# 2024 Fall Newsletter

# **Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations**







# **Southern Region**

**American Society for Horticultural Science** 

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# 2025 Annual Conference January 31-February 2, 2025 Irving, Texas

90th Year Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science

106<sup>th</sup> Year Horticulture Section Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists

# **About the Irving Meetings**

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Irving, Texas at the Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas



# Message From President Coker

As autumn approaches, we reflect on the changing of the seasons. But for the Southern Region, the season is ushering in so much more!

ASHS is undergoing big changes, and the Southern Region, the only active

regional arm of the Society, is changing, too! Dr. Dave Reed, our long-time Secretary/Treasurer and mentor to many, has begun his much deserved retirement from academia. It's time for him to pass the SR-ASHS torch as well, marking the beginning of our Region's next chapter.

We have an active and engaged Executive Committee, chaired by Dr. Julie Campbell. Under her leadership we are moving forward to grow the Society and build upon decades of tradition. Be on the lookout for new, updated election procedures as well as title and abstract submissions. We are also working with ASHS to host our new, updated website. Thanks, Julie for taking the lead on bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

It is a privilege to be a part of our Society at such a pivotal time! I look forward to helping our Society stretch and grow and hope that our members will come alongside and cultivate this season of change.

And if you haven't already, mark your calendars for January 31-February 2, 2025! Conveniently located within a short distance of DFW, the annual meeting is being held near the Mandalay Canal Walk and the Toyota Music Factory at the Westin Irving Convention Center. As always, I look forward to connecting with colleagues at our annual meeting!! Christine

# **Schedule of the Meetings**

The general schedule of the meetings will be: **Fridav** 

- Working Group Meetings
- Administrators Meetings
- ACB Club Share and tour
- Executive Committee Meeting

#### Saturday

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings
- Extension, Education & overflow Sections
- Edmund, Childers, Barham, and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

#### Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting & officer election
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Social Gathering if you hang around

# Forms – Where to Get

The Southern Region web site: http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination form
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Instructions to Judges

# **Southern Region Dues**

ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended to pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at <a href="https://ashs.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=2463">https://ashs.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=2463</a> O36 or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

# **Early Bird Hotel Information and**

#### Reservations

(Book early - rooms often run out if you wait too late. You can always cancel.)

# The Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas

400 West Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039

To make reservations by phone, call 877-619-2539 and be sure to ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate. You can also say SAA group rate. To make reservations online at the SAAS group rate click this dedicated link: Book your group rate for Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists

**Deadline to reserve at group rate:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025, by 6:00 pm CST.

SAAS Group Rates: \$179 + tax double, single, triple or quad rooms. No resort fee.

Check in: 3:00 pm - Check out: 11:00 am

**HOTEL PARKING**: The Westin has a parking garage adjacent to the hotel. Self-parking is available for \$18/day. Valet parking is available for \$24/day. Prices include in-and-out privileges for in-house guests only. Rates are subject to change without notice.

**Group Rate** will be honored for 3 days before and 3 days after conference dates of Jan 30-Feb 4 for visiting/sightseeing, if available.

**Internet**: Complimentary internet in guestrooms for Marriott Bonvoy Members.

**Fitness Center:** Complimentary access to hotel's fitness center.

#### **Texican Court**

501 W Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039

To make reservations by phone, **call toll free 833-839-4226** (You MUST identify yourself as with Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists to obtain the group rate.)

To make reservations online, go to the Hotel's website: www.texicancourt.com.

**NOTE:** Cancellations must be made 48 hours before the scheduled day of arrival to avoid a one night cancellation fee.

**Deadline to reserve at group rate:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025, by 6:00 pm CST.

SAAS Group Rates: \$119/night for single/double; for triple/quad add \$20/person/night for the 3rd and 4th person.

Check in 3:00 pm; check out is 12 Noon.

**AMENITIES: Group Rate** will be honored for 2 days before and 2 days after conference dates of Jan 30-Feb 4 for visiting/sightseeing, if available.

**Breakfast:** Complimentary Continental Breakfast served daily in the Two Mules Cantina.

**Wi-Fi:** Complimentary Wi-Fi in all public areas, overnight guestroom, and throughout the meeting and event spaces.

**Internet**: Complimentary Internet. However, some services are considered premium and may incur additional fees.

**Self-Parking**: Complimentary daily overnight self-parking based on availability.

(Note: If luggage assistance is needed, there is a porterage fee of \$6 round trip fee that will be incurred by the guest. Gratuities go directly to the employee responsible for the delivery.)

# **SAAS Web Site**

#### https://www.saasinc.org/

SAAS posts updates relative to hotel availability, overflow hotels, meeting information, things to do, weather, airport info etc.

# Call for Titles of Presentations and Posters

# **Commodity Sections and Student Competitions**

**Deadlines:** November 27 Authors: submit properly formatted titles to the Qualtrics survey.

December 13 Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles,

properly formatted, and as one .doc file. List Titles in the order of presentation.

**Authorship:** One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

**Abstract Publication:** To publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published

#### **Abstract Format:**

\*indicates the presenting author, list corresponding author's email address at the end of the abstract.

# If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum L.*). Lavanya Reddivari\* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

# If authors have separate addresses, use the following format for Paper Titles:

**Molecular Marker Analysis of a Segregating Blackberry Population**. Eric T. Stafne<sup>1\*</sup>, John R. Clark<sup>1</sup>, and Kim S. Lewers<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>316 Plant Science, Department of Horticulture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701, <sup>2</sup>USDA-ARS Fruit Lab., 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. (estafne@uark.edu)

# Submission of Titles Titles are uploaded as a formatted Word document to a Qualtrics Survey

- Properly formatted titles are submitted online to a Qualtrics survey: Click on this link.
  - https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_6rrDqQ4muLufrF4
- Complete the contact information.
- Click and submit to the Section or Session the paper is to be presented.
- A title can be submitted to only 1 section. For example, one cannot submit a title to a Student Competition Section and a Commodity Section.
- Upload the title as a properly formatted Word document file (.doc or .dox); then Click the submit button (arrow).
- **NOTE:** Only properly formatted titles will be accepted.
- NOTE: Working Group Sections collect their own presentation titles. Contact the Chair of the Working Group for their submission process. The title can be published as an abstract, if the title has NOT been presented in another session.

# **Contact Information for Commodity Section Chairs**

#### **Education Section**

#### Gerardo Nunez

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#### **Extension Section**

#### Jeremy Pickens, Chair

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#### Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

Anthony T. Bowden, Chair Univ of Arkansas Department of Horticulture 2301 S. University Ave. Little Rock, AR 72204 abowden@uada.edu

### **Fruit Crops Section**

#### Edgar Vinson, Chair

Auburn University Dept of Horticulture 101 Funchess Hall Auburn Alabama 36849 vinsoed@auburn.edu

#### **Vegetables Crops Section**

#### Ted McAvoy, Chair

University of Georgia 4604 Research Way Tifton, Georgia 31793 ted.mcavoy@uga.edu

# Postharvest/Biotechnology Section

#### Renee Threlfall, Chair

Food Science Department University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture 2650 N. Young Avenue Fayetteville, AR 72704 rthrelf@uark.edu

#### **Posters**

# Ping Yu, Chair

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# **Contact Information for Student Competition Chairs**

Undergraduate Student Presentation Competition

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

#### Carolyn Robinson, Chair

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**Undergraduate and Graduate Student** 

Poster Competition
Poster Competition
Ping Yu, Chair

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Graduate Student Presentation Competitions Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student

**Paper Competition** 

and

Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student

**Paper Competition** 

Sarah White, Chair

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# **Working Group Sessions**

The following Working Groups will meet at the annual meeting. Information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting the respective Working Group Chair. If you have agenda items, topics, papers titles, etc. that you would like to present, contact the respective Working Group Chair.

**Registration:** All participants in the Working Groups must register with SR-ASHS and SAAS.

ASHS registration concurrently registers you with SAAS.

Abstract Titles Deadlines: December 13 -For titles and agenda to appear in the Southern Region Program.

Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all abstracts as a pro0perly formatted Word document. Only properly formatted abstracts will be

published.

**Abstract Publication:** To publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a properly formatted Word document to the Working Group Chair by their deadline. For format, see the Submission of Titles earlier in the program. The group of abstracts is submitted by the Working Group Chair to Secretary-Treasurer; the abstracts will be published as a block under name of the Working Group.

# Send Agenda items, paper titles, communication, etc. to the Working Group Chairs

#### **Horticulture Administrators**

Chris Gunter, Chair University of Florida Horticultural Sciences 2550 Hull R ad Room 1251 Fifield Hall Gainesville, Florida 32611 cc.gunter@ufl.edu

#### **Southern Fruit Workers**

Rachel Itle, Co-Chair University of Georgia 1109 Experiment Street Griffin, GA 30223 ritle@uga.edu

# Amanda McWhirt, Co-Chair

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#### **Watermelon Research Group**

Josh Freeman, Chair Regional Manager TriEst Ag Group 850-694-4129 jfreeman@triestag.com

Melia Acevedo, Vice-Chair

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#### **National Sweet Potato Collaborators**

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# Student Presentation and Poster Awards Determined at the Annual Meeting

# **Format of Competitions**

- Poster presentations are at your poster at the time listed in the Conferenced Program.
- Oral presentations are at the time and room listed in the Conference Program.
  - o The presentations will be in the order in which the titles are listed in the Conference Program.
  - o If you have a problem with the time of your presentation, communicate with the Chair to determine if accommodations are possible.
  - o Contact the Chair for instructions for submitting the file of your presentation.
    - Bring your presentation on a USB to the Chair one-half-hour before the start time.
    - Email your presentation to the Chair ahead of time.

### **Awards Announced and Presented**

at the ACB Business Meeting and at the Annual Business Meeting on the last day f the Conference

#### J.B. Edmond

#### **Undergraduate Student Paper Awards**

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by undergraduate students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$300, \$200, and \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is funded by the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Endowment.

# Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is sponsored by the Norman F. Childers Endowment.

# Warren S. Barham Ph.D.Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Warren S. Barham Endowment.

### **Outstanding Poster Awards**

One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and \$100 for undergraduate and graduate posters.

# J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows Clubs signup to compete at the meeting.

# **Call for Nominations for Student Awards**

**Deadlines:** November 27 Authors: submit nomination material to the Qualtrics survey.

December 13 Award Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer the winners.

# Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

The award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

Elina Coneva, Chair

Auburn University 101 Funchess Hall Auburn, Alabama 36849 edc 0001 @ auburn. edu

# **Association of Collegiate Branch (ACB) Awards**

# **Outstanding Club Award**

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club's activity record for the previous academic year. Certificates and awards or \$150, \$100, and \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively.

#### Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member

The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

Gerald Burgner, ACB Advisor

Texas A&M University Dept of Hort Sciences TAMU 2133 College Station, Texas 77843 gerald.burgner@ag.tamu.edu

### **Club Share Award**

Determined at meeting.

# Submission of Childers and Hammett Student Award Nominations The nomination form and documents are uploaded to a Qualtrics Survey

- Go to the Forms link (<u>srashs.org/Forms/forms.html</u>) on the SRASHS (<u>srashs.org</u>) web site. Download and complete all required documents.
- Compete the Call for Nominations Qualtrics survey: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_8ujEpQBEJXcMEvA
- Complete the contact information.
- Click and submit to the category Student Awards.
- Upload all required nomination forms and associated documents. Click the submit button (arrow).
- If a required document or file cannot be uploaded, then contact the Chair for instructions.

# **Call for Nominations for Member Awards**

**Deadlines:** November 27 Authors: submit nomination material to the Qualtrics survey.

December 13 Award Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer the winners.

### J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award

The award recognizes outstanding teaching.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M.

Ware Teaching Award.

Brian Jackson, Chair

North Carolina State University Dept of Horticultural Science 130 Kilgore Hall Raleigh, North Carolina 27695-7609 brian\_jackson@ncsu.edu

# Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished

#### Research Award

The award recognizes outstanding research.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award.

#### **Renee Terrell Threlfall**

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### Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

**Requirements:** (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2020 or 2021, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once, The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

# Christine Coker, Chair

Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center1815 Popps Ferry Rd Biloxi, Mississippi 39532-2108 christine.coker@msstate.edu

#### Henry M. Covington Extension Award

The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist.

**Requirements:** 1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) minimum 5 years' experience as an extension agent or specialist; (3) minimum 60% extension appointment; (4) not a member of the selection committee; (5) not a previous recipient or any other Region award this year. The award is endowed by the late Dr. Henry Covington and his wife. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200.

#### **Gary Bachman**

Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center 1815 Popps Ferry Rd Biloxi, Mississippi 39532-2108 gary.bachman@msstate.edu

## John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

**Requirements**: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS for at least two years; (2) person must be 35 years or younger on December 31 in year of nomination **or** 5 or less years in continuous extension experience; (3) greater than 50 percent extension appointment in horticulture (city, county, area, or state). The award consists of a \$200 award and a plaque. The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

#### James DelPrince, Chair

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#### Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc., with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee.

#### Patricia Knight

Mississippi State University PO Box 193 810 Hwy 26W Poplarville, Mississippi 39470 tricia@ra.msstate.edu

#### **Extension Communications Awards (Blue Ribbon Award)**

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects. Submissions may be circulars, bulletins, tabloids, manuals, newspaper series, fact sheets, video, computer programs, and other methods of electronic delivery.

**Requirements:** (1) senior author must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) one publication per author; (3) entry may be submitted by the author(s) themselves or by SR-ASHS members on behalf of the authors; (3) entry should have been prepared within the past two years; (4) submit three copies (print, electronic or digital) of the entry, and (5) a completed Extension Communication Entry Form. Copies of entries will not be returned unless arrangements are made with the Chair. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Marble, Chris, Chair University of Florida 2725 S. Binion Rd. Apopka Florida 32703 marblesc@ufl.edu

# **Submission of Member Award Nominations**The nomination form and documents are uploaded to a Qualtrics Survey

- Go to the Forms link (<u>srashs.org/Forms/forms.html</u>) on the SRASHS (<u>srashs.org</u>) web site. Download and complete all required documents.
- Compete the Call for Nominations Qualtrics survey: <a href="https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_8ujEpQBEJXcMEvA">https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_8ujEpQBEJXcMEvA</a>
- Complete the contact information.
- Click and submit to the category Member Awards.
- Upload all required nomination forms and associated documents. Click the submit button (arrow).
- If a required document or file cannot be uploaded, then contact the Chair for instructions.

2024-25	Officers, Chairs and Cor	nmittees		
(Term of office is from end of 2024 meeting through 2025 meeting)				
Officers				
President	Christine Coker	christine.coker@msstate.edu		
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Member	to be appointed			
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Childers and Barham Grad Competition	Sarah White	swhite4@clemson.edu		

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