

“Breakfast with a New Member”

You are invited to participate in an initiative for June 2009 that is designed to assist new and newer members in meeting other CTSA members – to overcome more quickly the sense of anonymity that is so often typical of the experience of new members in professional societies.

“Experienced” members (those who have been CTSA members longer than, say, 10 years) can volunteer to have breakfast or lunch with a newer member sometime during the convention. “Newer” members (student members or full members who have had the doctoral degree for 5 year or fewer) can similarly sign up for the program. Pairings will be made by Bryan Massingale, President-elect, largely at random – though with an effort not to match up two people from the same institution.

Each person participating will be informed of the pairing by mid-May (depending on how early member return their forms!), with the timing of the breakfast or lunch to be worked out between the two by email or phone prior to going to Miami. The meal is intended to be “Dutch treat” and the hoped-for conversation has no formal purpose beyond getting to know one another.

We don’t expect this effort to be revolutionary, but if in each of the next five years a new member were to meet one experienced member he or she would not otherwise have come to know, there might be less anxiety attached to being a new member and the CTSA might become an even more hospitable place for newer scholars in the field.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Bryan N. Massingale:
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Sign me up for Breakfast with a New Member (Please Print Clearly):

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am ___ an experienced CTSA member

 ___ a new or newer member

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