Greetings MWAIS members,

The 2021-2022 academic year was a good year for MWAIS thank you to the work of the executive board members and the conference committee as well as the participation and support of our members. During this past academic year, we welcomed new members to our chapter, successfully hosted our annual conference in-person, held a business meeting to elect new MWAIS officers, and published a new issue of JMWAIS.

The 17th annual MWAIS conference took place in-person on May 16th and 17th in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference was hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s College of Information Science and Technology. Many thanks to the Conference Chair, Deepak Khazanchi (University of Nebraska at Omaha) Conference Chair, and Program Co-Chairs, Tenace Setor (University of Nebraska at Omaha), Zhuoli Axelton (University of Wisconsin Green Bay), and Mousumi Munmun (Metro State University), as well as the rest of the program committee for putting together an exciting and valuable conference. The conference was well attended, and the program included a thought-provoking keynote, a number of research papers and presentations as well as industry and academic panels and workshops. It was wonderful to have everyone together in person for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Highlights and photos from the conference can be found in the newsletter.

As a part of the MWAIS meeting, a business meeting was held and new officers were elected. Our chapter welcomes President-Elect, Andy Luse (Oklahoma State University), Secretary, Natalie Gerhart (Creighton University), and Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Chair, Foluso Ayeni (University of Nebraska at Omaha) to our leadership team.
Our executive board is already looking forward to the 2022-2023 academic year and making sure that we work towards serving the needs of our regional AIS community.

Looking forward, please save the date for our 18th annual MWAIS conference which will be hosted by Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota on May 19-20, 2023. The Conference Chairs for the conference will be Queen Booker (Metro State University) and Dahli Li (University of Minnesota Duluth) and the conference theme will be: “Thriving with Agile!” Information on the conference will be available on our website (https://mwais.org/future-conferences/) so please check online for the call for papers and other conference updates.

In 2024, the 19th annual MWAIS conference is already planned to be held in Peoria, Illinois and hosted by Bradley University. If you or someone at your university would like to host a future conference, please get in touch with a member of the MWAIS executive committee. We do like to have the conference plans scheduled several years in advance, so we are open to hosting proposals at any point.

Apart from our conference activities, MWAIS has the Journal of the Midwest Association for Information Systems (JMWAIS) which is a great outlet to publish our research. JMWAIS is a double-blind, peer-reviewed, quality focused, and open access AIS-affiliated journal with articles published in the AIS electronic library and on its own site at http://jmwaiss.org/. Thank you to Editor in Chief, Joey George (Iowa State University) and Managing Editor, Rassule Hadidi (Metro State University) for their leadership and dedication to the journal. The JMWAIS call for papers can be found in the newsletter. Please note, JMWAIS also welcomes proposals for special issues from the MWAIS community which is a great opportunity for tenure-track faculty and researchers to demonstrate leadership in their fields.

As always, MWAIS accomplishments are thanks to the hard work of our MWAIS leadership and members. Thank you to our Past-President, Dustin Ormond (Creighton University), who just completed his term from last year as well as the rest of the MWAIS leadership for making sure things ran smoothly last year. We rely heavily on our leadership and chapter members to make sure that we host our annual conference, work on exciting MWAIS research collaborations, review papers, serve as session chairs, and participate in all of the events that we host. Thank you to everyone who is involved in these efforts!

Thank you again for a great year and I look forward to our seeing many of you at our upcoming MWAIS events in 2022-2023!

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The 17th conference of the Midwest AIS was held in Omaha, Nebraska, and sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies, National Indemnity Company, First National Bank of Omaha, Prospect Press, Gallup, Creighton University Heider College of Business, Marquette University College of Business Administration, and the College of Information Science and Technology, University of Nebraska Omaha. The conference was held Scotts Conference Center, Omaha Nebraska home of the University of Nebraska Omaha College of Information Science and Technology. MWAIS 2022 provided an intimate environment in order to facilitate the sharing of ideas, and close interaction among participants.

Overall, about 70 paid attendees attended the conference. Attendees were welcomed to the conference by Peter Wolcott, Chair Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis Department, University of Nebraska Omaha and Deepak Khazanchi, MWAIS 2022 General Chair. Suprateek Sakar, President-elect of the AIS was the academic keynote speaker while Matt Spyers, CIO, First National Bank of Omaha was the industry keynote speaker. More about conference can be found here (https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-information-science-and-technology/mwais2022/index.php)

Deepak Khazanchi and Dustin Ormond presented award for best paper to Mark Freyhof, George Grispos, Santosh Pitla and Cody Stolle “Towards a Cybersecurity Testbed for Agricultural Vehicle and Environments”

Excerpt below:
Photos from MWAIS Conference 2022
About the Journal of the MWAIS

Journal of the Midwest Association for Information Systems (JMWAIS) is a double-blind, peer-reviewed, quality focused, SCOPUS indexed, and open-access online journal. JMWAIS (pronounced jĕm way or say each letter "J" "M" "W" "A" "I" "S") publishes original articles related to Information Systems (IS), Information Technology (IT), and Management Information Systems (MIS). The editorial emphasis is on interdisciplinary research involving IS/T and MIS from organizational and individual perspectives. JMWAIS strives to be unique, in both its interdisciplinary Information Systems focus and its commitment to authors of an expedited and constructive review process. Specifically, our editorial policy encourages authors from various business user and technical tools disciplines to submit interesting IS/T and MIS related manuscripts. The Editorial Board emphasizes a balanced vision between rigor and relevance. Both academic scholarly-oriented and more practitioner-oriented submissions are welcomed. Articles that are published in JMWAIS are also available from the AIS eLibrary.

The Journal is published semi-annually in January and July.

Editor-in-Chief Joey George, Iowa State University
Managing Editor Rassule Hadidi, University of Illinois Springfield

Best Paper Awards: The annual MWAIS conference program committee will select three papers for best paper awards. Authors of these papers who choose to submit an expanded version of their papers to JMWAIS will receive an expedited review process and upon acceptance of their paper will receive monetary prize from MWAIS.

History

Journal of the Midwest Association for Information Systems was initially proposed at the September 13, 2013 meeting of the MWAIS executive committee and was approved at the October 18th meeting of the committee. The inaugural issue was published in January 2015.
Call for Papers

The latest issue of the Journal of the Midwest Association for Information Systems (JMWAIS) was published in January 2022. Submission deadline for the July 2022 issue is closed. We invite you to submit a manuscript for review for the next issue to be published in January 2023. JMWAIS is a double-blind, peer-reviewed, quality focused, and open-access journal. JMWAIS publishes original articles related to Information Systems (IS), Information Technology (IT), and Management Information Systems (MIS). The editorial emphasis is on interdisciplinary research involving IS/T and MIS from organizational and individual perspectives. JMWAIS strives to be unique, in both its interdisciplinary Information Systems focus and its commitment to authors of an expedited and constructive review process. Specifically, our editorial policy encourages authors from various business users and technical tools disciplines to submit interesting IS/T and MIS related manuscripts. Case studies with case teaching notes as well as practitioner-oriented manuscripts are also considered for publication in the journal. The Editorial Board emphasizes a balanced vision between rigor and relevance. Both academic scholarly-oriented and more practitioner-oriented submissions are welcomed.

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions may be between 7 and 20 pages long, single-spaced.
  1) For an empirical article, the target length is 5,000 - 7,000 words.
  2) For a review article, the target length is 4,000 - 5,000 words.
  3) For a viewpoint article, the target length is 3,000 - 4,000 words.
- Submissions should be in MS Word file format using 10-point Times New Roman font.
- Please follow APA citation style.
- Authors may include hyperlinks in their manuscripts.
- Submissions should include a 100 - 200 word abstract and 3-4 key words.
- Except on the title page, authors should not identify themselves or their affiliation in their manuscripts.
The 18th Annual Conference of the Midwest United States Association for Information Systems (MWAIS) will be held in the College of Management at Metro State University in St. Paul, MN.

Dates: May 19-20, 2023
Theme: Thriving with Agile!

There will be a MWAIS Chapter Hangout at AMCIS in Minneapolis. This gathering will be on the 12th of August from 7-8pm. See you in Minneapolis!!!
Past MWAIS conferences

Past MWAIS conferences have been great successes, hosted by:

2022 – College of Information Science and Technology, University of Nebraska Omaha – Omaha, NE
2021 – Foster College of Business, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
2020 – College of Business, Drake University, Des Moines, IL
2019 – College of Business, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh – Oshkosh, WI
2018 – College of Business Administration, University of Missouri St Louis – St. Louis, MO
2017 – College of Business and Management, University of Illinois, Springfield – Springfield, IL
2016 – School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI
2015 – Kelce College of Business, Pittsburg State University – Pittsburg, Kansas
2014 - College of Business, Iowa State University – Ames, Iowa
2012 - Austin E. Cofoin School of Business, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
2011 - College of Information Science and Technology, University of Nebraska at Omaha – Omaha, Nebraska.
2010 - School of Business, Minnesota State University Moorhead – Moorhead, Minnesota.
2009 - College of Business and Information Systems, Dakota State University – Madison, South Dakota.
2008 - College of Business, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire – Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
2007 - College of Business and Management, University of Illinois Springfield – Springfield, Illinois

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Websites

- AIS website: http://aisnet.org
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