The Midwest Academy of Management 2021 conference kicked off on a beautiful fall morning, as participants filed into McMullen Hall at St. Ambrose University to enjoy the doctoral consortium, attended a Mississippi riverboat cruise, and ended the day with peer networking.

The three-day conference offers opportunities to learn and explore in an academic environment, tackling the 2021 theme of Leading, Managing, and Learning in View of Today’s Grand Challenges.

The doctoral consortium, coordinated by Dr. Monica Forret, SAU, and Dr. Sherry Sullivan, Bowling Green University hosted a packed group of over 30 doctoral participants.

Participants leaned into an opening session on teaching effectiveness, a panel discussion, a working lunch that allowed focused feedback on dissertation topics, and a presentation on research productivity.

Nineteen conference scholarships were provided this year, covering a total of $5,700.

Over lunch, participants connected in small working groups to discuss current dissertation topics, exchange ideas, and make connections with fellow researchers.

Dr. Tim Peterson, North Dakota State University delivers a session on Teaching Effectiveness.

Mississippi River Cruise

The afternoon river cruise was enjoyed by almost 40 participants. Everyone had such an amazing networking time with perfect weather.

Posting your experience to social media? Use the hashtag: #MWAOM2021

Meet and Greet with New MAM Members

New MAM members were welcomed during the reception.

Heather Jarvis and Shanmukha Sampath Padmanabhuni connect over common areas of research during lunch.
Entryway to McMullen Hall, where most conference events occur this week. McMullen Hall underwent an extensive renovation, reopening in summer 2020 with more than 37,000 square feet of space.

Dr. Arun Pillutla, St. Ambrose University and Dr. Monica Forret, St. Ambrose University welcome doctoral consortium participants to Thursday’s session.

From left: Dr. Gayle Baugh, University of West Florida, Dr. Jim Jawaher, Illinois State University, and Dr. Susan Stewart, Western Illinois University sharing sage advice during the morning Panel Discussion on Student Generated Topics.

Dr. Monica Forret, St. Ambrose University delivering a presentation on Research Productivity in response to an overwhelming request by attendees to discuss writing and publication.

Follow the blue balloons from Rogalski to McMullen and back!