a Professional Development Panel/Workshop in the Program entitled "Reflections on an Academic Career from the Long View". This was coordinated by Heidi Hobbes from North Carolina State University. It was made possible by a grant from the ISA Professional Development Committee. The following were participants on this panel: Maurice East, Susan Northcutt, Arnold Schuetz, Marvin Soroos, and James Winkates. The panelists discussed topics such as: the academic hiring process, the tenure and promotion process, non-academic career opportunities, work-life challenges, the importance of service in the discipline, the challenges and progress of women in academia, the value of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to International Studies, and the importance of developing outside interests in one's career.

The luncheon speaker at the conference was Dr. William Hogarth, University of South Florida. Dr. Hogarth discussed the scientific, political and logistical details of the responses to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Hogarth was one of the leading organizers of the scientific response teams. He discussed the challenges of coordinating the scientific/academic community, governmental policy makers, corporate scientists, the media, and the public to work together in investigating and mediating the spill.

At the luncheon the winners of the Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper competition were announced. They were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Beatrice Mosello, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Joanna Rozpedowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Katherine Grover. Thomas Badey (Randolph-Macon College) chaired the awards committee.

ISA south also sponsored the annual Women's Caucus Breakfast at the meeting. This allowed for informal networking among over 20 students and faculty members.

The reception on the Friday evening was sponsored by Eckerd College. ISA-South is very grateful to Eckerd College's Dean of Faculty, Betty Stewart, for her sponsorship of the reception, as well as support of the conference in general.

### **New Developments:**

The ISA-South business meeting was held at the end of the conference. The meeting took in \$11,009.88 and expenses totaled \$12,518.69. The conference ran a preliminary deficit of \$1,508.76. The governing council agreed to increase registration fees for future conferences to help offset future cost overruns. Nominations to the governing council were made. In addition Sean Giovanello was chosen to serve as ISA-South representative at the ISA Governing Council meeting in Montreal, March 2011. Adam Van Liere joined the graduate student paper committee. Naomi Malone was approved as the new ISA-South webmaster replacing Dave Ellis. ISA-South would like to thank Dave for all his work on the website.

The ISA South will hold a business meeting, as part of the ISA annual meeting, in Montreal on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 a.m. in Salon 2.

The following were recently elected to the ISA-South Governing Council:

President Mary Meyer McAleese (Eckerd College)  
Vice President Sean Giovanello (Elon University)  
Treasurer Jim Rinehart (Troy University)

Executive Council:

Tom Badey (Randolph-Macon College)  
Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida)

The full slate of officers and governing council members for 2011 are as follows:

President Mary Meyer McAleese (1-year term)  
Vice President Sean Giovanello (1-year term)  
Treasurer Jim Rinehart (through 12/31/13)  
Secretary Thomas Smith (through 12/31/12)

Executive Council:

John Miglietta (through 12/31/11)  
Tom Badey (through 12/31/13)  
Laura Sjoberg (through 12/31/13)  
Dorian Crosby (through 12/31/12)  
Susan Northcutt (through 12/31/12)  
Stephen Collins (through 12/31/12)  
Tom Doleys (through 12/31/12)  
Trevor Rubenzer (through 12/31/12)

Respectfully Submitted,

John Miglietta  
President  
ISA-South, 2010

***Program Chair Report to the ISA-South Executive Council on the ISA-South 2010 Annual Conference***

Mary K. Meyer McAleese

9 December 2010

The ISA-South Conference was held at the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center, St. Pete Beach, Florida, on 22-23 October 2010. This year's conference theme was: "International Studies, Environmental Security and Environmental Justice: From the Local to the Global Levels." Program Chair Mary K. Meyer McAleese reports that the total number of participants in attendance was 125, with 52 faculty members and 73 students. While most participants came from within the region, one faculty member came from as far away as Israel, and some students traveled from as far away as California, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and even Switzerland. Approximately 20 students on the program were undergraduates drawn from the host institution, Eckerd College, as well as other colleges and universities in the region, including University of Central Florida, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, Elon University in North Carolina, and Georgia Southern University; one undergraduate presenter came from the University of Wisconsin--Parkside. ISA-South is grateful to the many faculty sponsors who encouraged and mentored their best undergraduate and graduate students to participate in this year's conference. ISA-South approved and distributed a total of \$2,400 in student travel grants to 16 students to facilitate their participation in the conference.

The ISA-South Conference included a very special Professional Development Panel/Workshop in its Program this year titled, "Reflections on an Academic Career from the Long View," which was proposed by Heidi Hobbs at North Carolina State University. Thanks to a generous grant of \$2010 from the ISA Professional Development Committee, this panel brought in five retired professors who had been very active in ISA and ISA-South during their careers: Maurice East, Susan Northcutt, Arnold Schuetz, Marvin Soroos, and James Winkates. These panelists shared insights and lessons they had learned from their varied career paths and offered advice to audience members about such topics as: the academic hiring process, the tenure and promotion processes (and how to handle not getting tenure), non-academic career opportunities, work-life balance, the importance of service to one's university and department as well as to ISA and ISA-South, the challenges and progress women have made in academia in the past few decades, the value of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches in International Studies, and the importance of

developing outside interests and hobbies during one's career. A video recording was made of this panel/workshop and is being sent to the ISA Professional Development Committee for eventual posting and sharing for all ISA members. ISA-South was delighted to reunite these beloved panelists who did so much in their careers to build ISA-South into a vital and vibrant ISA Region. This workshop was followed by a seaside reception and a beautiful sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. ISA-South is very grateful to Eckerd College's Dean of Faculty, Betty Stewart, who contributed \$2000 towards sponsoring the Friday Evening Reception.

Another highlight of this year's conference was the Saturday Luncheon during which Thomas Badey (Randolph-Macon College) announced the winners of the Region's Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition. The winners were: [...].

Following those award presentations, the conference participants heard an excellent talk from the luncheon's Guest Speaker, Dr. William Hogarth, one of the leading marine scientists at the University of South Florida. Dr. Hogarth explained the scientific, political, and logistical details of the response to the recent Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Indeed, he was one of the leading organizers of the scientific response teams, and he discussed the challenges of coordinating the scientific/academic community, governmental policy makers, corporate scientists, the media, and the public to work together in investigating and mediating the spill. Special thanks go to Thomas W. Smith at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg for securing this outstanding guest speaker for the luncheon.

ISA-South also sponsored the annual Women's Caucus Breakfast at the conference, allowing for additional informal networking among over 20 students and faculty members who turned up for the early Saturday morning meeting (an attendance record for the regional Women's Caucus Breakfast). The discussion generated several new ideas and agenda items of interest to the breakfast attendees as well as great energy and enthusiasm. A report of these ideas are being forwarded to the ISA Women's Caucus for the March meeting in Montreal for future planning. The Women's Caucus members thank ISA-South for its continued sponsorship of this annual breakfast at the regional meeting and urge other regions to do the same at their conferences.

The ISA-South Business Meeting was held at the end of the conference on

Saturday when the Program Chair gave a preliminary report, nominations for new officers were made, and other items were discussed. [...]. As the attached budget report shows, the conference ran a final deficit of \$1,500. The Business Meeting agreed to increase registration fees for future conferences to help offset such cost overruns in the future.

In closing, the Program Chair and the Region thank the staff at the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center for its excellent hospitality to all conference participants throughout the weekend. As well, the Program Chair thanks all participants, especially panel chairs and discussants, and many others who contributed to making this year's conference a great success. In particular, the Program Chair thanks her two outstanding work scholars, Andrea Castaneda and Constanca Vilomar; several volunteers from her IR Senior Seminar class; the staff from the Eckerd College's Information Technology Services and Dan McAleese for technical and logistical support; and the staff at ISA Headquarters, especially Jeanne White, Brittany McCain, Joel Davis, and Dana Larsen.