

# Upcoming Meeting

## 2014 Spring Meeting

The Spring 2014 SEERS meeting will be held in Savannah, GA on February 13-15 (Thurs-Sat) at the **Coastal Georgia Center**. We are meeting a little earlier in the year than usual, so think of this meeting as an opportunity to test run a new presentation. Our local host is Loren Mathews (Georgia Southern University). We hope you will be able to join us in Savannah this spring as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of SEERS, for our first meeting was held in Savannah in the spring of 1974! The meeting location is also a great getaway opportunity for those of you that want to celebrate Valentine's Day with your special someone.

**Registration is now open! (See below.) Abstracts are submitted at the time of registration. The deadline for abstract submission, early registration, and student travel award applications is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (with no extensions).** After this date, registrations will be accepted without abstracts and with a late fee of \$15 until 5 PM on Friday, January 31, 2014.

## Ticket prices for early registration

Full meeting registration includes Thursday poster session (beverages and light snacks), Friday lunch, Friday evening banquet (includes dinner, brewery tour, tasting, and transportation), coffee breaks, and program book. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased.

student member registration	\$60	
student registration + 2014 membership	\$75	
student nonmember registration	\$80	
regular member registration	\$120	
regular registration + 2014 membership	\$140	
regular nonmember registration	\$150	
one day registration, no banquet	\$60	
additional banquet ticket	\$45	(dinner, brewery tour, tasting, and transportation included)

**A NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP:** SEERS dues are based on a calendar year. If you paid dues when registering for the 2013 meeting, most likely you will need to pay dues for 2014 unless you chose a multi-year option. If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact the **SEERS Secretary**.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** After registering, if you are not able to attend the conference, we encourage you to send a substitute attendee. You may substitute at any time, even on-site at the conference. If you must cancel, a refund of meeting registration (less a \$10 cancellation fee) may be requested up to January 21, 2014. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after January 21, 2014. Membership dues are not refundable.

## Preliminary schedule (subject to change):

Thursday 2/13

4:30-5:30 PM: Registration check-in and poster setup

5:30-7:30 PM: Poster session and social with finger food and beverages

Friday 2/14:

8:00 AM-5:00 PM: Oral presentation sessions all day at the Coastal Georgia Center

Lunch will be provided at the Coastal Georgia Center

5:00-6:00 PM: SEERS Business meeting at the Coastal Georgia Center

6:30-8:30 PM: Evening banquet at Southbound Brewing Company

Saturday 2/15:

8:00 AM-1:00 PM: Half-day oral session

## Sponsorship

Meeting sponsorship supports student attendance and travel to our meetings. Sponsorship inquiries can be directed to any SEERS Board member. Contact the Treasurer for payment options.

## Presentation Details

**Abstracts:** There is a box on the registration form where this can be pasted. Please do not exceed 250 words.

Use HTML tags for formatting:

< i>italicized text</i>

< sub>subscript</sub>

< sup>superscript</sup>

**List of Authors:** There is a box on the registration form where this can be pasted. Please format as: Author1, Institution; Author2, Institution; etc. and denote graduate students with \* after the name and undergraduates with \*\*. You will also be asked to designate the presenting author in another box.

**Oral Presentations:** Time limits will be posted here. Please check back!

**Posters:** Maximum dimensions will be posted here. Please check back! All posters are eligible for the 3-3 Award for clarity.

## Lodging and Travel

### Hotel

A block of rooms is available at the brand new Embassy Suites Historic Savannah at the following rates:

Thursday 2/13/14 at \$129

Friday 2/14/14 at \$159

Saturday 2/15/14 at \$159

Parking is an additional charge (currently \$14 per day).

These are great rates for Savannah at this time of year, and they include breakfast each morning in the hotel restaurant and a manager's reception serving complimentary cocktails/beverages and hors d'oeuvres in the Lobby Bar each evening. The hotel is within walking distance (approximately 0.1 miles) from the Coastal Georgia Center.

**Reservations must be made by Jan 15** and the Embassy Suites reservation line is now open.

### **Embassy Suites Historic Savannah**

605 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah, GA 31401

Phone: 912-721-6900

### Air Travel

The closest airport is Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

### Donate to SEERS

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