



AISWN Newsletter

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Welcome Note from the Co-Chairs!

The AIS Women's Network (AISWN) was established as the first college of AIS in 2014. The first ICIS Women's Breakfast began in 1980 and has since become a long-standing tradition. We have been fortunate to have many supporters and advocates over the years, who have helped the AISWN become the strong and vibrant organization it is today.

We strongly encourage all who are interested in advancing women in the field of information systems to join the College! Our mission is to:

- Provide a forum for discourse between those interested in furthering the accomplishments, contributions, and careers of women scholars in information systems.
- Provide a forum for a discourse between those in the AIS Women's Network and members of the broader IS scholarly discipline.
- Facilitate mentorship relationships that support the activities of women scholars in information systems.

As co-founding chair of the AISWN, I would like to thank all the women and men, who gave, and continue to give, their support, encouragement, and energy to the creation and development of the College. Special thanks go to: **Cathy Urquhart**, for her service as Co-founding Chair of the AISWN and for serving on the AISWN Advisory Board; **Cynthia Beathand Dianne Cyr**, for their willingness to serve on the AISWN Advisory Board and their tireless work as past organizers of the ICIS Women's Breakfast (Cynthia from 1980 to 1998 and Diane from 2007 to 2009); **Yolande Chan** for her tireless leadership in keeping the ICIS Women's Breakfast strong from 2004 to 2006, and her co-leadership from 2002 to 2003; **France Belanger** and **Nancy Shaw**, for their work as past organizers of the ICIS Women's Breakfast (1999 to 2000); **Florence "Foxie" Mason** and **Kate Kaiser**, for their early efforts in organizing the ICIS Women's Breakfast from 1980 to 1998; **Milena Head**, for serving as a past organizer (2007-2009) of the ICIS Women's Breakfast; and finally, to all those serving on the AISWN Advisory Board, but not mentioned above, **Jane Fedorowicz**, **Helmut Krcmar**, **Diane Strong**, **Jason Thatcher**, and **Doug Vogel**.

The College has grown and flourished under the superb leadership of **Deb Armstrong** and **Annemieke Craig**, who have just completed their term as co-chairs. I look forward to the new things to come under the direction of **Dawn Owens** and **Gondy Leroy**, a truly energetic and brilliant pair!

Best Wishes

Eleanor Loiacono & AISWN Chairs

AISWN is the 1st AIS College!

The AIS Women's Network is a college of the Association for Information Systems (AIS). The purpose of the College is to promote a network for supporting women scholars in information systems and enables mentorship relationships that are crucial to speed the success of women in the information systems field.

AIS Women's Networking Reception (ICIS) & Annual Business Meeting

At the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) 2016

Dublin, Ireland, December 11-14, 2016

Chairs: Deb Armstrong (djarmstrong@business.fsu.edu) and Annemieke Craig (annemieke.craig@deakin.edu.au)



The 2016 edition of the AIS Women's Networking event in Dublin Ireland attracted 45 attendees. The event was held in one of the furthest hotels from the main conference center and the 15 minute walk seemed to have deterred all males from attending. However, the excellent wine and fruit desert buffet provide a first-rate start for some female networking. After initial conversations, we hosted Janine Bosak from the University of Dublin who provided an overview and discussed potential counter steps that women can take when dealing with unconscious bias. After this engaging presentation, the transition of officers was performed and we said goodbye to the previous co-chairs Deb Armstrong (College of Business, Florida State University) and Annemieke Craig (School of Information Systems, Deakin University) and welcomed the new co-chairs for 2017-2019 Dawn Owens (Naveen Jindal School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas) and Gondy Leroy (Management Information Systems, Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona. The evening ended with excellent conversation, new member connections and much energy.



Thank you to our Sponsors:



AIS Women's Networking Reception (AMCIS)

At the Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS) 2016
San Diego, USA, August 11 – August 14 2016
Chairs: Lakshmi Iyer (Lsiyer@uncg.edu) and Eleanor Loiacono (eloiacon@wpi.edu)

We had a wonderful time enjoying the warm ocean breeze in sunny San Diego. The AIS Women's Networking event in attracted 40 attendees. The event generated some fantastic female networking. Our amazing co-chairs Deb Armstrong (College of Business, Florida State University) and Annemieke Craig (School of Information Systems, Deakin University) provided various updates about AISWN and its status at a college



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Call for Items: AISWN Volume 1 Issue 2, November 2017

We would like to invite all of you to contribute to our next newsletter. Through the newsletter we would like to continue to spread awareness about diversity in the field, share stories of inspiration, and promote diversity. Please consider submitting short articles (up to 500 words).

The deadline is October 1st.

Please send your submissions and questions to Gondy Leroy (gondyleroy@email.arizona.edu) or Dawn Owens (dawn.owens@utdallas.edu).

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