

Message from SIM

This is to talk about several academic initiatives within *SIM*. *SIM* Connect LIVE, the annual *SIM* leadership conference, is held between May 15 and May 17 in Orlando, Florida (<http://simconnectlive.com>). This year, *SIM* Connect LIVE's Academic Track features a number of keynoters who lead the mission for research that impacts practice:

- Jeanne Ross (MIT Center for Information Systems Research) speaks about Digital Leadership.
- Jim Wetherbe (Texas Tech University) who presents the Academic Track Keynote, focuses on: "Adding Value through Research—Solving Problems and Answering Questions."

The academic program also features recent research published in *MISQE*:

- Daniel Gozman's (University of Sydney) article from the Pre-*ICIS MISQE* and *SIM* Special Workshop on Enterprise Blockchain is entitled "Developing and Governing Cross-Industry Blockchains for Regulatory Compliance: Lessons from Project Maison."
- Stacy Petter's (Baylor University) article from the *MISQE* Special Issue on the Digital Workforce is entitled: "Using Online Gaming Experience to Expand the Digital Workforce Talent Pool."
- K.D. Joshi's article from the *MISQE* Special Issue on the Digital Workforce is entitled: "How IT Leaders Can Benefit from the Digital Crowdsourcing Workforce."

The The academic-practitioner dialogue roundtable features:

- CyberSecurity, with Keri Pearlson, MIT.
- IT and Enterprise Risk Management, with Michelle Kaarst-Brown, Syracuse University.
- Big Data, with Rashmi Jain, Montclair State.
- IT Workforce, with Mary Sumner, Southern Illinois University and Eph McLean, Georgia State University.

We appreciate the contribution of the academic community at *SIM* Connect LIVE. We are engaged in a joint team effort to create and to sustain a dialogue between IT and *SIM* industry leaders and academic leaders who contribute research that impacts practice.

Best regards,

Mary Sumner,
SIM Academic Liaison