

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual AIS Conference

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Hosted by the University of Alabama



Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the organizing committee, the New College program, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Creative Campus Project at the University of Alabama invite you to join us in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from October 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference of the Association for Integrative Studies.

Our theme is “Creativity and Play across the Disciplines,” and we invite you to participate in sustained reflection upon dramatic changes in the knowledge economy that make urgent approaches to learning, scholarship, research, and engagement that activate the creative capacities of higher education communities. From Richard Florida’s accounts of the emergence and dominance of the new “creative class” to Daniel Pink’s insistence that “right brainers will rule,” interdisciplinarians are working hard to fully assess and activate all the ways in which creativity gives meaning and depth to learning and understanding.

Come to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for our marvelous fall weather, our good food and hospitality, and to enjoy the historic campus of the University of Alabama. The municipal and university communities are home to major collections of American art, one of the finest archaeological parks in North America, superb music, theatre, and dance facilities and programs, and the Paul Bryant Museum of College Football. We are, in other words, the perfect site for reflecting on creativity and play in higher education, and we look forward to your presence, ideas and engagement.

In early December of this year you can check our website—<http://aisconference.ua.edu>—for updates and opportunities.

We look forward to providing you with southern hospitality and extended and memorable conversation, debate, and challenge.

For the committee,

Jim Hall  
Director, New College