



AIS Women's Network College

Newsletter – June 2022

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 to enable mentorship relationships that are crucial to speed up the success of women in the information systems field.

AISWN's 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.

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From the Desk of the Co-Chairs



Vanessa Cooper
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Welcome to this edition of the AIS Women's Network College newsletter.

It has been a busy start to the year. After submitting our annual report to the AIS, we have organized networking events for members across all three AIS regions, including ECIS (Timisoara, Romania), PACIS (Taipei/Sydney - Virtual), and AMCIS (Minneapolis, USA). More details will be made closer to each event. We are also planning another networking event especially for our PhD student members. Of course, we will also have our regular networking event and AGM at ICIS (Copenhagen, Denmark) at the end of the year.

We are excited to welcome our new Co-Chair, Sam Zaza, from Middle Tennessee State University, USA. With Sam's official term commencing on July 1, I (Vanessa) will conclude my term as AISWN's Co-Chair. It has been an absolute privilege serving as Co-Chair of the AISWN College and I sincerely thank everyone for their support. I am sure the network will continue to flourish under the leadership of Silvia, Sam and the rest of the AISWN Executive Officers.

Vanessa and Silvia

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Congratulations! AIS Women's Network College News

Newly Elected Co-Chair

We would like to welcome the newly elected co-chair of the AIS Women's Network College, Dr. Sam Zaza.

Sam is an Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University, USA. She obtained her Ph.D. in Management Information Systems at the College of Business of Florida State University, USA.

Welcome on board, dear Sam. We are looking forward to great achievements for the network with your cooperation.

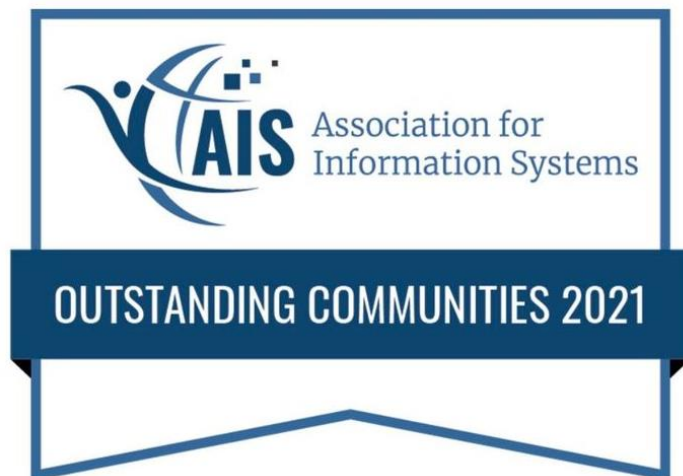


AIS Outstanding College Award

We are pleased to announce the great news that AIS Women's Network has been named an AIS Outstanding Community for 2021.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment over the past year. Without you, this would have never been achievable.

Congratulations to all of us for this outstanding achievement.



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AIS Women Network College Officers featured in the IS Digest Podcast

AISWN Co-Chair Silvia Masiero, Communications Officer Safa'a AbuJarour, and PhD Representative Franziska Schmitt were invited to participate in the IS Digest podcast, led by Casandra Grundstrom from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, to discuss the history of the AIS Women's Network College and its initiatives to face the problems experienced by women in the IS field.

Themes covered in the conversation included gender bias in the IS field, its causes and manifestations, as well as ways to address them, in cooperation with other colleges and SIGs of the AIS. It was a very good conversation, and we invite everyone to listen to the podcast!

See: <https://isdigest.buzzsprout.com/1529204/10353131>



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CAN – Concerned Academics Now

We would like to acknowledge the work of our colleagues at CAN – The Concerned Academics Now group.

CAN is a group of IS academics, who would like to find ways to reinforce the tradition of leaving our conference host locations a little bit better.

Why Should We Care?

“COVID has taught us that our fates are inextricably joined with those apparently most distant from us. Even as we surmount the challenges of COVID, our fates remain joined through persistent social issues such as immigration, human trafficking, and the myriad of human rights violations, at the bottom of which is the problem of disparate access to resources and to opportunities.” – CAN Website.

The current cause of the group is on addressing “the burgeoning problems for conflict-driven immigration”. They are planning to address this topic during ICIS 2022.

Let us support this noble idea of our colleagues from CAN in the best way we can.

For more info and to join the group, please visit: - <https://is-can.org/>



Giving back to locations hosting our conference

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AIS AVP of DEI Announcement – Listening Sessions Invitation

At ICIS 2021 (Austin), the first AIS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Townhall was held with participants from across the community including: Hala Annabi, Fay Cobb Payton, Vanessa Cooper, Alok Gupta, Silvia Masiero, Victor Mbarika, Saonee Sarker, and Lynette Yarger. Each speaker provided a 5-minute presentation related to their DEI perspective. At the end, the session was opened for questions and comments from ICIS attendees (both in-person and virtual). There were some very emotional experiences shared. Those attending listened keenly, participated actively, and were respectful of others.

As AIS AVP of DEI, the goal of the townhall was to open a dialogue with the community on DEI and to hear about AIS members' experiences and efforts towards greater DEI. As a follow-up to the townhall, I am interested in lining up listening sessions with smaller groups of AIS members to discuss three key areas of DEI:

(1) Where are we as a community; (2) Where should we be headed as a community; and (3) How do we as a community create a path to get there.

If you are interested in being part of one of these sessions or to organize one with other AIS Women Network members, Chapters, or Colleges, we would love to provide the space via Zoom or in person (at one of the conferences) to have such a discussion.

Please contact Eleanor Loiacono at eloiacono@wm.edu.



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News Bytes: Outstanding Female Faculty Member Achievements



ACM SIGMIS Lifetime Achievement Award

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Eileen Trauth**, Emeritus Professor of Information Sciences & Technology, and Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, is the recipient of the 2021 ACM SIGMIS CPR Lifetime Achievement Award.

Michelle Carter, associate professor of management information systems, received the 2022 Faculty Woman of Distinction award from President’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Congratulations, Dr. Carter!



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News Bytes:

Outstanding Female Faculty Member Achievements

Vanessa Cooper from RMIT University received the AIS Women's Network College Mentor Award during ICIS 2021.

Congratulations dear Vanessa, very well deserved!

Congratulations to Nita Mennega and Carina de Villiers for publishing their article "A quarter century of gender and information systems research: The role of theory in investigating the gender imbalance" at *Gender, Technology and Development Journal*.

For further reading, please visit

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09718524.2020.1859712>

Professor Atreyi Kankanhalli from the National University of Singapore (NUS) was named in the 2021 Singapore 100 Women in Tech List, which honors women who have made trailblazing contributions to the field of technology in Singapore.

Congratulations Atreyi for the outstanding achievement!



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AIS IMPACT IT Grant Call

As part of the AIS IMPACT ADVANCE grant, we are piloting a new approach to help mid-career faculty, especially women and traditionally under-represented groups across the globe, to springboard their next phase of career advancement. Rather than a single one-day workshop or a one-size-fits-all approach, we are piloting a new approach—one that involves a series of facilitated hands-on workshops designed to build connection among often-isolated individuals and to help participants advance their careers amidst the unique challenges of their local/regional academic contexts.

We write to invite you to become one of our regional “catalysts”—a full professor (or highest rank in your regional system) interested in helping to recruit 8-12 potential cohort participants and coordinating/facilitating each of the one-hour workshop meet-ups that would be held on a roughly monthly basis over the academic year. Of note--the IMPACT team wants to make this as easy for you as possible! We will provide workshop materials and session facilitation guidance—you would act as the catalyst for coordinating the meetings and then foster reflection and discussion around the workshop prompts during the meet-ups.

While the workshop materials have been successfully utilized in several other US-based ADVANCE grants, this is the first time these materials and this model has ever been adapted at a global scale! Since this is a pilot, we also hope that you will be a “co-creator” of this series with us—providing the IMPACT team invaluable insight into how this model and the materials work within your local/regional academic context and how we can further refine this model to make it as scalable and useful for all participants involved.

We see the “Springboard to Full Workshop Series” as having the potential to transform women’s career advancement across the globe, as well as build networks of connection, support, and guidance for those who often feel isolated.

As a small token of our deep appreciation for the wisdom, time, and energy you will bring to this pilot, we can provide participants a \$400 stipend.

We hope you are intrigued by this grand experiment and hope you will join us as a regional catalyst.

If interested or have questions, please contact Eleanor Loiacono (eloiacono@wm.edu).

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Outstanding Educator Award 2022

Award Purpose

To recognize members of the AIS Women's Network College who have made important contributions to teaching and to encourage continued innovation and excellence in IS education.

Eligibility Criteria

The nominee is an active member of the AIS Women's Network College.

Anyone may nominate deserving individuals for this award; self-nominations are allowed.

Evaluation Criteria

The recipient of this award will have made a notable contribution to IS education in the past year (2021). This contribution can be in the form of direct teaching experience, including in-class and online at all university levels, innovations in teaching, pedagogical case publications, or pedagogy research articles.

Below are some examples of potential contributions that could be highlighted in the nomination:

- Curriculum Development – design and redesign of courses
- Ability to inspire independent and original thinking in students
- Guidance of research projects (graduate and undergraduate)
- Development of new teaching tools and methods
- Contribution to programs, projects, and activities that demonstrate best practices as well as creative uses of technology to enhance teaching and learning
- Application of innovative teaching techniques in the classroom
- Development of pedagogical cases to support learning
- Contribution to other AIS education initiatives (e.g., contributions to Eduglopedia, sustainability education task force)
- Other contributions that make a significant difference to IS pedagogy

The following questions will be used as part of the evaluation criteria:

- Describe the contribution to teaching and IS education. If appropriate, a file can be attached providing evidence (e.g., course plan, article, student feedback, etc.) of the contribution.
- What stakeholder groups benefited from this contribution? How did this contribution impact those groups?

Information Required for Nomination

Your name, affiliation, and contact information.

Nominee's name, affiliation, and contact information.

A brief nomination email (up to one A4 page) explaining the reasons for the nomination

Nomination and Evaluation Process

Nominations are now open. Please email your letter of nomination to womensnetwork@aisnet.org by June 30, 2022. All nominations will be reviewed by the Award committee.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: AISWN Best Paper Award 2022

Award Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognise one outstanding journal paper on topics related to women in the field of IS.

Eligibility Criteria

- At least one of the paper's authors must be an active member of the AIS Women's Network College.
- The paper must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal in the just-completed calendar year.
- There are no restrictions placed on discipline, ranking or other characteristics of the journal apart from the paper undergoing rigorous peer review.
- Anyone may nominate deserving papers for this award; authors can nominate their own papers.

3. Criteria

- Topical fit: The paper should be directly related to the mission of AISWN, which is to address the ongoing and emerging challenges that women face in the IS field.
- Methodological rigor: The research must be based on robust research practices.
- Novelty: The paper should address a newly identified problem or propose a novel solution to a current known issue.
- Impact: The paper should strive for significant theoretical and/or practical impact concerning women in the IS field.
- AIS Code of Research Conduct: Research papers submitted for this award should comply with AIS Code of Research Conduct.

4. Nomination

Please provide:

- Your name, affiliation, contact information.
- Nominee's name, affiliation, and contact information.
- Complete reference to the nominated paper
- A brief nomination email explaining the reasons for the nomination (up to 300 words).

5. Selection

Annually, an Award Selection Panel will select one paper to receive the award. The Award Selection Panel will be composed of one AISWN member per AIS Region. Award Selection Panel members will be invited by the AISWN Executive Officers.

Nominations are now open. Please email your letter of nomination to womensnetwork@aisnet.org by June 30, 2022.

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Special Issue — Call for Papers: Digital Innovation for Social Development and Environmental Action

The Communications of the AIS (CAIS) is pleased to announce a special issue/section on “Digital Innovation for Social Development and Environmental Action”.

The call can be found at: <https://aisel.aisnet.org/cais/callforpapers.pdf>.

Papers are due **October 31, 2022** with an anticipated publication in the fall of 2023. For more information, please contact one of the special issue editors: Jacqueline Corbett, Denis Dennehy, and Lemuria Carter.



Communications of the
Association for Information Systems

Submission Type

Excluding references, tables and figures

- Completed Research Paper (<5000 words)
- Research-in-Progress Paper (<3500 words)
- Panel Proposals

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: August 21, 2022
- Notification of Decision: September 18, 2022
- Revised Manuscript Deadline: October 16, 2022
- Registration Deadline: October 30, 2022

Questions? Email the Workshop Co-Chairs

Dr. Dawn Owens (dawn.owens@utdallas.edu)
Dr. Jacqueline Corbett
(Jacqueline.Corbett@fsa.ulaval.ca)

CALL FOR PAPERS 3rd AISWN International Research Workshop on Women, IS and Grand Challenges

December 2022
Held in conjunction with ICIS 2022 as a
Pre-ICIS Workshop



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Upcoming Events

AISWN College 2022 Events:

ECIS (Timisoara, Romania): 18-24 June

<https://ecis2022.eu/preliminary-programme/>



PACIS (Taipei/Sydney - Virtual): 5-9 July

<https://pacis2022.aisconferences.org/events/ancillary-meetings/>



AMCIS (Minneapolis, USA): 10-14 August

<https://amcis2022.aisconferences.org/events/ancillary-meetings/>



ICIS (Copenhagen, Denmark) 9-14 December

<https://icis2022.aisconferences.org/schedule-program/>

The AISWN will hold several events at ICIS 2022, including:

- Member Connect
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Networking Event



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AISWN Executive Committee Effective July 1, 2021

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