# SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS



Sunday February 4, 2007

3:30 to 5:00 PM – Opening Program
West Ballroom – Mobile Convention Center

#### <u>Introduction</u>

Vance Watson, President of SAAS Mississippi State University

### **Program**

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) will be hosting the Opening Session of the 2007 SAAS Annual Meeting.

Topic: Agricultural Labor and U.S. Immigration Policy

The theme for the Opening Session will be *Agricultural Labor* and *U.S. Immigration Policy*. Nationally recognized scholars will address the dynamics of agricultural labor markets, employment trends of agricultural workers, and proposed changes to U.S. immigration policy. The presentations will offer insights into how revised federal policies on immigration likely will affect workers and farmers across the southern United States, particularly those individuals and companies in the horticultural and tree crop industries.

#### **Program Agenda and Session Presenters:**

### Agricultural Labor Markets: Immigration Implications-

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### Working On and Working Off the Contract: H-2 Labor and US Rural Communities-

David Griffith. Professor, Anthropology East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. <a href="mailto:griffithd@ecu.edu">griffithd@ecu.edu</a> - (252) 328-1748

## The Consequences of Immigration for American Workers and Industry—

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5:00 pm - Social (cash bar) and kickoff East Ballroom – Mobile Convention Center

6:00 pm - Super Bowl Party and Reception Halftime - General Business Meeting East-West Ballroom - Mobile Convention Center