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President's Letter

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Hello All,

I hope you are all staying well and staying sane during this crazy time. It is hard to believe how quickly life changed for our students and ourselves. The midyear meeting seems like it was a lifetime ago!

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all our members that stepped up to help other faculty negotiate the task of moving face-to-face classes to online at record speed! For those of us that never taught an online class before, we have a new appreciation for how difficult it is to design & deliver high quality online education.

There is still uncertainty regarding future meetings. Please check the AAA website for updates regarding the AIS bootcamp, the Intensive Data and Analytics Summer Workshop, as well as the AAA annual meeting. The AAA Board and Council are exploring ways to do virtual meetings. I welcome your opinions & suggestions regarding the possibility of holding virtual meetings. If you have suggestions for holding virtual workshops (teaching &/or research), please email mail your thoughts. I will pass those suggestions on to the AAA Board, Council and staff.

Finally, we are happy to announce the dates and location for the 2021 Midyear meeting. The meeting will be held January 21 - 23 at the Embassy Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona. Let's hope life is back to "normal' by then!

Wishing you all health & happiness in this difficult time!

Best,

Ann

AIS President 2019-2020

JIS Ongoing Calls for Papers-Special Topics

JIS has kicked off a series of ongoing calls for papers in the following areas (more topics are in the design stage):

- Call for Literature Review and/or Research Synthesis Papers (Editor: Adi Masli)
 Literature reviews and syntheses are needed to provide snapshots of research streams
 for use by academics and practitioners and to help identify gaps in the research that
 need to be filled.
- 2. Call for Methodology Research Papers (Editor: David A. Wood) Research methods change over time as new methods are developed, old methods are "rediscovered", and current methods are refined. In addition to new "methods," within methods new tools are developed such as new scales for measuring items, new data sets, etc. The goal of this initiative is to inform the research community about new research methods created by the authors and/or to help novice researchers to learn how to appropriately use current or old methods.
- 3. Call for Innovative and Novel Datasets (Editors: Bruce Dehning & Jie Zhou) JIS encourages authors to make their datasets available to the research community. Researchers with unique datasets can submit a paper describing the dataset to JIS. The dataset will be published as an online supplement to the article. The dataset does not need to be new. It can be from previously published work or currently being used for ongoing research. The goal of this initiative is to make innovative and novel datasets available to more researchers, while giving credit to the original creators of the datasets, and increasing the visibility of JIS.

Temporarily and until we have a more permanent presence on the AAA/JIS web site you can view these calls for papers at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/yb9w968z

These calls for papers are ongoing. There is no due date, papers will be processed as they arrive. For more details, please contact the editors of each call.

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