

Joint University of Alabama Center for Sedimentary Basin Studies and Geological Survey of Alabama Research Conference

Critical Factors for Future Oil and Gas Development in Alabama: Resource Availability and Accessibility, Application of Existing and New Technologies, Environmentally Responsive Methodologies, and Economic Feasibility

University of Alabama Campus, Bevill Building, Room 1000,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, April 29, 2014

Preliminary Program

- 9:00-9:10 Welcome
Nick Tew, State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor, State of Alabama
- 9:10-9:25 State Position on Oil and Gas Development
Governor Robert Bentley, State of Alabama
- 9:25-9:40 Purpose of Conference
Joe Benson, Provost, University of Alabama
- 9:40-10:00 Philosophy of the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama on Oil and Gas Development
James Griggs, Chairman, State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama
- 10:00-11:00 Present State and Economic Benefits of Oil and Gas Development
Nick Tew, State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor, State of Alabama
- 11:00-12:00 New and Expanded Mesozoic Hydrocarbon Plays in Southwest Alabama
Ernest Mancini, Professor Emeritus, University of Alabama
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch and Keynote Speaker
- 12:45-1:45 New and Expanded Paleozoic Hydrocarbon Plays in North Alabama
William Thomas, Hudnall Professor Emeritus of Geology, University of Kentucky and Visiting Scientist, Geological Survey of Alabama
- 1:45-2:15 Energy-Water Nexus
Bennett Bearden, Director, Water Policy and Law Institute, University of Alabama
- 2:15-2:45 Potential Beneficial Uses of Coalbed Methane Produced Waters
Marcella Redden, Geological Survey of Alabama
- 2:45-4:00 Industry Perspective on the Application of Existing and New Technologies to Enhance Oil and Gas Development
Tom Watson and Tom Joiner, Members of the Department of Geological Sciences Advisory Board, Discussion Leaders of Industry Panel
- 4:00-5:00 Research to Achieve Environmentally Responsive Oil & Gas Development
Robert Olin, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama and
Ernest Mancini, Professor Emeritus, University of Alabama
- 5:00-5:30 Proposal to Address Research to Facilitate Oil and Gas Development
Ibrahim Çemen, Director, Center for Sedimentary Basin Studies and
Ernest Mancini, Professor Emeritus, University of Alabama