Greetings, AIS Community Leaders,

I hope you are doing well and members of your community are coming together to support one another in these new and uncertain times. As most in-person courses have found their way online whether we are ready or not, AIS is here to help members make an easy transition to online learning with many resources becoming available throughout the academic community.

We encourage you to share these three helpful collections with members of your community:

- **Forum: The Impact of COVID-19 on the field of IS and AIS** - Anyone can read posts but only AIS members can recommend, reply, and create posts.
- **Tips from AIS Special Interest Group in Education (SIG ED)** - Important reminders for those facing disruption in their normal education practices.
- **EDUglopedia** - Resources you can use in your online classes. Please also share your own materials via this website to help others keep teaching. In case of any related questions, please contact AIS at communications@aisnet.org

Many thanks to the leaders of SIG ED for sharing resources with the greater AIS membership this spring as many of us moved courses online! If your AIS Community would like to share resources with the broader membership during this time, please feel welcome to contact me with thoughts and ideas. We are stronger together!

Best wishes to you and yours,

Melissa Heeke, CAE
AIS Community Volunteer Spotlight

AIS SIGs, Chapters, and Colleges strengthen the IS community by producing solutions within a specific knowledge area, facilitating additional networking and support, and connecting like-minded AIS members to help them excel in their professional endeavors. Each AIS Community thrives on volunteers sharing their passions and talents with its members and we would like to shine a spotlight on their community spirit!

The association would like to highlight your community volunteers and their achievements in support of your SIG, Chapter, or College! Follow this link to nominate yourself, a committee or task force, or a member of your community to be featured in an upcoming volunteer spotlight.

Celebrating our Communities

Please join us as we welcome the new AIS Doctoral Student College! The College was established to provide a forum for discourse between graduate students and early career scholars, an opportunity for mentor relationships crucial to the success of graduate students and early career scholars, and an avenue for career coaching through AIS-sponsored panels and discussions at ICIS and other AIS-sponsored conferences. Learn more and see the official welcome announcement.

SIGPhil (Special Interest Group in Philosophy in Information Systems) has introduced a new podcast! "SIGPhil's Philosophical dialogues: the story behind the work" is an interview with Professor Allen S. Lee about his experience and work on philosophy in IS, how he started, how he progressed and his contribution to IS discourse.

MWAIS has introduced a new YouTube channel to share webinar recordings. Like and subscribe!

More Resources from AIS

- **Election Support** - AIS can help you with your annual officer elections! We ask for the information no later than two weeks before the election is to open. Learn more about community election support here.

- **Send automated Welcome Messages to your new members** - AIS can now automate welcome messages to your new members! Additionally, when you use the AIS Online Communities platform, we can automatically notify your members about how to use the communities platform (see example from SIG Phil). In an alternate version of the message, we can simply welcome your new members without mentioning the online platform. For information, message aiscommunities@aisnet.org.

Review your Updated Description on the AIS Website

Thanks to the AIS Community Leaders who submitted annual reports! (The reports are currently under review and notifications of Outstanding Communities for 2019 will be announced soon.) This year, the annual reports form included several new items including a place to include an updated community description for the AIS website. Information collected was used to update the listings we share with the membership and the field overall. Please take a moment to review the description for your SIG, Chapter, or College using the buttons below and send us a note with any updates or additions.

AIS-Hosted Webinars and Virtual Meetups

Your members crave connection with one another, especially in this new environment of online teaching and home-bounds days. The same technology AIS offers to host webinars for your community can also be used to host sessions such as:
• roundtables or panels
• virtual meetups and sessions to improve research collaboration
• "ask me anything" sessions with a community expert

Here are two examples of how AIS Community Leaders are utilizing the GoToWebinar software:

Join **SIG DITE** and Lars Mathiassen on April 30, 2020 (2 p.m. EDT) for "**SIG DITE: Designing Engaged Scholarship Publications into DITE Problems**"

In February, **MWAIS** used AIS GoToWebinar to host "**Building Trust in Wearables for Health Behavior**" with Madhav Sharma and David Biros, Oklahoma State.

Registration is free but RSVP is required. [Register here](#).

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Please contact us at aiscommunities@aisnet.org with your request. The AIS office will create an event on the GoToWebinar platform and share a link with organizers to allow your members to register for the session.

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**Add your Event to the AIS Calendars**

Community leaders are invited to add an event to the AIS community calendar. Submit an event and an AIS staff member will add your event to the calendar within two business days. Please include your contact information in case clarification is needed. [Submit an event here](#).

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**AIS Grand Vision Challenge**

This initiative is a call to action for AIS Communities to explore ways to encourage discussion within and across communities to promote pedagogy and research that utilizes IS to tackle major societal issues. Is your group ready to have a formal discussion to further projects that align with United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development goals? Please send an email with suggestions or questions to iyerLs@appstate.edu.

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**FAQ: How do we access a current roster of our members?**

To access a mailing list for your community members, follow these instructions:

1. Sign in to the AIS website
2. Navigate to Groups (right sidebar)
3. Select your group name (Ex: “AIS SIGs: Culture (SIG Culture)” to get to your group’s main page
4. When you have group admin permissions, you may select “Group Admin Options” near the top
5. In the section “Member Management”, select “Export Group Members”. You’ll see various other ways to contact your group members from this page as well.

Questions or concerns about your group administration? Please send a message to us at aiscommunities@aisnet.org.

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**Questions or comments about the newsletter?**

Please send us a note! aiscommunities@aisnet.org
AIS is hosted and located in the Computer Information Systems Department Georgia State University, 35 Broad Street, Suite 917,