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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.		<i>CONCOURSE LOBBY</i>
REGISTRATION		

8:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

SRSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING **202 A**

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 P.M.

SRSA RURAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING **202A**

Organizer:

Glenn Israel, University of Florida

Participants:

Glenn Israel, University of Florida
 Usman Adamu, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
 Don Albrecht, Texas A&M University
 Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center
 Frank Beck, Illinois State University
 Ed Reeves, Morehead State University
 Mark Schafer, Louisiana State University
 Doug Smith, Western Kentucky University
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11:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION **202A**

**The 2007 Farm Bill: Policy Options and Consequences for
 Small, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmers in the South**

Organizers:

Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University
 Doris Newton, USDA/Economic Research Service
 Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

Facilitator:

Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

Participants:

Albert J. Allen, Mississippi State University
 Doris Newton, USDA/Economic Research Service
 James Novak, Auburn University
 Kenneth Stokes, Texas Cooperative Extension
 Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

PAPER SESSION

202A

Small Town Agriculture

Moderator: E'licia L. Chaverest

Examining the Economic Impact of Birmingham Farmers' Markets on the Local Economy

Mukiibi Michael, Alabama A&M University
James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University
Joseph Molnar, Auburn University
Leah Rigdon, Auburn University
Arthur Siaway, Tuskegee University

Factors Affecting Fresh Tomato Consumption in the United States

Kimberly Curtis, Alabama A&M University
Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University
Joseph Befecaduu, Alabama A&M University
Hezekiah Jones, Alabama A&M University

**The Feasibility of Investment in Greenhouse Tomato Production as an Alternative/
Supplemental Enterprise for the Small Farmer in Alabama**

Kimberly Curtis, Alabama A&M University
Joseph Befecaduu, Alabama A&M University
Hezekiah Jones, Alabama A&M University

PAPER SESSION

202B

Leisure and Leadership Issues

Moderator:

Brains and Brawn: Event Analysis of Collegiate Rodeo Athletes

Gene L. Theodori, Texas A&M University

Texas Latino Attitudes Toward the Environment and Outdoor Recreation Participation

A. Lopez, Texas A&M University
C. Torres, Texas A&M University
N.J. Silvy, Texas A&M University
R.R. Lopez, Texas A&M University

**Leadership Development Programs: Enhancement of Individual, Social or Community
Capital?**

Patricia H. Dyk, University of Kentucky

Are Agricultural Leadership Development Programs Building Global Leaders?

Eric K. Kaufman, University of Florida

2:45 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

SOUTHERN RURAL SOCIOLOGY EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING

202B

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
SAAS OPENING SESSION
Immigration Policy *West Ballroom*

Sunday 5:00 p.m. - ? p.m.
SAAS Reception
East and West Ballrooms

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
SAAS SOCIAL HOUR *East and West Ballroom*

6:00 P.M. – ONWARD
SAAS RECEPTION/SUPER BOWL PARTY *East and West Ballroom*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

REGISTRATION	8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<i>CONCOURSE LOBBY</i>
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8:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
PAPER SESSION *202A*
Agricultural Innovations

Moderator:

Profitability of Organic Production on Small Farms in Alabama

Staci Huddleston, Alabama A&M University
 Joseph Befecauu, Alabama A&M University
 Hezekiah Jones, Alabama A&M University

Spatial Contours of Potential Biomass Crop Production: An Extension and Measures of Change

Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University
 Jeremy R. Porter, Mississippi State University
 Philip B. Mason, Mississippi State University
 Troy B. Blanchard, Mississippi State University

The Internet and U.S. Farmers' Markets: The Impact of Structural Pluralism on the Internet Adoption by Farmers' Markets

Seungahn Nah, University of Kentucky
 Kathryn Ellis, University of Kentucky
 Donna Hancock, University of Kentucky
 Jesse Horn, University of Kentucky
 Randy Weckman, University of Kentucky

Utilization of Cultural Models and Collaborative Learning to Advance Management of the North Carolina Blue Crab Fishery

Sara E. Mirabilio, North Carolina Sea Grant College Program
Michael Paolisso, University of Maryland
Jack Thigpen, North Carolina Sea Grant College Program

PAPER SESSION
Law and Policy

202B

Moderator:

The Overlooked Significance of ‘Place’ in Law and Policy

Debra Lyn Bassett, Florida State University College of Law

Shifting Approaches to Environmental Regulation and Small Water System Capacity

Development: A Case Study

Kim Steil, Mississippi State University Water Resources Research Institute

Protecting Homeplace: An Examination of the Legal and Cultural Implications of Heir Property in Alabama’s Black Belt

Janice F. Dyer, Auburn University

Effectiveness of the Regional Councils of Governments in Alabama: A Comparative Case Study

Shakeesha Washington, Auburn University

9:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.
BREAK CONCOURSE LOBBY

9:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

PAPER SESSION

202A

Sustainable Agriculture and Quality of Life – I

Co-sponsored by SRSA and SAEA

Organizers:

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia – Griffin

Moderator:

Sustainable Agriculture and the Social Sciences: Getting Beyond Best Management Practices and Getting Into Food Systems

Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia – Griffin

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

The Role of Southern SARE Research Projects in Enhancing Quality of Life of Community Lives in the Southern Region

Keiko Tanaka, University of Kentucky

Victoria Bhavsar, University of Kentucky

Support of Civic Agriculture in Black Belt Counties of Five Southeastern States: The Role of Community Governance

Terrance Thomas, North Carolina A&T State University

Osei Yeboah, North Carolina A&T State University

Benjamin Gray, North Carolina A&T State University

Victor Ofori-Boadu, North Carolina A&T State University

Expanding the Marketing Opportunities and Sustainable Production Potential for Minority and Limited Resource Farmers in Louisiana and Mississippi

Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University
John J. Green, Delta State University

PAPER SESSION

202B

Rural – Urban Issues

Moderator: John K. Thomas, Texas A&M University

Sociological Imagination for Service: Everything is Not Great

George Floro, Sul Ross State University

Rural – Urban Patterns of Obesity in the U.S.: Testing Socioeconomic and Lifestyle Hypotheses

Philip B. Mason, Mississippi State University
Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University

On the Urbanicity of Metropolitan Areas: Population and Landuse Change, 1970 – 1990

Jeremy R. Porter, Mississippi State University
Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University

Social, Economic and Environmental Effects of Urbanization on the Sustainability of Small Farms in Tennessee and Arkansas: An Application of the Delphi Process

Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University
Usman Adamu, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

AWARDS LUNCHEON and PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Small Town in Global Society

Dr. Don E. Albrecht, Texas A&M University

NOTE: *The Awards Luncheon and Presidential Address will be held in the Overlook Room at the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center.*

1:15 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

POSTER SESSION

Prefunction/Upper Concourse

Texas Latino Attitudes and Behavior Toward the Environment

A. Lopez, Texas A&M University
C. Torres, Texas A&M University
N.J. Silvy, Texas A&M University
R.R. Lopez, Texas A&M University

Barriers to Health Care Access among Residents of the Southern Black Belt Region of the United States

Benjamin Gray, North Carolina A&T State University
Terrence Thomas, North Carolina A&T State University
Marcus Bernard, North Carolina A&T State University

1:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

PAPER SESSION

202A

Sustainable Agriculture and Quality of Life – II
Co-sponsored by SRSA and SAEA

Organizers:

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University
 Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia – Griffin

Moderator:

Produce Sections, Town Squares, and Farm Stands: Comparing Local Food in Community Context

Sarah Hultine, University of Illinois
 Stephen Gasteyer, University of Illinois
 Leslie Cooperband, University of Illinois
 Pat Curry, University of Illinois

Regulatory Barriers to Sustainability in the Specialty Meat Sector

M.R. Worosz, Michigan State University
 A.J. Knight, Michigan State University
 C.K. Harris, Michigan State University
 D.S. Conner, Michigan State University

Organic Bifurcation and Quality of Life: A Look at Certified and Non-Certified Organic Farmers in Texas

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University
 Holly Lyke Ho-Gland, Sam Houston State University

PAPER SESSION

202B

Rural Health and Well-Being

Moderator: Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

Making the Connections: The Importance of Rural Journalism in Community Health Efforts

Laura M. Hall, University of Southern Mississippi

Human Well-Being Comparison Between Alabama's Black Belt and the Southern Cumberland Plateau Regions

Nevia C. Brown, Alabama A&M University
 Rory Fraser, Alabama A&M University

Determinants of Cigarette Consumption in the U.S. (1975 – 2005)

Staci Huddleston, Alabama A&M University
 Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University
 Joseph Befecauu, Alabama A&M University
 Hezekiah Jones, Alabama A&M University

Toward a Rural Mental Health Program Model: A Case Study

Chris Stapel, University of Kentucky

3:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.
BREAK CONCOURSE LOBBY

3:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

ROUNDTABLE SESSION

202A

**Black Belt Community Activists and Scholars Exchange Stories and Ideas
About Working Together for Social Change**

Organizer:

Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky

Participants:

Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University
Sarah Bobrow Williams, Southern Black Women's Rural Initiatives
Sokoya Finch, Florida Family Network
Shirley Sherrod, Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Terrence Thomas, North Carolina A&T State University
Veronica Womack, Georgia College and State University
Dreamal Worthen, Florida A&M University

PAPER SESSION

202B

Youth and Rural Communities

Moderator: Edward B. Reeves

**How to (Thoroughly) Explain the Rural Gap in Reading and Math Achievement with
Quantile Regression**

Edward B. Reeves, Morehead State University
Jesse Lowe, Morehead State University

Community Effects on Kindergarten to Third Grade Educational Achievement

Glenn D. Israel, University of Florida

**Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Camps: The Impact on Kentucky Communities
and the Global Society**

Donna Hancock, University of Kentucky

**What Is a Usual Source of Care? Medical Homes and Continuity of Care for Children on
Mississippi Medicaid**

C.J. Campbell, Mississippi State University
J.S. Cossman, Mississippi State University
J.B. Ritchie, Mississippi State University

4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

SRSA BUSINESS MEETING

202A

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
REGISTRATION <i>CONCOURSE LOBBY</i>

8:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

PAPER SESSION

202A

Human Dimensions of Agriculture – I

Moderator:

Farm Structure and Agricultural Input Markets in North Carolina's Black Belt

Godfrey Ejimakor, North Carolina A&T State University

Makesi Ormond, North Carolina A&T State University

Alabama Farmers' Markets: A Prediction of Market Size and Market Segmentation

LaMonica Ginton, Alabama A&M University

Odili Onianwa, Alabama A&M University

Gerald Wheelock, Alabama A&M University

An Evaluation of Waste Management Practices at Small Livestock Operations in Alabama: Summary and Preliminary Analysis

Ericka Soumare, Alabama A&M University

Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

Choosing a Formal Cooperative Structure to Fit the Imperatives of a Middle Agriculture

Thomas Gray, USDA Rural Development Cooperative Programs

George Stevenson, University of Wisconsin – Madison

PAPER SESSION

202B

Poverty and Inequality

Moderator:

Mexican American Poverty in the Texas Borderland: The Influences of Family Structure, Metro Location and Characteristics of Individuals

Carlos Siordia, Texas A&M University

Income Inequality in the Alabama Black Belt: Spatial Analysis at Sub-County Level

Buddhi Gyawali, Alabama A&M University

Rory Fraser, Alabama A&M University

James Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

John Schelhas, Tuskegee University

Food Stamps, Race, and Rural Food Insecurity

Andrew A. Zekeri, Tuskegee University

Food Security, Obesity, and Household Status among Female Food Pantry Clients in East Alabama: Results of an Exploratory Study

Patricia A. Duffy, Auburn University
 Claire Zizza, Auburn University
 Marina Irimia-Vladu, American University of Sharjah
 Francis A. Tayie, Auburn University

9:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.
BREAK CONCOURSE LOBBY

9:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

PAPER SESSION

202A

Human Dimensions of Agriculture – II

Moderator:

Residential Differences in Attitudes Toward Florida Agriculture

Eric K. Kaufman, University of Florida
 Glenn D. Israel, University of Florida
 Tracy Irani, University of Florida

Farm Policy and Destabilizing Rural Southern Communities: The Case of Black Cotton Farmers

Jerry Pennick, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund
 Heather Gray, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

Tennessee Consumers' Knowledge and Attitudes towards Biotechnology

Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University
 Safdar Muhammad, Tennessee State University
 Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University
 Surendra Singh, Tennessee State University

Consumer Perceptions and Willingness-to-Pay for GM-Free Food Products in Southern Underserved Communities

Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University
 E'licia L. Chaverest, Alabama A&M University

PAPER SESSION

202B

Community and the Environment

Moderator: Gene L. Theodori, Texas A&M University

Community Leaders' Perceptions of Energy Development in the Barnett Shale

Brooklynn J. Anderson, Texas A&M University

Framework for Rural Sustainable Tourism Development in Nicaragua

Edwin Vladimir Cordero, University of Texas at Brownsville
 Yeong Nain Chi, University of Texas at Brownsville
 Msc. Maritza Vargas Paiz, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua, León

Rights and Wrongs: Competing Claims of Environmental Responsibility in Northeast Alabama

Zachary Henson, Auburn University

Ideologically Structured Information Exchange Among Environmental Groups

Laura Robinson, Auburn University

Conner Bailey, Auburn University

Mark Dubois, Auburn University

11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

SRSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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