With the support of the ISA HQ staff, this year’s ISA/South conference was held at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee on October 4th and 5th. 127 participants from 10 countries participated in the conference. The conference was also attended by ISA President Cameron Thies and the Executive director of ISA, Mark Boyer. The conference program included a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

The conference was organized by the ISA/South Vice-President Nikolaos Zahariadis the Mertie Buckman Chair in International Studies (Rhodes College) and Adam Van Liere (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). Both were assisted by ISA/South President Thomas J. Badey (Randolph-Macon College). A Friday evening reception was graciously sponsored by Rhodes College.

ISA/South awarded 14 travel grants of $200, to graduate students for a total of approximately $2800,00. These grants were paid out of the region’s membership dues. This year’s winner of the Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Award was Abdiasis B. Issa from the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada for a paper entitled: Cities and Global Governance: Conceptualizing the Rise of Human Rights Cities in Practice. Mr. Issa received a $250 prize and a one-year membership in ISA.

The Keynote speaker at the annual ISA/South awards luncheon was Dr. Cary Folwer, member of the Rhodes College Board of Trustees with a presentation entitled “Lunch date with Darwin.” Special events at the conference included The Women’s Caucus Mentoring Town Hall on Work-Life Balance and the ISA/South Women’s Caucus Breakfast meeting on Saturday morning. The discussion was led by Heidi Hobbs (North Carolina State University) Mary K. Meyer McAleese (Eckerd College) Jamie E. Scalera (Georgia Southern University). Other notable events included the James F. Rinehart Memorial Panel on Political Violence, and the Joseph M. Scolnick Memorial Roundtable on the Challenges of U.S. Foreign Policy.

The ISA/South total membership in 2019 was 819. The ISA/South account balance at the Start of FY 2019 was $36,151.19. Total conference income was $15,303.91. Total expenditures were $13,781.57 for a gain of $1522.34.

A special thanks to the administration, faculty, staff and students at Rhodes College for their generous support of the 2019 ISA/South regional conference. We are also grateful for the efforts and for the continued support and professionalism of the ISA leadership and staff. As is tradition the ISA/South regional conference moves each year within the Southern Region. Last year’s conference was in Ashland, Virginia. Next year’s conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia organized by Prof. Kirsten Taylor with the generous support of Berry College, located in Mount Berry, Georgia. We are looking forward to proposals on any subject related to international studies.
The ISA/South Business meeting was held at the ISA/South conference at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, on October 5th, 2019 at 5:45 PM. The meeting was chaired by Thomas Badey (ISA/South President). The following individuals were nominated:

- President: Nikolaos Zahariadis (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- VP: Kirsten Taylor (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- Secretary: Andreea Mihalache-O’Keef (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- Treasurer: Mary Meyer (seconded, passed by acclamation)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Sarah Fisher, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Emory and Henry College, Virginia. Brenda Kaufman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Sciences, Flagler College, Florida. Adam Van Liere, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, Wisconsin. Abdiasis B. Issa, Graduate Student, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Ontario, Canada. Ballots will be distributed in December 2019.