

University Welcome



April 1, 2012

Dear 2012 ASEE Southeastern Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering at Mississippi State University, I welcome you to the 2012 American Society for Engineering Education Southeastern Section Annual Conference. We are excited about having you visit our campus.

The Bagley College prides itself on providing a comprehensive education for all of its students, instilling not only technical expertise but also highly effective communication skills, sharp entrepreneurial acumen, and a keen awareness of the engineering world outside the classroom windows via K-12 outreach and international Study Abroad opportunities. Indeed, to us, this year's conference theme – The Global Reach of Engineering – pertains as much to the “global” notion of educating the whole engineer as it does to a cultural exchange program with Italy or a collaborative public-works project in Bangladesh.

April is a wonderful time to visit Mississippi. MSU has one of the greenest and most beautiful campuses you will ever see anywhere. Its sprawling Barnes & Noble campus bookstore and MSU Cheese Store are excellent places to buy MSU souvenirs and memorabilia (including delicious MSU-made cheese, of course). The Charles Templeton Ragtime Museum and the John Grisham Room, both housed in MSU's Mitchell Memorial Library, are must-see on-campus attractions. Starkville's historic Old Main downtown district is a five-minute drive from campus and hosts a variety of wonderful local shops and restaurants, while attendees with a little more time to spare will love nearby West Point's Waverly Mansion Plantation or Columbus's Tennessee Williams Home.

I very much hope you enjoy your stay here in Starkville and Mississippi State, and if I can help you in any way during your time here, please let me know. Again, we are absolutely delighted to have you here.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Rajala".

Sarah A. Rajala, Ph.D.

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