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Conference on Research Directions

Information Sheet

This Information Sheet is provided to tender background information that will be helpful in planning your travel to the CORD conference at the Beach House on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Background Information on the Conference

The Institute for the Study of the African American Child (ISAAC) has been created from contributions by concerned individuals as a bold initiative to address the educational challenges that confront African American children. There is no funding for any component of ISAAC. Yet, we press forward.

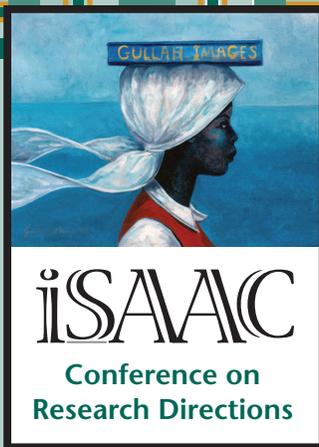
There was no funding for the fantastic Conferences on Research Directions that were held in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 except for a much appreciated contribution by our co-sponsor for 5 conferences — the University of South Carolina. All of the costs of the conference must be met through registration fees of conferees and presenters. Therefore, there are guidelines that have been established toward that end that must be honored by all participants:

1. All presenters must sign the presenter proposal form promising to **pay their registration fee by November 30, 2016 prior to the conference, when they submit their proposals. The signed presenter proposal form must be submitted with the proposal before it can be reviewed by the committee.**

2. All presenters must agree to attend the entire conference before their proposals are reviewed. We cannot fulfill the objectives of creating a caring, nurturing community of scholars when everyone departs following their presentations and leaves those on the final day with no one to hear and provide feedback on their presentations. Every participant of the CORD conference will be elevated to the status of an ISAAC Associate Fellow when they attend the conference and pay their annual membership dues to ISAAC (\$50). Every presenter at the CORD conference will be elevated to the status of an ISAAC Fellow when they make a conference presentation and pay their annual membership dues to ISAAC (\$50). This status will be memorialized by a membership card and Certificate of Allegiance.

Only those conferees who are present at the end of the conference and complete the sign-out sheet will receive their certification as ISAAC Associate Fellows or ISAAC Fellows.

3. The Beach House, Hilton Head Island is a slice of paradise with numerous restaurants (with seafood and Gullah cultural cuisines), golf, tennis, bicycling, jet skiing, parasailing, kayaking, canoeing, jazz and blues venues, Broadway shows, shopping, and white sandy beaches. In recognition of all of the fun that is available on the Island, the program will end for that day at 3:00 on Tuesday, to give conferees opportunities to enjoy the Island. You can go on the Gullah Heritage Tour described below. You can schedule a tee time for golf, book a tennis court or just take a book out on the beach. The conference registration includes 2 cocktail receptions with food and live entertainment. Also included is a closing luncheon. They are scheduled so that you can still enjoy dinner on your own in a fabulous restaurant each night. A restaurant guide will be provided to each participant that contains a complete menu of nearly every restaurant on the Island with the prices included for your use.



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Research Arm of ISAAC

Conferees and presenters of the CORD conference will be provided with the opportunity to contribute to the objectives of the Research component of ISAAC. They will be invited to serve on committees to create a collaborative research agenda, engage governmental and foundation executives in providing funding to researchers working on behalf of African American children, and create supportive publication outlets that enable scholars in our area of research to achieve the doctoral degree, tenure and professorships in the academy.

An online peer reviewed journal, *African American Learners* will provide conferees the opportunity to achieve peer reviewed publication of the studies they present at CORD. Calls for Papers will be issued on selected topics, as well. CORD presentations will be published in an edited volume of *Conference Proceedings* that will be published on the ISAAC web site.

Research to Practice

At the 5th Bi-annual conference, ISAAC will introduce a new track — **Leading Light** — for those who work on the front line for reform and innovation in school districts. This will be a track for those who can bring our research and scholarship to full realization in the schools that serve African American children. School “gurus” will meet, share concerns and devise strategies for enabling ISAAC to assist you in your work. Our goal is to shorten the time between when research is generated and when it is implemented to benefit our children and improve academic outcomes.

Transportation Information

Most air travelers use the Savannah, Georgia airport which is a 45 minute ride to the Island or the Hilton Head airport which is only minutes away from the resort. You can rent a car at the Savannah airport. It is an easy drive and the rental car company will supply a map.

Or, you can make a reservation with Yellow Cab. You can make a reservation from their web site at: yellowcabhhi.com. They have a shuttle service from the airport to the resort. The cost is \$75 for an individual to be transported. If you are willing to be grouped with other travelers and accommodate to their departure schedule, the cost is \$49. Transportation from the Hilton Head airport to the Resort is \$20.

There is a complimentary hotel shuttle service that will take you to Shelter Cove and Coligny Plaza, nearby venues with restaurants and shopping. Bicycles are available for rental on the property. There are extensive bicycle paths throughout the island.

Please plan to arrive as early as possible on Sunday, the day before the conference begins. (Your room might not be available until 4:00.) Even though the conference begins on Monday morning, we have wonderful plans for your arrival on Sunday. You won't want to miss what we have planned. An opportunity will be provided on Tuesday during the “Enjoy the Island Free Period” from 3:30 to 5:30. If you are interested to go on the Gullah Heritage Tour, you can sign up on Monday at the Registration desk. He has indicated a willingness to pick our conferees up at the hotel if we secure the minimum number of reservations. The tour is not organized by CORD. All payments are made directly to him. It is approximately \$25.00 (reduced periodically) for a 2 hour tour. It is wonderful. You won't want to miss it. You can reach him by email at: tourinfo@gullahheritage.com

We are having our first cocktail reception that is included in your conference fees on Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. We will have a fantastic performer, who will provide a mix of jazz, reggae, calypso and rhythm and blues music. You won't want to miss him. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet and greet.

There will also be entertainment at the second cocktail reception on Monday at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment for the closing luncheon will be provided by Mr. Lavon Stevens, a rhythm and blues entertainer from nearby Savannah, Georgia on Wednesday at 12:00 noon.