2016 SeCAPS Agenda

**Friday Afternoon Session** 

4:00-5:00 pm Registration

4:15-5:00 pm Synoptic Briefing

5:00-5:10 pm Welcome and Introduction

## 5:10-5:30 pm

**Overview of NOAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Program and Capabilities** -John R. Walker, NOAA Unmanned Systems Atmospheric Scientist

5:30-5:50 pm South Alabama Heavy Rain and Flood Event of December 2015 -Douglas A. Butts, Jr., John V. Werner, and Jason F. Beaman, NWS Mobile

5:50-6:10 pm Massive Pacific El Niño Dramatically Affects Northern Hemisphere Tropical Cyclone Activity in 2015

-Dr. Keith Blackwell, University of South Alabama

6:10-6:30 pm Gender in Risk Communication: The Effect of Gendered Storm Names on Communicating Hurricane Risk

-Lindsey Vazquez, University of South Alabama

6:30-6:40 pm 10 MINUTE BREAK

6:40-7:30 pm Zombies, Sports, and Cola: Implications for Weather and Climate Communication (Keynote) -Dr. Marshall Shepherd, University of Georgia 7:30-9:30 pm Mixer - USA Mitchell Center

## Saturday Morning Session

7:45-8:05 am Registration

8:05-8:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:15-8:35 am #Stupid: Dealing with Adversarial Social Media Posts during High Impact Weather -John Gordon, NWS Louisville

8:35-8:55 am Communication Uncertainty of Winter Weather Forecasts to the Public through Social Media -Scott Sincoff, Mississippi State University

8:55-9:15 am Responsible Social Media Use for Meteorologists -Morgan Barry, NWS Mobile

9:15-9:25 am 10 MINUTE BREAK

9:25-10:15 am The Intersection Of Science, Communication, and Compassion (Keynote) -James Spann, ABC 33/40, Birmingham, AL

10:15-10:25 am 10 MINUTE BREAK

10:25-11:15 am Computer Programming and its Importance in Meteorology (Keynote) -Michael Gibson, Owner, Gibson Ridge Software, LLC

11:15-12:40 pm Group Discussion Session 12:40-2:10 pm LUNCH

## **Saturday Afternoon Session**

2:10-2:40 pm Poster Session

2:40-3:00 pm Using NASA Earth Observations to Assess the Health of the Laguna Madre through Land Cover Mapping and Thermal Analysis

-Tyler Lynn, NASA DEVELOP, Mobile, AL

3:00-3:20 pm StormReady in a Box: The New Way for Schools to be StormReady -Nicholas S. Grondin, University of South Alabama

3:20-3:40 pm Using CIPS Analog Guidance to Improve Severe Weather Forecasting Confidence -Nick Lilja, WDAM-TV 7, Hattiesburg, MS

3:40-3:50 pm 10 MINUTE BREAK

3:50-4:40 pm Unconditional Tornado Damage Probabilities Based on WSR-88D Rotational Velocity and Near-storm Environment (Keynote)

- Rich Thompson, Storm Prediction Center