

Recognizing Sustained Outstanding Service

Tim Barnett Honored with Southern Management Association's Most Prestigious Award



The [Southern Management Association](#) (SMA) is pleased to recognize **Tim Barnett**, of Mississippi State University, as this year's winner of its highest honor, the [James G. Hunt SMA Sustained Outstanding Service Award](#).

Dr. Barnett will be recognized at the 2019 SMA Annual Conference held October 8-12 in Norfolk, VA.

The Hunt Award recognizes individuals who have consistently helped SMA reach its goals and mission over a period of years. The individuals recognized must have made important, sustained, and current contributions to SMA, including, but not limited to, elected office (e.g., board member, treasurer, secretary), appointed position (e.g., track chairs, committees) and volunteer service (e.g., paper reviewers, session chairs and discussants) as well as extraordinary contributions to SMA (e.g., local arrangements, financial contributions). The winner of this award should be either active or recently active in the Southern Management Association.

"It is such an honor for any SMA member to be considered for the Hunt SMA Sustained Outstanding Service Award," Barnett said. "I can't fully express how thrilled I am and how much it means to me to be this year's recipient of the award. Thanks so much to everyone!"

Dr. Barnett has a decades-long history as a dedicated Southern Management Association member. He attended his first SMA meeting some thirty years ago.

"Being involved with the Southern Management Association has been deeply rewarding to me," he explained. "The professional relationships and personal friendships formed through the years with so many SMA members have greatly enriched my life."

He has served a three-year term as the SMA Treasurer, a three-year term as a member of the SMA Board, and in the five-year SMA officer rotation, which was highlighted by his year as VP and Program Chair (2010-2011) and his year as SMA President (2012-2013). Through the years, he has also participated in many other SMA activities, including as a reviewer, as track chair, as coordinator or co-coordinator of workshops/sessions, as a member of a number of standing and ad hoc committees, and in a variety of other SMA service opportunities. He was elected to the SMA Fellows in 2015.

During his academic career, Dr. Barnett has taught at Louisiana Tech University for eleven years and at Mississippi State University for twenty years. At MSU, he has been a Professor of Management, the Bobby and Barbara Martin Fellow, and served a multi-year term as head of the Management and Information Systems Department. He has taught in MSU's undergraduate and doctoral programs, was a co-founder of the Center for Family Enterprise Research at MSU, and served several years as coordinator of the Management doctoral program. In 2018, he retired from his full-time role with MSU, relocating to southeastern Tennessee. As part of his "phased" retirement plan, he currently teaches part-time in MSU's distance education program. In addition to his teaching and professional service, he has also been quite active in the research area. During his career, he has served on the editorial boards of the Academy of Management Journal, the Journal of Management, Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, and the Family Business Review, and as an associate editor at Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice.

Learn more about the [nomination process](#) for the James G. Hunt SMA Sustained Outstanding Service Award and [read a list of past Hunt winners](#) on the SMA website.