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Day 1 In Person

Session: Association Address

Speaker: Dr. Suprateek Sarker



Suprateek Sarker ("Supra") is Rolls-Royce Commonwealth Commerce Professor (Information Technology) at the McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia. He is currently the president of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) and Editor in Chief of ISR. His research interests are qualitative research, theory development, mixed-methods research,

systems development, distributed work, and IT-enabled organizational change. His research has been published in many top IS journals and received various awards. Furthermore, Professor Sarker's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation (USA) and the Institute for the Study of Business Markets (USA).

He teaches topics such as data management and business intelligence (BI), systems analysis and design, transformation of digital organizations, qualitative research approaches, and global immersion in India and the UAE. Professor Sarker serves on the University-level Provost's Promotion & Tenure Committee and has served on the college-level Undergraduate Policy Committee and the college-level Diversity Committee. He has been awarded the Whit Broome Award, 2023, by the McIntire School of Commerce.

Professor Sarker holds an Honorary Professorship of Business Information Systems at the University of Sydney Business School, Sydney, Australia. He was formerly the Philip Kays Distinguished Professor of Information Systems at Washington State University and the Microsoft Chair of Information Systems at the Copenhagen Business School. He also holds a Visiting Distinguished Professorship at Aalto University's School of Business.

In 2006, Professor Sarker was a co-recipient of the Stafford Beer Medal from the Operational Research Society (United Kingdom) for work on virtual teamwork published in European Journal of Information Systems. In December 2017, he was named a Fellow of the Association for Information Systems.

Day 1 In Person

Speed Mentoring Session/Research Speed Dating Game

Mentor: Dr. Atiya Avery



Dr. Atiya Avery is currently an Assistant Professor of Information Systems Management at Auburn University and formerly a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama in

Huntsville. Prior to academia, she worked in the underwriting consultancy function for 7 years at a publicly traded insurance company. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Management Information Systems in the Department of Information & Decision Sciences and worked as a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow with the ESP (Electronic Security and Privacy)—IGERT group as well as a graduate teaching assistant and instructor in the Department of Information Systems and Decision Sciences. Dr. Avery's research interests include IT infrastructure governance, IT security breach mitigation and recovery, surveillance, and the changing nature of work. Her research has been presented at regional, national, and international academic conferences and published in reputable journals. She holds the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation, the Security+ designation, and the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) designation.

Mentor: Dr. Corey Baham



Corey Baham is an associate professor of Management Science and Information Systems at the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University. He completed his Ph.D. in Information Systems and Decision Sciences from Louisiana State University. His current research focuses on agility in IS development, systems recovery, and the overall firm. His work has been published in premier IS journals such as the *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *European Journal of Information Systems*, and *Information Systems Journal*.

Mentor: Dr. Randy V. Bradley



Dr. Randy Bradley is an Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Bradley worked as an IT consultant in both government and commercial sectors for Camber Operations and Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and as a Systems Engineer for Southwire Company.

Dr. Bradley's research interests include the use of IT in the healthcare domain, the strategic value of enterprise architecture, the interplay between IT strategy and supply chain performance, and strategic information systems planning. His research has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Production and Operations Management Journal*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, *Decision Sciences Journal*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *MIS Quarterly Executive*, *Information Systems Journal*, *Journal of Information Technology*, *Translational Andrology and Urology*, and *Journal of Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, among others.

Mentor: Dr. Desse David



Dessa J. David, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Information Science and Systems, at the Earl Graves School of Business and Management (EGSBM), Morgan State University. Dr. David earned degrees of B.S in Computational Mathematics and an M.A. in Computer Science from Brooklyn College @ CUNY; an M. Phil and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Graduate Center @ CUNY. Dr. David enjoys research and is passionate about teaching her students. She teaches graduate and undergraduate classes, in the areas of Information Systems. Her research interests include Information Technology Implementation, adoption, and diffusion; Digital entrepreneurship; Information Systems Strategy; Blockchain and Supply chain. Her research and insights are published in national and international conference proceedings as well as top journals. Her published work has appeared in International Journal of Strategic Decision Sciences, European Management Journal, International Journal of Information Technology Project management, Journal of Systems and Information Technology, International Journal of Strategic Management, International Journal of Applied Decision Sciences among others. Her newest research project examines the determinants of entrepreneurial intention towards digital entrepreneurship.

Mentor: Dr. Mary Dunaway



Mary Dunaway is an Assistant Professor at Morgan State University's College of Business. She specializes in Information Science and Systems and teaches courses such as Management Information Systems and IT Strategy (for graduate students), and Information Systems/Data Analytics (for undergraduate and graduate students). She earned her Ph.D. in Information Systems from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in 2014. Before starting her academic career, Dr. Dunaway worked in corporate project management and program portfolio management for over 25 years, supporting Enterprise Technology Systems. Mary's research has been published in premier journals such as the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, *Communications of the Association for Information Systems*, *Information Technology and People*, and *the Annals of Operations Research*. She also serves as a Senior Editorial Board member for the *Journal of Information Systems Education* and has published in conference proceedings, textbook chapters, and industry magazines.

Mentor: Dr. Roderick Lee



Dr. Roderick Lee is an Associate Professor of Information Systems and Equity Pedagogy Scholar in the School of Business Administration at Penn State Harrisburg. He received his Ph.D. in Information Sciences and Technology with a concentration in Management and Organization from Penn State University and an MBA and MS in Information Systems from Penn State Harrisburg.

Dr. Lee is engaged in interdisciplinary research projects funded by the National Science Foundation, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education that focuses on three streams of research: (1) equity, inclusion, and justice in IS education and careers; (2) the adoption of inclusive and equitable pedagogies and culturally sustaining curricula in STEM education; and (3) the creation of a DEIA roadmap to broaden the participation of structurally disadvantaged and underrepresented populations in the recently funded Pennsylvania Industrial Hemp Engine.

He continues to leverage his scholarship to provide strategic equity leadership and expertise as Penn State's lead for the Summer Institute on Equity in the Academic Experience, the PhD Project Advisory Council, the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania Board of Directors, and Student Success Priority Co-Lead for the special project for the Office of the President on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at Penn State.

Mentor: Dr. Likoebe Mohau Maruping



Likoebe M. Maruping is Professor of Computer Information Systems and a member of the Center for Digital Innovation (CDI) in the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. His research is primarily focused on collaboration and innovation in small- and large-scale collectives such as teams, communities, and crowds. His interests in this area pertain to the enabling role of digital collaboration platforms, the mechanisms underlying the collaboration process, and the leadership and governance of collaborative efforts in organizational and open environments. His research on these phenomena has been published in premier information systems, management, and psychology journals. Likoebe currently serves as a Senior Editor for MIS Quarterly and has previously served as an Associate Editor for Information Systems Research and MIS Quarterly and as a Senior Editor for Journal of the Association for Information Systems. He is a recipient of the MIS Quarterly “Reviewer of the Year” and “Outstanding Associate Editor of the Year” awards and Information Systems Research “Best Associate Editor” award.

Mentor: Dr. Renée Pratt



Dr. Renée M. E. Pratt conducts research in healthcare information technology, traditional/clinical enterprise systems, and post-adoption diffusion attitudes and behaviors across the USA, UK and Europe. Her research impacts organizational practices to implement successful clinical enterprise systems and technological challenges with employee performance. She is a Fulbright Research Scholar (in Germany and Malawi) and has received grants, including the IBM Center for the Business of Government. She has developed and delivered courses in cybersecurity, project management, SAP processes, and related courses. Dr. Pratt's work has appeared in academic journals such as MIS Quarterly Executive and the Information Systems Journal. She earned a Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from the Florida State University, an MS-MIS from Case Western Reserve University, and a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Florida. Dr. Pratt is currently the Director of the BASY Masters and Certificate Programs and an Associate Clinical Professor at Harbert College of Business at Auburn University. She actively participates in the MIS and healthcare communities through reviewing, attendance in multiple academic conferences (i.e., panels and presentations) and consulting. She currently serves as a Faculty Advisor for the ISDSA PhD Project and is the current President of the Association of Information Systems (AIS) Special Interest Group (IT) Health community. Dr. Pratt believes in active engagement within her communities and participates highly in mentoring and advising, including the Minority in Technologies Student organization at Auburn University and Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusive Council for the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University.

Mentor: Dr. Adriane B. Randolph



Dr. Adriane B. Randolph is the Interim Associate Dean for Community and Faculty Affairs and a tenured, Full Professor of Information Systems at Kennesaw State University in the Michael J. Coles College of Business. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of the BrainLab, an innovative, research-based enterprise that combines cognitive neuroscience tools with cutting-edge applications in information systems. The BrainLab has garnered international credibility through her efforts in establishing one of the first neurophysiologically-based research labs within a business college in the world and helping champion what is now the recognized sub-field of neuro-information systems. Dr. Randolph's research focuses on the design and application of brain-computer interface systems which allow for non-muscularly controlled assistive technologies and reflect varying human mental states. Through the BrainLab, she is working to discover impactful solutions for brain-computer interfaces by uncovering the underlying characteristics that affect users' control and cognitive performance. Over the past two decades, Dr. Randolph has undertaken numerous projects in the areas of neural processing with brain-computer interfaces, neuromarketing, and neuro-education. She has secured over \$1.5 million in federal and private funding and pursued a related patent. Prior to earning her Ph.D. in Computer Information Systems from Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business, Dr. Randolph had a successful consulting career in change management at Accenture (then Andersen Consulting) in Washington, D.C. She earned her B.S. in Systems Engineering with Distinction from the University of Virginia. She currently resides in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area with her family.

Mentor: April Reed



April H. Reed, PhD, PMP, CSM is an Associate Professor in the College of Business, Management Information Systems (MIS) department at East Carolina University. She conducts research in the area of IS/IT project management, educational simulations, pair programming and STEM education. She is a PMI certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and has held several industry positions including Programmer, Systems Analyst and Project Manager. She has published several papers on the topic of project risk, virtual software development project teams, pair programming, and simulation in education in IS journals and conferences. She teaches graduate level courses in project management.

Day 2 In Person

Session: Qualitative Methods

Speaker: Dr. Rachida Parks



Rachida Parks, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Business Analytics and Information Systems at Quinnipiac University in the School of Business. Due to her interdisciplinary research, she also holds a joint appointment as an Associate Professor in Health Sciences at the School of Medicine. She earned a PhD in Information Sciences and Technology from Pennsylvania State University.

Her interdisciplinary research focuses on the intersection of healthcare, digitization, and data analytics. She has been nominated and awarded internationally competitive research awards, including the Fulbright US Scholar for her research in healthcare analytics and AI, the Operational Research Society's Stafford Beer Award for her contribution in the *European Journal of Information Systems*, and the Diana Forsythe Award by the *American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)*.

Rachida Parks has served and volunteered at many levels and organization notably as an Associate Editor (AE) to a premier journal in her field - the *Information Systems Journal*, the *PhD Project (ISDSA president, planning committee and mentor)*, and several diversity and inclusive excellence committees. She speaks five languages - English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Italian.

Session: Quantitative Methods

Speaker: Dr. Raquel Benbunan Fich



Raquel Benbunan Fich is a Professor in Information Systems in the Paul H. Chook Department of Information Systems and Statistics, at the Zicklin School of Business of Baruch College, CUNY. In January 2023, she was appointed Associate Provost of Faculty Affairs, Research, and Innovation at Baruch College. In 2022, she was included among the top researchers in Information Systems in the world, according to a study led by a Stanford professor. Her research areas include User Behavior and Human-Computer Interaction, Virtual Teams and Virtual Collaboration, Usability, and Faculty Productivity. Her papers are published in highly recognized peer-reviewed journals such as the Academy of Management Learning and Education, ACM Transactions on Human Computer-Interaction, CACM, Decision Support Systems, European Journal of Information Systems, Information & Management, International Journal of Electronic Commerce, Journal of Strategic Information Systems, and other journals. She teaches Research Methods and Experimental Design at the doctoral level, Information Technology Strategy in the MBA and Executive MBA programs, and Programming for Analytics using Python at the undergraduate level. She received her Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from Rutgers University, Graduate School of Management. Prior to her doctoral studies in the US, she earned her MBA from IESA (Instituto de Estudios Superiores en Administracion), and her Computer Engineering degree from Universidad Simon Bolivar in Caracas, Venezuela.

Session: Inclusive and Equitable Teaching

Speaker: Dr. Sam Zaza



Sam Zaza is an assistant professor at the Information Systems and Analytics Department. Her research interests lie at the intersection of technology, individuals, and societal impact. Specifically, she researches IT careers and changing nature of work, diversity, equity, and inclusion in organizations. Her research appeared in top-tier journals such as MIS Quarterly, Information Systems Journal, Information and Organization, among others. She presented her work at major regional and international conferences as a speaker, panelist, and participant. She is the president of AIS SIG Social Inclusion, the co-chair of the AIS Women College, the president of AIS SIG Leadership, and the past president of the Middle East and North Africa – AIS.

Session: Editor's Session

Speaker: Dr. Michelle Carter



Michelle Carter is a Professor of Information Systems in the Alliance Manchester Business School's Division of Management Sciences and Marketing at the University of Manchester. Michelle earned her PhD in Management (Information Systems) from Clemson University, SC. Her research focuses on information technologies' involvement in identity and social change, factors that shape IT usage behaviors, and information systems management. Michelle's work has appeared in *MIS Quarterly*, the *European Journal of Information Systems*, the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, the *Journal of Information Technology*, as well as other journals, books, and conference proceedings.

Michelle is co-Editor-in-Chief of *AIS Transactions on Replication Research*. She also serves as an associate editor for the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, and as an editorial review board member for *Information Systems Research*.

Michelle is a Distinguished Member – Cum Laude of the AIS. She is a past president of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) Special Interest Group on Social Inclusion and previously chaired the AIS committee on diversity and inclusion. In 2021, she was elected to serve on the AIS Council as Vice President for Special Interest Groups and Colleges.

Speaker: Dr. Dorothy Leidner



Dorothy E. Leidner is the Leslie H. Goldberg Jefferson Scholars Foundation Distinguished Professor in Business & AI Ethics at the University of Virginia - McIntire School, joining in January 2023. A LEO lifetime achievement award winner and Fellow of the Association for Information Systems (AIS), she is the current editor-in-chief of the Journal of the Association for Information Systems. Previously the Randall and Sandra Ferguson Professor of Information Systems at Baylor University and now Professor Emeritus, she established a Ph.D. program in Information Systems in 2008. Professor Leidner has also held positions at INSEAD (Fontainebleau, France), TCU (Fort Worth, TX), ETH-Zurich (Switzerland), SMU (Dallas, TX), ITSEM (Mexico), Lund University (Sweden), the University of Caen (France), the University of Augsburg (Germany), and the University of Mannheim (Germany). Currently, she is a Professional Research Fellow with Deakin University (Australia), a visiting professor at Goteborg University (Sweden) and an Academic Research Fellow with the Center for Information Systems Research at MIT. With over 60 refereed journal publications in esteemed journals such as MIS Quarterly, Information Systems Research, and Organization Science, among others, Professor Leidner's work has received over 50,000 citations and 11 best paper awards. She has played significant editorial roles for multiple journals, including editor-in-chief and senior editor positions. An active contributor to the academic community, she co-chairs the Organizational Systems and Technology Track of the Hawaii Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). Additionally, she has held program and track co-chair roles for various international conferences. In recognition of her contributions, Professor Leidner received an Honorary Doctorate from Lund University, Sweden, in 2018, and was named a Distinguished Alumna of Highland Park High School in Dallas, TX, in 2019.

Speaker: Dr. Lionel P. Robert Jr.



Lionel P. Robert Jr. is a Professor at the University of Michigan School of Information and core faculty at the University of Michigan Robotics Institute. He is also an AIS Distinguished Member Cum Laude and an IEEE Senior Member. His research focuses broadly on collective action through technology and human collaboration with autonomous systems. He is the director of the Michigan Autonomous Vehicle Research Intergroup Collaboration (MAVRIC), an affiliate of the Center for Hybrid Intelligence Systems and the National Center for Institutional Diversity all at the University of Michigan and the Center for Computer-Mediated Communication at Indiana University. He is currently on the editorial board of *Management Information Systems Quarterly*, the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, *ACM Transactions on Social Computing*, the *AIS Transactions on Human-Computer Interaction*, *ROBONOMICS: The Journal of the Automated Economy*, and a founding editorial member of *Collective Intelligence*. Dr. Robert has also been on conference program committees for ICIS, CSCW, CHI, HRI, and AAI. His research has been sponsored by the U.S. Army, Toyota Research Institute, MCity, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, AAA Foundation, and the National Science Foundation. He has appeared in print, radio, and/or television for such outlets as ABC, CNN, CNBC, Michigan Radio, Inc., Washington Examiner, Detroit News, Yahoo News, New York Times, and the Associated Press.

Speaker: Dr. Jason Thatcher



Dr. Jason Bennett Thatcher holds the Milton F. Stauffer Professorship in the Department of Management Information Systems at the Fox School of Business of Temple University. Jason's publishes in journals such as MIS Quarterly. Jason is a ISDSA PhD Project alumni. His work appears in Financial Times 50 listed journals about once a year. He serves as Senior Editor at Information Systems Research and Journal of the Association for Information Systems. Jason was named to the Circle of Compadres by the KPMG ISDSA PhD Project and a TUM Ambassador by the Technical University of Munich.

Jason enjoys working with students. He has advised 19 PhD students in the United States and 15 more in Denmark, Germany, and China. He writes on LinkedIn career advice for PhD students and early early career faculty. His posts are viewed more than 10,000,000 times each year.

Session: Managing Career Advancement/Adjustments

Speaker: Dr. Richelle DaSouza



Richelle DaSouza, Ph.D. (rldasouza@ncat.edu) is an Associate Professor in the Business Information Systems and Analytics department in the Willie A. Deese College of Business and Economics at North Carolina A&T State University (NC A&T). She obtained her Ph.D. from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Dr. DaSouza's research interests focus on examining the role of information systems in organizational practices and the impact of emerging technologies on individual behaviors. She publishes in top ranked IS journals and presents at numerous regional, national, and international IS conferences. She is actively involved with KPMG's PhD Project and the Association for Information Systems (AIS). Dr. DaSouza is currently serving as the Faculty Advisor for the AIS Student Chapter and as the Program Coordinator for Business Analytics in her department.

Speaker: Dr. Lakshmi S. Iyer



Dr. Lakshmi S. Iyer is Professor and Head of the Information Systems and Supply Chain Management department in the Bryan School of Business and Economics at University of North Carolina Greensboro. She recently served as Interim Associate Dean of Graduate Programs & Research and Director of the Master of Science in Applied Data Analytics in the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University. Her research interests are in the area of emerging technologies & its impact on organizations and users, and social inclusion in IS. Her research work has been published in the *Journal of the AIS*, *Communications of the AIS*, *European Journal of Information Systems*, *Communications of the ACM*, *Decision Support Systems*, *Information Systems Frontier*, *Information Technology & People*, *Journal of Computer Information Systems*, *Science of the Total Environment* and others. She is Board Chair for the Association of Information System's (AIS) Special Interest Group Decision Support and Analytics (SIGDSA). She received the Hugh J. Watson Award that honors and recognizes an individual whose significant achievements and high-quality contributions to the data and analytics academic community. She is also the president for the AIS College of Academic Leadership. She is an Associate Editor for the *Decision Support Systems* journal. She is Co-PI on the ImPACT IT grant funded by NSF that focuses on advancing women to full-professor positions in IS academia.

ISDSA Planning Committee 2022 - 2023

Students

President: Hope G. Gray



Hope G. Gray is a 5th year PhD student in Administration – Health Services with a concentration in Health Informatics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. With a background as a Systems Engineer in the telecommunications industry, she later pursued a career in chaplaincy, becoming a licensed, ordained minister and a Board Certified Chaplain. Hope has served as a hospital, hospice, and corporate chaplain and is endorsed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Hope's academic journey includes a Master of Theological Studies from Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Stillman College. During her PhD pursuit, she received prestigious honors such as the American Medical Informatics Association LEAD Fund Scholarship and the Center for Clinical Translational Science TL1 PreDoctoral Trainee award. In 2022, she was also the first PhD student to be awarded a competitive Health Informatics Internship with Health Level Seven (HL7®) International. This year, Hope was designated as one of The PhD Project – Baruch College Research Fellows.

In her current roles, Hope serves as a Senior Consultant with Deloitte Consulting LLP, supporting the Health IT Modernization effort for Indian Health Service. She is also the President of The PhD Project - Information Systems Doctoral Student Association (2022-2023) and a member of the Journal for the American Medical Informatics Association Student Editorial Board (2023-2025). Hope's research focuses on the intersection of health information technology and spiritual care through health informatics. She is also interested in researching COVID-19 Public Health Surveillance and Health Disparities. Outside of her academic pursuits, Hope finds joy in providing compassionate pastoral care to people of all ages. She is the proud mother of her twenty-year-old daughter, Iman Grace Bell.

Vice-President: Thomas Ware III



Thomas E. Ware III is a fourth year PhD candidate at Arizona State University's Information Systems department. He has multiple years of experience in finance and IT, including implementing automation in various healthcare organizations. Thomas leverages this professional expertise to inform his research interests in Human-AI Interaction, particularly regarding healthcare and decision-making. Thomas currently serves as the Vice-President of ISDSA (2022-2023).

Secretary: John-Patrick Akinyemi



John-Patrick (JP) Akinyemi is an incoming third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Information, Risk, and Operations Management at the McCombs School of Business. JP received his B.Sc. in Business Information Systems at the University of Texas – Arlington.

Before embarking on his journey as a doctoral student, JP worked as an IT Business Analyst in the Supply and Commodity Trading industry, living in London and Houston. Amongst actively competing in amateur soccer and tennis leagues, he also spent his off-time coordinating STEM events for Houston middle and high school students.

At the McCombs School, JP researches the emergence of misinformation and the subsequent IT design mechanisms that can aid in reducing such emergence in online communities. He also researches organizational mitigations of problematic artificial intelligence that demonstrate bias, privacy, and cybersecurity with wide-reaching societal harms. JP primarily uses qualitative methods in his research, but also has a keen interest in using Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Natural Language Processing (NLP). He has been recognized as a Brumley Fellow and CDIP Fellow.

Parliamentarian: Alexis Sanchez Gonzalez



Alexis Sanchez Gonzalez is a Ph.D. candidate at Baylor University. She graduated from Pepperdine University with a B.A. in Media Production. Following graduation, she worked at KCEN-TV as a video editor for the nightly news. She also became involved in the non-profit Communities in Schools where she worked as a data specialist. This role sparked her interest in information systems and she decided to pursue her master's degree in MIS at Baylor University. While completing her master's degree she wrote a thesis on cloud-based systems implementation and IT self-sufficiency. This experience helped her transition to the IS Ph.D. Program at Baylor. She has presented at ICIS TREO Talks for her research on digital transformation and systems implementation. Alexis has recently returned from a study-abroad trip in Sydney, Australia where she served as support staff for Baylor Hankamer Business School. She is currently looking forward to continuing her work on her dissertation with a target completion date of Summer 2024.

Past President: Aurelia Rodriguea-Mandani



Aurelia Rodriguez-Mandani is a PhD candidate with a dissertation completion target date of fall 2023. Aurelia is a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholar/fellow and was past ISDSA president (2021/2022).

She has a background in eye healthcare, librarianship and information seeking behaviors, systems engineering, user experience, and privacy research. Throughout her PhD she has held positions in governmental IT and project management at NOAA, and most currently, is working within R&D at one of the largest computer, phone, and headphone manufacturing companies assisting research engineers with enabling user study research that puts privacy first. She is also involved in different diversity organizations within her workplace to increase workplace equity of minority applicants.

Faculty Advisors: (See Bios above)



Dr. Corey Baham

Dr. Roderick Lee



Dr. Renée M. E. Pratt