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Third SEC Symposium To Focus On Creativity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The third-annual South-eastern Conference (SEC) Symposium will be held September 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, and this year's event is entitled *Creativity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Driving a 21st Century Economy*.

Led by the University of Florida, the 2015 SEC Symposium will focus on the role universities play in preparing students to be entrepreneurial, innovative and creative thinkers and will explore the ways universities impact the economy.

"Universities are often the organizations generating new ideas – the ideas that become new products or inventions," said



The 2015 SEC Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Sept. 20-22.

Dr. Joe Glover, University of Florida Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Universities also play a vital role in building the economy, which is what entrepreneurship is really about."

Each day of the SEC Symposium will have a specific focus: Creativity at the Intersection of the Arts and Other Disciplines on September 20; Innovation in Education on September 21; and New Paradigms in IP Management on September 22.

Keynote speakers for the 2015 SEC Symposium include Liz Lerman, 2002 MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellow and 2011 United States Artists Ford Fellow in Dance; Dr. Don Millard, Acting Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers, National Science Foundation; and Dr. Tony Boccanfuso, Executive Director, University Industry Demonstration Partnership, National Academies.

[Read the complete story online.](#)

SEC Students & Faculty Discuss Openness In Research & Resources



Nicole Finkbeiner from Openstax College discusses open educational resources.

Students and library staff from around the SEC met at Texas A&M University recently to learn, collaborate and form strategies that provide open access and open educational resources on their campuses.

The event, entitled *Developing Partnerships to Advance Open Access Initiatives at SEC Universities*, was supported in part by the first SEC Academic Collaboration Award.

"I'm excited to see the student government groups and libraries, who haven't had much conversation in the past, come together and form connections that will lead to new opportunities and ideas," said Dr. Bruce Herbert from Texas A&M University Libraries.

[Read the full story online.](#)

SECU Visits Partner University in Italy



Auburn University representatives in Ariccia, Italy.

In 2008, the SEC entered into a unique exchange agreement with the Politecnico di Torino in Italy to provide education abroad opportunities for SEC engineering students. To date, more than 115 students from SEC universities and the Politecnico have participated in the program.

In January, SECU visited Torino with members of the Auburn University Education Abroad office and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering to see the Politecnico campus, meet with program administrators and to tour laboratories and off-campus study sites. The group also visited education abroad centers run by Auburn and the University of Arkansas near Rome. [Learn more about the education abroad focus online.](#)

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 18-20: [SEC Leadership Development Program](#), Texas A&M University
- April 9-11: [SEC MBA Case Competition](#), University of South Carolina
- April 13-16: [SEC College Tour](#), Berkeley, San Jose, San Francisco