



# ALAIR Newsletter

Fall 2023



## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Fall to everyone! Technically, we are about halfway through the fall season, but it's just starting to feel like fall here in the South. Colder weather. Red and yellow leaves. Pumpkin spice

everything. It's all here! For those in or near institutional research, fall also brings enrollment reporting and IPEDS Data Collection, which are not nearly as fun! So, I hope you are finding some fun things to do in the fall, between all the work.

Speaking of fun things, seeing so many of you at the recent SAIR conference in Point Clear was great! Our ALAIR meeting was on Monday afternoon, and a great group of attendees showed up. Alabama was well-represented through the conference, with several involved in conference planning, as well as one workshop co-presented and seven sessions presented by participants from Alabama. Next year marks the 50th year of SAIR conferences, so I encourage you to plan to attend the 2024 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. And consider signing up to help with planning or even presenting!

And speaking of presenting, plans are already in full swing for our ALAIR conference next Spring. There's more on that elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to put a plug in here for getting involved. We have a great Vice-President planning our conference, but it is up to us to provide the conference content. Be thinking now of what you could share from your campus and/or your experience. Everyone has a story to tell!

As I write this, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, one of our uniquely American holidays. Whatever your family heritage and traditions, I hope you can take some time to reflect and celebrate. This holiday is a time to acknowledge the good in our lives, big or small. This year, let's take a moment to express our thanks and look forward to the future with hope and positivity.

Here's wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy, love, and many reasons to be thankful!

Ginny Cockerill  
ALAIR President  
Director of Institutional Quality  
Greenville Technical College

---



### ALL ROADS LEAD TO BIRMINGHAM

Mark your calendar to join us at the [University of Alabama at Birmingham Alumni Society House](#) March 13 – 15 in Birmingham, Alabama for the 2024 ALAIR Conference. Pre-conference opportunities will be offered.

The ALAIR Conference presents a unique opportunity for Alabama professionals to network with other state-wide peers, share best practices, and learn from practical workshops and sessions lead by industry and higher education experts. This conference is planned for both seasoned and early-career professionals. We invite all institutions of higher education to be represented.

We are excited to host this year's conference in the Magic City of Birmingham. Under the leadership of Mayor Randall Woodfin, a graduate of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, the city has experienced significant growth. Highlights such as the Uptown Entertainment District features UAB's newly constructed Protective Stadium, Top Golf, and a host of casual and fine dining establishments. Red Mountain State Park offers hiking, cycling, and ziplining. Birmingham Boulders, the city's premier rock-climbing facility, is only one mile away. Five Points South, The Summit, and the SoHo District are other entertainment districts to consider touring as well. We expect our guests to have an awesome time.



Request for proposals for workshops and sessions will be forthcoming. Our Alabama institutions are great work, and we would love to see more of you share your knowledge and experiences with us.

Registration for the conference and lodging opens January 2024. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. For more information, please visit us at [www.ALAIR.org](http://www.ALAIR.org).

Dr. Preston Robinson  
ALAIR Vice President and Conference Chair 2023-2024  
Director of Institutional Research  
Tuskegee University

---



---

### Got Ideas???

If you have ideas that will make the ALAIR 2024 Conference the best conference ALAIR has ever had, I want to hear from you. You can email me directly at [probinson@tuskegee.edu](mailto:probinson@tuskegee.edu).

---

## ALAIR at SAIR 2023





## SACSCOC Annual Meeting

The SACSCOC Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2 - 5 at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, FL. The conference theme is "**Imagine New Paths Forward: Building Stronger Community Networks through Curiosity and Visualization**". Find more information at <https://sacscoc.org/annual-meeting/>.

## AIR Forum 2024

The AIR Forum 2024 will be held May 28 - 31 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. Save the date and register in February 2024 at <https://www.airweb.org/forum/2024/home>.



## SAIR 2024

Save the date for SAIR 2024: September 28 - October 2 at the [Westin Buckhead Atlanta](#) in Atlanta, GA. More information can be found at <https://www.sair.org/>.

## ALAIR Executive Committee 2023-2024

PRESIDENT: Ginny Cockerill, Greenville Technical College

VICE PRESIDENT: Preston Robinson, Tuskegee University

PAST-PRESIDENT: Mandy Sessions, Wallace Community College Dothan

SECRETARY: Jessica Carroll, Alabama Community College System

TREASURER: Tish Worthington, University of Alabama

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jesse Lowe, University of Alabama at Birmingham

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Eva Painter, Marion Military Institute

MEMBER AT LARGE: Jaret Langston, University of Alabama at Birmingham

MEMBER AT LARGE: Nareiko Stephens, Jefferson State Community College

[ALAIR Website](#)

[Join the ALAIR Listserv](#)

[ALAIR Facebook](#)

---



**Jessica Carroll**

Jessica is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters