

CENGR-EETI Conference Summary ~ ASEE 2025 ~ June 22-25 ~ Montreal, Canada

The UGA College of Engineering (CENGR) and the Engineering Education Transformations Institute (EETI) continued its joint tradition of excellence at the recent [American Society for Engineering Education \(ASEE\) Conference](#) in Montreal, Canada, June 22-25, 2025. Nearly 40 CENGR and CENGR/EETI-affiliated faculty and students participated in the conference as authors, presenters, panelists, and more. The full list of participants and events is [available here](#).

One important highlight not appearing at the link above is that **EETI's Dr. James Huff became an ASEE Fellow!** This means that CENGR-EETI now has **three** ASEE Fellows in its ranks (along with Dr. Julie Martin and John Brocato). We also have an ASEE Hall of Fame member in Dr. Julie Martin!

Next year's national conference is in Charlotte, NC and we expect a strong CENGR-EETI turnout, in part because Charlotte is roughly a 3.5-hour drive from UGA (carpool, UGA-van road trip, etc.). EETI will again be awarding travel grants to students, faculty, and staff who want to present their work and learn about the state of the art in engineering education — stay tuned for details!

Although the ASEE national conference is the organization's flagship event, our Southeastern Section annual conference has a long history of excellence with a few noteworthy advantages over the national gathering:

1. The Section conference usually costs less than half of what national costs (this year: \$350 v. \$795 for early-bird registration).
2. This lower registration cost also includes all meals during the duration of the conference: Sunday-evening reception *hors d'oeuvres*; Monday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Tuesday breakfast and lunch.
3. Southeastern Section papers count for scholarly activity at exactly the same level as national-conference papers — i.e., both papers go into PEER, ASEE's proceedings repository (<https://peer.asee.org/>).
4. The smaller size of the section conference (~150-200 attendees v. 4,000+ attendees at national) enables easier and more efficient conference activities in general, including networking and session participation.
5. Participating in section leadership — as conference-paper reviewers, division and unit officers, executive-board members, and so on — is an easy way to get involved with both ASEE and others in your specific field (these are also excellent line items for your CV).
6. Section conference locations are often closer to Athens and thus drivable, which can help defray conference expenses (see below).

Next year's section conference (2026) will be held at the University of Memphis (~7-hour drive). As always, the conference will host an Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, and competing students pay a significantly reduced rate (\$75 this year) to attend, while graduate students who author and present conference papers also pay a reduced rate (\$150 this year).

All of this means your students can get professional-conference experience for a minimal amount of money, sometimes with no need to pay for airfare. Below are the locations for section conferences beyond 2026:

- 2027: Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA (~6.5-hour drive)
- **2028: University of Georgia, Athens, GA**
- 2029: University of Florida (exact city TBD)

As you can see just above, we're hosting the section conference here in Athens in 2028, and although this is obviously 3 years away, as the Host Site Coordinator, I've already started making preliminary plans. There will be plenty of opportunities to help, so please consider volunteering. ☺

Please let me know if you have questions about the Southeastern Section Annual Conference or any other ASEE-related matters.

Thanks much,



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