

MIS Camp

Call for Participation

When: *Thursday, August 7, 2014*

Where: *The Westin Savannah Hotel*

Theme: *Changing the World as an Academic*

Co-Chairs:

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About the MIS Camp:

MIS Camp welcomes you!

If you are a new faculty member who is preparing to enter your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of an academic position at a university, come join us at MIS Camp at AMCIS 2014 in Savannah on Thursday, August 7 from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm, at the Westin Savannah Hotel. The MIS Camp has been expanded this year to include teaching universities in addition to research schools.

The MIS Camp has a number of **objectives**:

- MIS Camp uses interactive sessions with senior faculty to explore the joys and challenges of balancing one's teaching, research, service, and personal life to lead to a successful academic career.
- The emphasis of the MIS Camp is on sharing experiences, listening and offering advice, establishing connections with senior scholars and peers, and having fun!
- The primary goal is for each participant to leave the camp with a better understanding of what they can do to manage the challenges of an academic career while working on their career.

The theme of the MIS Camp is "**Changing the World as an Academic**". The program will consist of a series of faculty panels and breakout sessions including:

- An individual exercise for junior faculty to define their career and life goals, their university's expectations, barriers to success, and unexpected challenges.
- Small group discussions with senior faculty members about how to achieve goals and meet expectations, break through barriers, and deal with unexpected challenges.

- Shared stories of experiences relating to research, teaching, and service expectations, as well as how junior faculty can balance goals and expectations with their personal life and find mentorship and guidance along the way.

The MIS Camp will also use **three interactive sessions** with junior and senior faculty to explore (1) useful lessons in publishing in journals, (2) surviving the tenure process, and (3) balancing personal life.

- The **Useful lessons in publishing in journals** will focus on the issues related to research methodologies and techniques for publishing in a variety of different journals. This session will discuss structural equation modeling (SEM) tools and the appropriate statistical tools for journal publications.
- **Surviving the tenure process** will be devoted to discussing the strenuous path from junior to senior. Hints on how to look ahead to promotion hurdles, finding your own pool of resourced to fund your research interests, and becoming a respected professional by academics and practitioners alike.
- **Balancing Personal Life** will address the issue of balancing the demands of a successful professional career with those of a rounded human being with a social life. Camp Counselors and campers alike can share tricks and best practices.

The Camp Counselors:

- **Steven Alter**, University of San Francisco
- **France Belanger**, Virginia Tech University
- **Izak Benbasat**, University of British Columbia □
- **Wynne Chin**, University of Houston
- **Kevin Desouza**, Arizona State University
- **Dennis Galletta**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Dale Goodhue**, University of Georgia
- **Lakshmi Iyer**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- **Don McCubbery**, University of Denver
- **Matti Rossi**, Senior Editor, Communications of the AIS
- **Craig Van Slyke**, University of Northern Arizona
- **James Wetherbe**, Texas Tech University

Agenda:

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7:30 - 8:00 am	Continental breakfast and registration
8:00 - 8:30 am	Opening Session – Introductions and preparing for the day
8:30 - 9:30 am	Faculty Panel: Useful lessons publishing in journals
9:30 - 10:15 am	Breakout session 1: Research methodologies and publishing
10:15 - 10:30 am	Networking Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Faculty Panel: Balancing personal life
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Breakout session 2: Managing the academic work life
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 pm	Faculty Panel: Surviving the tenure process
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Breakout session 3: Ethics, politics, and luck: survival strategies for junior faculty, academic scenarios and a dialogue with MIS Camp counselors
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Wrap-Up

Registration:

Attendance is limited to 30 people and priority will be given to junior faculty who are early in their academic career and have not yet attended an MIS Camp. This is an AIS sponsored event and therefore all MIS Campers must be registered for the conference. Once invited for participation, participants can use the regular AMCIS registration form and check the box for the MIS Camp.

In order to participate in the MIS Camp, please:

- (1) Apply by sending the application form (attached below) via email to the Camp organizers Donald Amoroso (damoroso@kennesaw.edu) and Geoffrey Dick (geoffreydick@georgiasouthern.edu), and
- (2) Register for MIS Camp when registering for the AMCIS Conference. The priority deadline for applying is **May 15, 2014**.

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