AIS, LEO and the Pursuit of Good Work

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The "Last Lecture Series" is an opportunity for us to learn from some of our past Leo or AS Fellow Award Winners as they reflect back on their careers, the field of information systems or both. The goal is to help us draw insights for ourselves, our students, and the future of the discipline from the rich treasure that is their experience and their observations. While these talks will surely not be anyone's "last lecture," the title hopefully puts the speakers in the mindset, and gives them the freedom, to jauntily veer away from the too often dry and objective confines of a typical academic presentation. Rather, they have the opportunity to focus on that which has gone before and to draw lessons from it, and in doing so, to help us all to remember the warm, the personal, and the often amusing detours on this ever emerging road we have chosen to travel. Our inaugural presenters are Leo award winners, Gordon B. Davis and Richard O. Mason, two of our field's "great men"; both Dick and Gordon have played essential roles in helping to define the field and to nourish it with their leadership.

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Abstract: One important function of AIS as the premier global organization for academics specializing in information systems is to create and sustain a community devoted to “Good Work.” The psychologist, Howard Gardner, defines Good Work as work that is “technically Excellent; personally Engaging; and carried out in an “Ethical manner.” This talk will reflect on how the LEO award encourages and celebrates Good Work in the Field.