

## **Accounting Information Systems Section (AIS)** **Slate of Candidates for the 2021-2022 Section Election**

The AIS Section Nominations Committee announces the slate of candidates for the positions of Vice President-Academic (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Council Representative, Nominations Committee (2 positions) and Research and Publications Committee (1 position).

Current candidates for the 2021-2022 Section positions and their biographies are listed below. The election will open Friday, March 26, 2021.

### **President-Elect:**

#### **Tawei (David) Wang, DePaul University**

Tawei (David) Wang is currently an Associate Professor and Driehaus Fellow at DePaul University. He received his Ph.D. from Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University in 2009. His research interests are information security management and IT management. His papers have appeared in several leading journals, including *Accounting Horizons*, *Decision Support Systems*, *European Journal of Information Systems*, *Information and Management*, *Information Systems Journal*, *Information Systems Research*, *International Journal of Accounting Information Systems*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Information Systems*, among others. He mainly teaches accounting information systems, audit data analytics and data mining. He is currently listed on the Fulbright Specialist Roster for developing analytics curriculum for accounting programs. He spoke at universities and conferences around the world as well as events hosted by the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Institute of Management Accountants. He was invited to be a panelist by the Federal Reserve Bank Charlotte and to be a keynote speaker for the Financial Supervisory Commission in Taiwan. He was selected to be the KPMG James Marwick Professor in Residence in 2018 and is the out-going president of the AAA Midwest Region.

### **Secretary:**

#### **Deniz Appelbaum, Montclair State University**

Dr. Deniz Appelbaum (appelbaumd@montclair.edu), Assistant Professor of the Department of Accounting and Finance at the Feliciano School of Business of Montclair State University enriches her academic pursuits with a practical view, after twenty years of experience in operations, credit, and business development in the corporate world. Dr. Appelbaum has published manuscripts in *Accounting Horizons*, *Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting*, *Auditing: Journal of Practice and Theory*, and in other academic and practitioner journals, based on her research regarding analytics, big data, and automation in financial auditing and fraud detection. Dr. Appelbaum emphasizes the use of data analytics and appropriate software tools in the classroom, to prepare accounting and auditing students for the technically advanced modern business environment. The accounting and auditing professions are currently undergoing huge disruptions due to technical innovations, and Dr. Appelbaum is devoted to assisting her students to prepare for these changes.

## **Treasurer:**

### **Kimberly Swanson Church, Missouri State University**

Dr. Kimberly Swanson Church is the BKD Professor of Leadership & Director for the School of Accountancy at Missouri State University. Kimberly teaches in the area of managerial and accounting information systems with an emphasis in data analytics and emerging technologies. She has two decades of entrepreneurial and higher education experiences, including more than ten years in academic leadership roles within the American Accounting Association (AIS & TLC sections), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CPA Evolution BAR Taskforce Co-Chair & APBP initiative trainer) and the Institute of Management Accountants (local board member & CAR taskforce). Most recently, she served as the program chair for the first virtual TLC colloquium and worked with TLC leadership and speakers to bring interactive and engaging sessions to members.

Dr. Church works actively with a variety of professional organizations and serves as a frequent invited speaker on topics related to professional development and technology disruptions to the accounting profession. Kimberly is a national award-winning educator for her many classroom innovations using experiential learning techniques that best reflect real-world application of accounting concepts, including the George Krull/Grant Thornton, Jim Bulloch, Mark Chain/FSA and Bea Sanders/AICPA (honorable mention) teaching innovation awards. Her teaching and research interests include information systems, management accounting and disruptive technology implications for theory and practice. She has published many academic and practitioner articles, won several best paper awards and her articles have appeared in *Accounting Horizons*, *Journal of Information Systems*, *Issues in Accounting Education*, *Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting*, *Journal of Accounting Education*, *BizEd* and *Strategic Finance*.

## **Council Representative:**

### **Diane Janvrin, Iowa State University**

Dr. Diane Janvrin holds the William Varner Professorship of Accounting at the Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business at Iowa State University. She earned her masters and PhD from the University of Iowa and B.A. from Central College in Pella, Iowa. She teaches and researches in accounting information systems, data analytics, and auditing. She has published in several AAA journals including *Accounting Horizons*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*, *Journal of Information Systems*, *Behavioral Issues in Accounting*, and *Issues in Accounting Education*. She has served the AIS section in several roles including treasurer from 2010 to 2013, research committee 2013-2014, chair of AIS education committee 2016 to 2018, AIS education bootcamp coordinator May 2017 and May 2018, and social media task force. Further, she is an editor for *Journal of Information Systems* and co-chaired JISC2015 and the special JIS issue on Implications of Cybersecurity on Accounting Information.

## **Nominations Committee – 2 positions:**

### **Matt Pickard, Northern Illinois University**

Matt Pickard, Ph.D., teaches accounting data and analytics at Northern Illinois University. He received his B.S. in Computer Science and MBA from Brigham Young

University and his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from the University of Arizona. He finds data and analytics fascinating and seeks to apply statistics, artificial intelligence, and computer programming to solve business problems. His research has been published in *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Information Systems*, and *Computers in Human Behavior*. His wife, Laura, and he are the blessed parents of four beautiful daughters and a boy dog (Matt chose the dog's gender.)

### **Marcia Weidenmier Watson, Trinity University**

Marcia Weidenmier Watson is the Jesse H. Jones Distinguished Professor of Accounting at Trinity University. She has an M.B.A. in Accounting and Information Systems Management as well as a Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin. Her undergraduate Accounting degree is from The College of William and Mary. Dr. Watson teaches classes in Accounting Information Systems and Accounting Data Analytics. Her research focuses on how data analytics as well as other information technology impacts internal controls, business processes, auditing, and accounting education. She has published in a variety of leading journals including *Accounting Horizons*, *International Journal of Accounting Information Systems*, *Issues in Accounting Education*, *Journal of Information Systems*, and *MIS Quarterly*. She has served as the AAA AIS Newsletter Editor since 2005.

### **Research and Publications Committee (1 position):**

#### **Daniel E. O'Leary, University of Southern California**

Daniel E. O'Leary is a tenured full professor at the University of Southern California (USC), in the Leventhal School of Accounting. He received his Ph. D. from Case Western Reserve University in 1986 and formerly worked with KPMG in their consulting practice. Dan teaches in the area of accounting information systems (AIS), focused primarily on the Master of Accounting program and USC's accounting data and analytics program, in which he teaches two courses.

Dan has been a long-time supporter of the Journal of Information Systems (JIS), both as a part of the editorial board and as a contributor. Professor O'Leary's first paper in JIS was in 1988 and his most recent JIS paper is forthcoming. Dan has been on the JIS editorial board, in various positions, since 1991. Professor O'Leary also has been very active in the editorial space of information systems, artificial intelligence and AIS, with previous experience as an editor of four journals. In addition, Dan currently is a senior editor (2 journals), an associate editor (1 journal) and on the editorial board of 10 other journals.

Dan has also been active in supporting AIS research in other activities. For example, he has been a presenter at a number of previous American Accounting Association National Meetings and AIS midyear meetings. Further, he was the chair of the AIS Section Midyear meeting in 2018. In addition, he has been the program chair of the Pre-ICIS workshops for the SIG-ASYS in 2018 - 2020.