

Message from the SIM Chief Executive

This is to let you know about the success of the SIM Academic Workshop at SIM Connect LIVE on April 11-13, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. The goals of the SIM Academic + Practitioner Workshop at SIM Connect LIVE were to unite practitioners and researchers in leading the debate on the future of digital work and to share cutting-edge research that impacts future digital practice, while gaining feedback from practitioners to guide new research directions and opportunities.

The SIM Academic Workshop included:

- Looking Back – Acting Forward: Nine presentations by leading MISQE researchers, with discussants from the SIM IT leadership community.
- “Optimizing the Digital Workforce:” Ten presentations and feedback from SIM leaders on research abstracts and ideas from the Pre-ICIS and HICSS SIM Academic Workshops.
- “The Future Skills Debate:” A dialogue about the MSIS Global Competency Model among industry leaders.

The SIM Academic Workshop provided an opportunity for academic professionals and IT industry leaders to dialogue about the research papers and the research-in-progress. The complete program is included in the Appendix to this issue. I want to thank the Academic Leadership Team who planned, designed and managed the SIM Academic Workshop. This is a first-time opportunity which we look forward to replicating in the future. The involvement of academic professionals in SIM Chapters and in SIM Connect LIVE will strengthen the partnership between the academic community and the IT leaders within SIM. I want to thank Mary Sumner, Dorothy Leidner, and Michelle Kaarst-Brown for their work and commitment in serving as Program Chairs for the SIM Academic Workshop.

Best regards,

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