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Greetings from Lingyao (Ivy) Yuan, President of MWAIS

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Dear MWAIS members,

Hope your Spring semester 2026 is off to a fantastic and energizing start! As the year unfolds, I am truly excited about the incredible momentum, growth, and opportunities shaping MWAIS—this is a special moment for our community.

The success of MWAIS continues to be driven by the passion, engagement, and generosity of its members. I'm thrilled to share that we have now surpassed 200 members in 2025—a meaningful milestone that reflects the strength and vibrancy of our community. As a chapter of AIS, MWAIS has long been committed to fostering the exchange of ideas and collaboration among scholars and professionals across the Midwest. On behalf of the Executive Board, thank you for the vital role you play in advancing this mission.

We are especially excited to invite you to the 21st Annual MWAIS Conference, taking place Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22, 2026, in Athens, Ohio, hosted by the Ohio University College of Business. MWAIS continues to be a premier gathering that brings together academics, students, and industry leaders to explore cutting-edge research, emerging technologies, and pressing challenges in our field. This year's theme—"The Future of Work: Adapting to the Age of AI and Automation"—could not be more timely. The conference will explore how AI and automation are transforming organizations, reshaping skills and leadership, and redefining how humans and intelligent systems collaborate. Topics will span everything from reskilling the workforce and AI-driven decision-making to digital transformation, social impact, and the evolving global tech landscape.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding conference leadership team: Dr. Gaurav Bansal, Dr. Fiona Nah, Dr. Keng Leng Siau, and Dr. Dahui Li. They are supported by an exceptional committee organizing a rich and engaging program, including a doctoral consortium focused on research development and job market preparation, a MIS Deans' Panel, a CIO panel featuring senior



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technology leaders discussing real-world AI challenges, and a grant-writing workshop designed to support impactful research. In addition to paper presentations, the conference will offer meaningful opportunities for networking and community building. Highlights include a social event at the Hocking Hills Lodge—named one of the Top 50 destinations in the world by Forbes—providing a beautiful and relaxed setting to connect with colleagues. The program will also include dedicated time for engagement, collaboration, and idea exchange across sessions and events.

We strongly encourage you and your colleagues to participate by submitting papers, research-in-progress, panels, and doctoral consortium proposals. MWAIS provides a uniquely supportive and collegial environment for sharing work and receiving constructive feedback. The conference is especially committed to supporting emerging scholars—student presenters receive free registration, and PhD students may be eligible for travel scholarships, reinforcing our shared investment in the next generation of researchers (please go to <https://sites.ohio.edu/mwais/> for more information on the conference).

We are also excited to feature an outstanding lineup of keynote speakers and to recognize excellence through multiple Best Paper Awards, with top papers fast-tracked for publication in *JMW AIS*. These opportunities highlight the strong scholarly impact and visibility that MWAIS offers.

Looking ahead, MWAIS 2027, hosted by the University of Illinois Springfield (May 20–21, 2027), will center on the theme *Human–AI Collaborative Intelligence: Designing Responsible Digital Futures*. The conference will explore how humans and intelligent systems can work together in ways that emphasize responsibility, ethical design, and meaningful collaboration. Bringing together scholars and practitioners, the conference will highlight advances in human-centered AI, agentic systems, and design science research. It aims to foster new insights into how humans and intelligent technologies can co-create value through adaptive, transparent, and socially aligned systems, while advancing research and practice in building trustworthy digital futures.

We warmly invite your organizations to sponsor both the 2026 and 2027 conferences. Sponsorship provides valuable visibility and meaningful engagement with a highly active academic and professional community. Sponsors benefit from opportunities to connect with nearly 100 participants, showcase programs and research initiatives, and build partnerships across academia and industry. With strong doctoral student participation, this is also an excellent opportunity to recruit and connect with future faculty talent. Additionally, we encourage your institution to consider hosting future MWAIS conferences (2028 and beyond). Hosting offers a powerful platform to showcase your institution, engage with the IS community, and build lasting collaborations in a highly collegial and impactful setting (communities.aisnet.org).

There is so much to look forward to, and we are incredibly excited about what lies ahead for MWAIS. Thank you again for being such an important part of this growing and dynamic community. I truly look forward to reconnecting, exchanging ideas, and celebrating together—and to seeing you in Athens this May!

Best regards,

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Call for Papers

JMWAIS (pronounced jēm way or say each letter "J" "M" "W" "A" "I" "S") 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/IT 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. The latest issue of the Journal of the Midwest Association for Information Systems (JMWAIS) was published in July 2024. We invite you to submit a manuscript for review for the next issue to be published in January 2025.

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.
- Submission deadlines: September 15th for January issue and March 15th for July issue. Please visit www.jmwais.org for additional information.

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Best Paper Awards: The annual MWAIS conference program committee will select 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.

MWAIS Conference 2026



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The 21st Annual Conference of the Midwest United States Association for Information Systems (MWAIS) will be hosted by the College of Business at Ohio University in Athens, OH.

Dates: May 21 -22, 2026

Website: <https://sites.ohio.edu/mwais/>

AMCIS 2026



Website: <https://amcis2026.aisconferences.org/>

Past MWAIS conferences

Past MWAIS conferences have been great successes, hosted by:

- 2025 – Spears School of Business, Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, OK
- 2024 – Foster College of Business, Bradley University – Peoria, IL
- 2023 – College of Management, Metro State University – St. Paul, MN
- 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
- 2013 - School of Information Technology and College of Business, Illinois State University – Normal, Illinois.
- 2012 - Austin E. Cofrin 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.

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The Midwest AIS chapter is currently seeking motivated and engaged individuals to serve on the Executive Board as Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Officer and Treasurer. These roles offer a great opportunity to contribute to the growth and visibility of our community while working closely with fellow scholars and leaders in the field.

Websites

AIS website: <http://aisnet.org> AIS MWAIS website: <https://communities.aisnet.org/mwais/home/>

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