

Welcome to New Orleans!

2021 Local Arrangements Committee

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On behalf of MSERA, we are so excited to have each of you join us IN PERSON for the 2021 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Crescent City is one like no other full of life, rich culture, mystery, jazz music, and of course, delicious food. If this is your first trip to New Orleans, there is so much to see and do. Some of the favorite sites to visit include the National WWII Museum, New Orleans Jazz Museum, the Aquarium, and the Audubon Zoo. Take time to explore the French Quarter stopping for beignets at Café du Monde and shopping at the French Market. A ride on the streetcar and the ferry ride to Algiers are both great ways to see New Orleans from the city streets and the riverfront – both \$2 or less. New Orleans & Company is the official tourism organization of the Crescent City and has a great website where you can explore the many things to do in New Orleans:

<https://www.neworleans.com/>.



The venue for the 2021 MSERA Annual Meeting is the beautiful, historic Jung Hotel New Orleans and is just a short walk to the French Quarter. The Jung Hotel is located at 1500 Canal Street in downtown New Orleans, with the main entrance located around the corner at 128 LaSalle Street. Please visit the website for the Jung Hotel where you can also find an interactive hotel map <https://www.junghotel.com/the-hotel>. Valet Parking will be provided at the hotel for overnight guests checking in on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday with the fee charged to the guest's bill. For attendees who will be driving in for the day, Valet Day Parking at the Jung Hotel will be provided for a fee if

space is available. Parking is also available at an adjacent lot to the Jung Hotel for an additional fee, as well as one block south at the Tulane Medical School Parking Garage on an available basis. The Jung Hotel restaurant and bars are currently closed, but The Daily Grind Coffee Shop is open – it is fabulous, by the way! A variety of coffee blends as well as fresh baked pastries and sandwiches are served daily from 6:30 am – 5 pm. For all registered attendees, MSERA will provide a buffet luncheon at the Keynote on Wednesday and light appetizers at the President's Reception on Thursday evening. There are also many local restaurants that are offering a variety of dining experiences during your stay including take-out, dine-in, outdoor dining, and delivery. You can search restaurants according to these options, and location, on the New Orleans & Company website <https://www.neworleans.com/restaurants/> .

MSERA is dedicated to hosting safe, in-person events. We will be following all of the New Orleans prevention measures, including the Jung Hotel, to ensure safety related to COVID-19. The Jung Hotel requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the event. Upon arrival, please provide this proof at the MSERA Registration table and pick up your name badge and welcome bag. Masks are required in public areas and meeting rooms in the hotel. Following city and state mandates, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than 72 hours prior to entering any indoor dining or entertainment spaces must be provided, and masks must be worn indoors except while eating or drinking. Select Walgreens in the New Orleans Area offer COVID-19 testing, by appointment, with results provided within 72 hours.

We are so excited to host this networking and learning experience bringing our educational research community back together again in person! We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in November! *Laissez les bons temps rouler* – let the good times roll!

