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**AATC 2007 Conference
 Planning in Progress
 Watch the website at
www.aatchome.org
 for more details**

President's Corner

Hopefully, everyone has found time to work through the numerous e-mail messages that likely arrived during AATC's conference in Charlotte and is on the way to concluding a successful and productive fall 2006 semester. I extend thanks to the conference planners, guest speakers, presenters, and AATC membership for making our recent meeting a truly outstanding conference, one of our best in my opinion. Special thanks must go to Lynne Bailey, William Veal, Cheryl Craig, and Marcy Kysilka for their diligent work at time consuming jobs. AATC remains one of the best kept secrets in education. Each of us should commit to sharing this secret with our colleagues and graduate students and encourage them to become active in the Association.

You may notice some changes in the appearance of this issue of the *AATC Newsletter*. Some time ago, we began distributing three of its annual four issues by e-mail. Freed from the costs of ever increasing postal rates, our newsletter grew dramatically in length. We have tried to reduce this issue to a more traditional length for publications of its kind. You will find links in the newsletter to the Association's web site (www.aatchome.org) where lengthy

information that appropriately is posted there is available. Hopefully, this change will allow members to find more quickly and easily the information they need. Please feel free to let either me or Newsletter Editor Jeanne Tunks know what you think of these changes or if you have any other suggestions to make the *AATC Newsletter* more informative or useful.

Finally, please mark your calendars now for AATC's 2007 conference that will be held October 4-6, 2007. The site for this conference remains to be determined, but members will be informed shortly after a decision is made and contracts are signed.

Again, thanks to everyone involved who helped make AATC's 2006 conference an informative and enjoyable event.

-- Alan W. Garrett

Notes From Lynne Bailey, Program Chair

Go to www.aatchome.org for information regarding submissions for presentation at the 2007 conference or contact Lynne Bailey directly for additional information.

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Conference Highlights, including minutes from board and association meetings

Find the highlights and minutes on the webpage at: www.aatchome.org

Position Available

Associate Editor, Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue

The Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue journal is currently filling its Associate Editor position for 2008-2010. Applicants should be willing and able to edit articles which have been selected for publication, attend sessions at conferences, solicit interesting manuscripts, and work closely with authors on submitted manuscripts. The position also includes potential to assume the full editorship of the journal in 2011.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest which includes qualifications and a current curriculum vitae by 31 January 2007.

Letters of interest can be sent electronically to ctdjournal@jmu.edu or in print to:

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Call for Submissions to Curriculum Dialogue

Guidelines and additional information can be found at: www.aatchome.org

AATC Doctoral Dissertation

Awards Nominations 2007

AATC requests nominations for its annual awards to recognize two distinguished doctoral dissertations—one in Teaching and one in Curriculum. Competition is open to non-members, but all applicants must be nominated by an AATC member. Entries are not limited to a particular kind of research. The nominee's dissertation must have been defended and approved by the doctoral committee no earlier than the 2005 fall semester.

Each entry must include:

1. A letter of nomination attesting to the quality of the dissertation. The nomination should speak to the following items: the research is related to teaching or curriculum; the dissertation represents the highest level of scholarship; the research represents a significant contribution to fostering the understanding of current issues, problems, or interests in teaching or curriculum; the scope of the research is adequate for the problem or issue under consideration; the conclusions of the research relate to improving professional practice or advancing theory or understanding of teaching or curriculum; and the dissertation is well written.
2. A summary of the dissertation. Submit 3 hard or electronic copies (MSWord, rtf, pdf, or txt) of a 2,000-2,500 word summary of the dissertation with a 1 page of references. There should be no reference to the author in the summary or references.
3. A letter of intent from the author stating whether you wish to apply for the AATC Distinguished Dissertation in Teaching Award or the AATC Distinguished Dissertation in Curriculum Award. Your letter should include your current mailing address, email, and phone number. It is the responsibility of the author to notify the chair of the Dissertation Selection Committee if there is a change of address.
4. The following criteria will be used to judge the entries: level of scholarship, research methods, adequate scope relative to the problem or issue under consideration, relevance of conclusions to improving professional practice or advancing theory or to understanding of teaching or curriculum, level of writing, and practicality of purpose and results.
5. Entries should be postmarked or sent electronically no later than April 1, 2007.

Send materials to:

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If you have questions about these awards, please email Karen Riley at: kriley@mail.aum.edu

Applicants will be notified of the judges' decisions in June, 2007. Winners will receive a one-year membership to AATC, a conference fee waiver to the annual AATC meeting where the award will be presented, and an invitation to present the dissertation at an AATC conference session.

Become part of the AATC listserv
www.AATCTalk@tamu.edu

Suggestions for the webpage
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Information for the next newsletter is due by February 1, 2007