

SEERS Fall 2016 Meeting Announcement

The Fall 2016 meeting of the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society (SEERS) will be at the Jekyll Island Convention Center on Georgia's Jekyll Island during October 6-8, 2016 (Thurs – Sat). Bryan Fluech of UGA's Marine Extension and Benjamin Carswell of the Jekyll Island Authority have been serving as local contacts for this event.

Tidal Transformations will be our special plenary theme: Tides and water levels play a major role in shaping coastal environments. Tides themselves are a very predictable phenomenon but climatic and anthropogenic influences change how tides impact the coast. SEERS is calling for papers in this special session that address the influence of tides on coastal and estuarine ecology, especially in combination with global and/or anthropogenic processes such as sea level rise, storm events, changes in hydrology or geomorphology, and techniques for enhancing resilience in the face of these stressors.

The meeting will start Thursday evening October 6th, with sponsor presentations, a plenary talk, poster previews, and a hearty reception. The meeting will continue all day Friday (October 7th) and until mid-day Saturday (October 8th) with oral and poster presentations. Posters can remain up the entire time, although judging of student posters will occur during the afternoon Friday. The banquet will be held Friday at the Convention Center during the evening hours after the poster session

Registration Deadlines:

The deadline for regular price registration, abstract submission, and student travel award applications is Friday, September 16th at 5:00 pm. After this date and time, late registrations **without** abstracts will be accepted until **Friday, September 23rd** for an additional \$15 per registrant. Go to <http://www.seers.org/next-meeting/> to register. Abstract submission is part of the registration process.

Registration Prices:

Full meeting registration prices include the Thursday evening reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, Friday lunch and evening banquet, coffee breaks each day, and the program book. Reception-only and banquet-only tickets may be purchased individually or for guests.

student member full registration	\$60
student full registration + 2016 membership	\$75
student nonmember full registration	\$75
regular member full registration	\$125
regular full registration + 2016 membership	\$145
regular nonmember full registration	\$145
one day registration, no banquet	\$60
Thursday reception only, or additional ticket	\$15
Friday banquet only, or additional ticket	\$30

Membership:

Please see the [SEERS Membership page](#) regarding costs and options. SEERS dues are for a calendar year.

Cancellation Policy:

After registering, if you are not able to attend the meeting, we encourage you to send a substitute attendee in your place. You may substitute at any time, even on-site at the time of the meeting. If you must cancel, a refund of meeting registration (less a \$10 cancellation fee) may be requested up to Sept 23rd. No refunds will be issued for cancellation after Sept 23rd. Membership dues are not refundable.

Abstract Submission:

Abstracts for oral or poster presentations should highlight scientific research and/or education/outreach in the field of estuarine science. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, September 16th at 5:00pm**, with no extensions. Abstracts are submitted during the registration process, which can be done at <http://www.seers.org/next-meeting/>. Abstracts are limited to 250 words.

The list of authors of the abstract will need to be provided at the time of submission. Please format as Author 1, Institution; Author 2, Institution, and so on. Graduate student authors should be denoted with a single asterisk (*) after the respective last name, while undergraduate authors should be denoted with double asterisks (**) after the respective last name. ***Each abstract may be submitted only once for presentation at the conference, i.e., an abstract with multiple authors needs to have one designated presenter.***

Oral Presentations:

Oral presentations are limited to a 15 minute time block, which includes a 12 minute talk and 3 minutes for questions. Presentations should be prepared in a Windows compatible format (ppt or pdf). Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate oral presentations.

Poster Presentations:

Posters are limited to a maximum size of 93" wide by 45" tall. A 4' W by 3' tall poster fits nicely! Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate poster presentations. All posters are eligible for the 3-3-3 Award, which recognizes clarity and conciseness. All students are asked to do the judging. More information about the award is available [here](#).

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. treasurer@seers.org.

Student Travel Awards:

SEERS is offering up to five student travel awards of \$150 each to qualifying students presenting at this meeting. More information and the student travel award application form, due by September 16th, may be found [here](#).

Lodging and Travel:

A block of rooms are available at two local hotels; reservations **MUST** be made by Sept. 6 to qualify for reduced rate:

Days Inn & Suites

60 S. Beachview Dr.

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

912-635-9800

Islandside: \$79.00 + tax; Oceanside: \$89.00 + tax. Rates include Deluxe Continental Breakfast.

To get these rates, reserve by **Sept. 6, 2016** and mention **SEERS** or Southeast Estuarine Research Society.

Hampton Inn & Suites Jekyll Island

200 South Beachview Drive

Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527

912-635-3733

800-426-7866

Standard room: \$129 +tax & fees; Suite: \$149 +tax & fees. Rates include breakfast buffet.

To get these rates, reserve by **Sept. 6, 2016** and mention group code **SER** or **SE Estuarine Research Society**. You may call the local number or the Central Reservations (800) number, or book through www.hampton.com with the group code **SER**.