We are honored to announce the winners of our Top 3 Papers competition at our recent International Academic Conference.

**Distinguished Paper Awards**

**Dallas, Fall 2015 Conference:**

Adrian Doss, University of West Alabama; David McElreath, Stephen Mallory, Lorri Williamson, Terry Lyons, Leisa McElreath, and Walter Flaska, University of Mississippi; Michael Wiggington, Troy University; and Carl Jensen, The Citadel

The Mississippi Hustle Investigation: Violating the Principal-Agency Relationship at the Mississippi Department of Corrections

Deitra Payne and Kevin Ihetu, Limestone College

Broken: The Harmful Effects of Workplace Bullying

Richard Hauser, Gannon University and John Thornton, Kent State University

Buyback Achievers and the Maturity Hypothesis

**Distinguished Paper Awards**

**Las Vegas, Spring 2015 Conference:**

Bernard McNeal, Bowie State

Revisiting the Financial Vulnerability of Nonprofit Business Leagues Post-2007 Recession

Craig Randall, Florida Gulf Coast University

Exploration/Exploitation during Development: Linking CEO Behavior & Poor Outcomes in SME’s

Bree Morrison & Ranjna Patel, Bethune-Cookman University

Rethinking the Brain: An Applied Emotional Intelligence Model using expanded choice sets for improved decision making
Mustang Journals International Conferences – Award Winners

Distinguished Paper Awards

Nashville, Fall 2014 Conference:

Wilburn Lane, Christopher Manner, Union University

Who Tends to Forward Viral Advertising Videos? The Effect of Demographics, Social Media Use, and Personality on the Intent to Forward Viral Video Ads

Hui “Harry” Xia, University of St. Joseph (Macao)

Coping with Emerging and Advanced Market Risks

Richard Monahan, American Public University

Brand Equity Valuation for Prospective Candidates in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Race

Las Vegas, Spring 2014 Conference:

Thomas Liesz, Scott Metlen, University of Idaho

Using Excels Solver to Enhance Student Understanding of the Financial Planning Process

Patrick Rishe, Webster University

Pricing Insanity at March Madness: Exploring the Causes of Secondary Price Markups at the 2013 Final Four

Joseph Blake, Jelena Vucetic, University of Phoenix

The Influence of Financial Literacy on Faith-Based Epistemology: A Case Study of Arizona Church Members
Distinguished Paper Awards

Dallas, Texas, Fall, 2013 Conference:

Richard Hauser, Gannon Univ. & John Thornton, Kent State Univ.
Dividend Policy and Corporate Valuation

Thomas Krueger, Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Paying for Acceptance: A Study of Academic Management Journals

Aimee Tiu Wu, Teachers College, Columbia University
The Balancing Act of Dr. Mommy

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Las Vegas, Spring 2013 Conference:

Joseph Groch, Florida Gulf Coast
Satisfaction: A Path to Success for the Golf Industry

Shawn Schooley, Auburn University
Appreciative Inquiry: Answering the Call of the New Public Service by Creating a Democratic Discursive Space through Positive Storytelling wherein Direct Citizen Participation can Flourish

Yue Yuan, University of Chicago
Examining Stock Returns through Anomalous Volume: 1966-2009
Distinguished Paper Awards

Oklahoma City, Fall, 2012 Conference:

Kusum Singh, LeMoyne-Owen College

Distance to the Border: The Impact of Own and Neighboring States’ Sales Tax Rates on County Retail Activity

Daniel Adrian Doss, Russ Henley & David McElreath, University of West Alabama

The Arizona Border with Mexico: A Pearson Correlation Coefficient Analysis of US Border Crossing Data versus US Reported Cybercrime Incidents

Ralph Bourret & Dana Roark, Northwest Oklahoma State University

Are Routine Retiring CEOs More Closely Monitored in their Last Year?