SOUTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE
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February 22-24, 2017

PROGRAM
Welcome to the
Southeast Decision Sciences Institute Conference

On behalf of the council, officers, and 2017 program committee, I would like to welcome you to the 47th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute (SEDSI) in Charleston, SC. I am most grateful to the SEDSI Council for their confidence in appointing me. The energy surrounding our annual meeting comes from the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to meet new colleagues from universities, governments, businesses, and other organizations. I encourage you to pursue existing connections, also to promote our meetings at your institution and to encourage your colleagues to join us in future years. The program committee has put together an excellent conference with about 130 papers, panels and workshops, presented by more than 150 participants, that I think you will find to be enlightening and enjoyable. We are very fortunate this year to have three great publishers and one of the nation's leading statistics software companies participating in the sessions and exhibiting their products in the exhibition area. Please stop by to thank them for their support of our meeting and to see what they have to offer.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of those who helped make this conference possible. It was truly a team effort. Many key individuals worked hard to help develop this conference and program for all of us to enjoy. They include a wonderful team of track chairs, reviewers, session chairs, special session developers, and graduate and undergraduate student paper judges, and my four colleagues Vicky Smith, Heather Chaney, Judith Ogden, and Dolores Cox. Also, included are the officers and council members, both current and past, who were there to offer friendly advice, encouragement, and support throughout the process. I am very grateful to them for offering to share their knowledge and support. Finally, I thank all my colleagues at the College of Business at Clayton State University, specially my Dean, Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee for his continuous support for me and providing everything I needed to plan/organize this meeting. The Hotel coordination/logistics was provided by Drew Rosen, SEDSI website updates by John O'Malley, conference website and branding documents by George Lowry, and I thank all of these individuals for their outstanding support. Suzie Smith, Jason Dean, Shanan Gibson, Jim Wynne, Chris Zobel, Ali Nazemi and Chris McCart have worked with me on many instances when I desperately needed their help and have answered my never ending emails! I am sure I have left a few other individuals out, and I apologize for not mentioning everybody's name here, indeed this list is very long!

This year we continued using our last year's conference management system, ExOrdo, and I appreciate their good customer support team for answering ALL of my many questions as we further explored how to navigate the system and put the program together. Hopefully next year it will be easier for everybody.

When our sister organization, SEINFORMS, could not hold their meeting at Myrtle Beach in October due to Hurricane, we thought about providing a venue for their participants to present their papers at SEDSI. As a result of countless efforts by council and officers of both organization, we are very proud to present SEINFORMS@SEDSI sessions. The organizer of these session is Mike Shurden (Lander University). He put in endless effort in organizing 10 sessions of SEINFORMS@SEDSI which you will surely enjoy during the meeting. A "thank you" is in order, to all SEINFORMS officers, especially Cheryl Aasheim and Jay Teets for their support and making the SEINFORMS@SEDSI a possibility.

In addition to our exhibitor's support, each year we receive sponsorship funds for several coffee
breaks, officers/volunteer reception, President’s reception, and President’s luncheon. We thank all our sponsors for their valuable support. A list is provided below, if you see them during the conference, please stop by and thank them.

I also thank my wife, Shabnam Mousavi, and my daughter, Anoush Kheirandish, for their support all the way. Finally, I would like to thank you, the individual participants, who actually make this meeting possible. Given that many schools are still dealing with limited travel funds, I am aware how hard it is to attend a regional academic conference these past few years and I appreciate your continuous support for SEDSI despite the limited travel funds. Now that you are here for the conference, I urge you all to sit in on as many sessions as possible and to participate in the meeting to its fullest. If you learn something new, see old friends, or meet some new colleagues by the time you leave, in my opinion, the conference is successful. And finally, do not forget to come back next year and bring a new member with you!

Reza Kheirandish, PhD
2017 SEDSI Program Chair
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The Decision Sciences Institute is a professional society dedicated to the development and application of quantitative and behavioral methods to administrative problems. Membership includes representatives from most of the functional areas of business. Through its journals, Decision Sciences and the Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education, along with national, international, and regional meetings, and other activities, the Decision Sciences Institute serves as a vehicle to advance and disseminate the theory, application, pedagogy, and curriculum development of the decision sciences.

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Is China's Economy Impacted by the Dynamics of Oil Prices?
» Zhixin Kang (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), Bishwa Koirala (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), Wenhui Chen (China University of Geosciences - Beijing)

Credit Perceptions and Participation in Mainstream Banking
» Rebecca Gonzalez (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

IE1 Innovative Education Workshop 1
Wednesday 13:30 - 14:45
Chair Wilma Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Venue Edisto

Are you using all of the Power of PowerPoint?
» Wilma Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)

PS1 Managing Conflict/Law/Medical Battery
Wednesday 13:30 - 14:45
Chair Judith Ogden (Clayton State University)
Venue Ashley
Managing Conflict When Your Workplace Does Not Have a Program
» JUDITH OGDEN (Clayton State University)

HAS THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NC ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM OF INJUSTICE THAT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST PRO SE LITIGANTS IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES THE SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?
» Brad Johnson (Francis Marion University)

Medical Battery: When Patient Rights Conflict with Quality of Care
» Claire La Roche (Longwood University)

Wednesday 13:30 - 14:45

SS1 Business Technology/Big Data Issues
Chair Michael Latta (Coastal Carolina University)
Venue Cooper

Business Intelligence, Analytics and ERP Training
» belinda shipps (North Carolina A & T State University)

No - Business Intelligence Is Not An Oxymoron Or A Big Data Technique
» Michael Latta (Coastal Carolina University- YTMBA Research & Consulting)

PERCEPTIONS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ON MEDICAL TOURISM
» Lydia Gan (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), James Frederick (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)
Coffee Break Sponsored by College of Business, Lander University
Venue: Hayne Street Gallery

Wednesday 14:45 - 15:00

AC1 Accounting Issues 1
Chair: Greg Kordecki (Clayton State University)
Venue: Harleston

Wednesday 15:00 - 16:15

ALTERNATIVE THEORIES TO EXPLAIN BRITISH PETROLEUM'S RESPONSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND REPORTING
» Elizabeth D. Capener (San Jose State University), Maria Bullen (San Jose State University), Greg Kordecki (Clayton State University College of Business)

THE RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL TAX CREDIT LAW GIVES BUSINESSES A COMPETITIVE WEAPON
» James Alford (The Citadel)

How Accountants can Fight Activist Investors
» Dov Fisher (Brooklyn College)

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DE2 Exhibitor's Demo Session (As Needed)
Venue: Wando
Wednesday 15:00 - 16:15

**EC2** Economics/IT/Public Sector
Chair Ajay Aggarwal (Henderson State University)
Venue Wraggborough

**TRACKING THE S&P 500: SOME SUMMARIES AND STOCHASTIC VERSUS DETERMINISTIC TRENDS**
» Barry Pfitzner (Randolph-Macon College)

**CAN EXTENSIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY BE AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE OF CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS?**
» William S. Thomas (University of North Carolina Pembroke), John Spillan (University of North Carolina Pembroke), Christine Bell (University of North Carolina Pembroke)

**Retirement Analysis**
» Ajay Aggarwal (Henderson State University), Frank Smith (Colorado State University)

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**IE2** Innovative Education & Teaching Pedagogy
Chair Cynthia Knott (Marymount University)
Venue Ashley

**EDUCATING COLLEGE BOUND MILLENNIALS: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO ENGAGE AND EDUCATE STUDENTS**
» Mahesh Vanjani (Texas Southern University)
Information Systems Undergraduate Curriculum: A Study in Self-Assessment for Program Viability
» Albert J. Wynne (Virginia Commonwealth University), Elena Olson (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Developing a Curriculum: The Development of a Doctoral Program in Cybersecurity
» Cynthia Knott (Marymount University), Donna Schaeffer (Marymount University), Patrick Olson (National University)

IE3 Innovative Education Workshop 2
Chair Annie Stith-Willis (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Venue Edisto

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Technology-Based Instructional Supplements for Your Class - How are They Changing Instruction and Learning Outcomes?
» Annie Stith Willis (Virginia Commonwealth University), Wilma Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)

SS2 Educational Innovations
Chair Stan Vinson (Lander University)
Venue Cooper

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PROVIDING WHAT STUDENTS NEED: NOT WHAT IS EASIEST FOR FACULTY: IN-DEPTH STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF THE STRATEGY COURSE
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Curriculum Revision to Address a Changing Health Care Environment
» Peggy Johnson (Lander University Greenwood South Carolina)

Wednesday 16:15 - 16:30
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Venue Hayne Street Gallery

Wednesday 16:30 - 17:30
SEINFORMS Council meeting
Venue Edisto

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Short Break
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SEDSI and SEINFORMS joint meeting
Venue Edisto

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Thursday, 23rd February

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**AC2 Accounting Workshop**

*Chair*: James Alford (The Citadel)

*Venue*: Harleston
### Assessing Your Company’s Ethics Profile

*James Alford (The Citadel)*

### DA1 Lessons Learned and Data Resources for Quantitative Analysis and Instruction

**Chair**  
Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)

**Venue**  
Edisto

### Lessons Learned and Data Resources for Quantitative Analysis and Statistics Instruction

* Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), William Miller (Georgia College), Chris Lowery (Georgia College), Ping Wang (James Madison University), Binshan Lin (Louisiana State University Shreveport)

### EC3 Economics Issues

**Chair**  
Gary Hackbarth (Valdosta State University)

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### UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF PERCEIVED COMMUNITY IMPACT AND MEDIA INTEREST ON ENVIRONMENTAL SPILL REPORTING

* Gary Hackbarth (Valdosta State University), Marko Horn (Valdosta State University)*

### Impact of Business Climate and Quality of Life on Employment of South Carolina: Evidences from Panel Cointegration, GMM, Dynamic OLS (DOLS) and Dumitrescu Hurlin Panel Causality
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» Muhammad Mustafa (South Carolina State University), Haile Selassie (South Carolina State University)

Distance as a Determinant of Trade Costs: A Different Type of Distance Puzzle?

» David Buehler (Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg), Roger White (Whittier College)

Thursday 08:45 - 10:00

MO1 Management Issues
Chair Amit Shah (Frostburg State University)
Venue Ashley

Salary Expectations and Salary Realities: An Analysis of University Students in Spain and Singapore

» Amit Shah (Frostburg State University), Michael Monahan (Frostburg State University)

Opportunities and Perils: Launching a Micro Business

» Joshua Brooks (Lander University Greenwood South Carolina), Alan Treeter (Lander University Greenwood South Carolina), Stan Vinson (Lander University Greenwood South Carolina)

STRATEGY VERSUS STRUCTURE: A CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL PERSPECTIVE

» Janice Black (Coastal Carolina University)

Thursday 08:45 - 10:00

MO2 RETIREMENT
Chair Robert Herring (Winston-Salem State University)
Venue Wraggborough
IN VolvEME OF PROFESSORS IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS IN RETIREMENT--A SYMPOSIUM

» Robert Herring (Winston-Salem State University), Jim Pope (Duale Hochschule Baden-Wuerttemburg), Brooke Saladin (Wake Forest University), Albert J. Wynne (Virginia Commonwealth University)

MP1 Graduate Student Paper Session 1

Chair Julie Ann Williams (University of West Florida)
Venue Kiawah

PREDICTING THE TOP THREE FINISHERS OF THE 2016 KENTUCKY DERBY USING LOGISTIC REGRESSION

» Andrew Bristow (Virginia Commonwealth University), Shane Olson (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Gender Discrimination in the Workforce: Its Impact on Businesses and Employee Performance

» Janeth Gabaldon (Savannah State University), Yashikiya Harley (Savannah State University), Jerry Greene (Savannah State University), Suman Niranjan (Savannah State University)

SS3 SEINFORMS@SEDSI Symposium

Chair Michael Latta (Coastal Carolina University)
Venue Cooper

DO BUSINESS SCHOOL TEAM PROJECTS MEET STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE WORLD OF WORK
Thursday 10:00 - 10:15
Coffee Break Sponsored by Cameron School of Business, University of North Carolina Wilmington
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SEDSI Business Meeting
Venue Harleston

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Chair Marilyn Smith (Winthrop University)
Venue Cooper

Resources for Teaching Sustainability
» Marilyn Smith (Winthrop University)

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11:35 - 12:50

**The Application of the Business Canvas for Private Independent School and its Use in Curriculum: PANEL DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION OF NEWER ENTREPRENEURSHIP TOOL**

» Janice Black (Coastal Carolina University), Leann Mischel (Coastal Carolina University), April Spivak (Coastal Carolina University)

**UP1 Undergraduate Student Paper 1**

Chair Elizabeth Rasnick (Georgia Southern University)

Venue Kiawah

**SOME DRIVE-THRU'S ARE 'MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS'**

» Teresa Fábregas (Mount St. Mary's University), Kevin Kelly (Mount St. Mary's University), Martin Grenchik (Mount St. Mary’s University)

**Causal variables in Oman’s GDP Growth Rate 1995-2014**

» Michael Gannon (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

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» Tyler Hogan (Presbyterian College)

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TEACHING DATA VISUALIZATION WITH TABLEAU: CASE OF "TOPBABYNAMES"
» Helen Moshkovich (University of Montevallo), Alexander Mechitov (University of Montevallo)

Repeatability and Reproducibility: A Study to Analyze the Precision of Assessing Tooth Preparations
» Kimberly Deranek (Nova Southeastern University), Steve Kramer (Nova Southeastern University), Sharon Siegel (Nova Southeastern University)

An Exercise to Introduce Memorandum Components in a Quality Management Lecture
» Julie Ann Williams (University of West Florida), Kristine Gallamore (University of West Florida)

Thursday
13:30 - 14:45

MP2  Graduate Student Paper Session 2
Chair  Cheryl Aasheim (Georgia Southern University)
Venue  Wando

Grouping Students According to IT-Related Ethical Behavior: An Application of the Clustering Algorithm
» Sushmita Khan (Georgia Southern University)

Antecedents of Job Satisfaction and Work Engagement: Mediating the Role of Cognitive And Affective Response
» Kimberly Crawford (Savannah State University), Leigh Davis (Savannah State University), Kristen Dixon (Savannah State University), Suman Niranjan (Savannah State University)
Thursday 13:30 - 14:45

SC1  Issues in Supply Chain Management
Chair   Kim Whitehead (Anderson University)
Venue   Ashley

Qualitative examinations of supply chain collaboration and their contribution to the research stream
» Kim Whitehead (Anderson University)

PRODUCTIVITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO INTEGRATED BIOMASS-TO-BIOFUEL SUPPLY CHAIN DESIGN
» Jae-Dong Hong (South Carolina State University), Shadae Taylor (South Carolina State University), Devin Rambert (South Carolina State University)

Thursday 13:30 - 14:45

SS6  Financial /Heuristics Decision Making
Chair   Ali Nazemi (Roanoke College)
Venue   Cooper

What a Time-Series Model Implies about Trading Strategies
» Joshua Brooks (Lander University Greenwood South Carolina), Lili Chen (Lander University)
Age-Based Solution for Classification of Mutual Funds
» Ali Nazemi (Roanoke College)

Heuristics in Business and Economics
» Reza Kheirandish (Clayton State University), shabnam Mousavi (Johns Hopkins University)

UP2 Undergraduate Student Paper 2
Chair James Gibson (East Carolina University)
Venue Kiawah

Electronic Word of Mouth in Social Media: Effects on Businesses
» Troy Jones (Savannah State University)

Stimulating Creativity Through Mindfulness Practices Within the Information Systems Curriculum
» Nibal Aridi (Virginia Commonwealth University), Ginny Ross (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Advertising and Gender: How Does One Affect the Other?
» Amber Felton (Savannah State University)

Coffee Break Sponsored by Department of Business Administration & Economics, Presbyterian College
Venue Hayne Street Gallery
AC3  Data Security/AIS
Chair  Elizabeth Lowry (Bon Secours Health System, Inc.)
Venue  Wraggborough

Held for Ransom, the Latest Cybersecurity Threat
» Elizabeth Lowry (Bon Secours Health System, Inc.)

THE DOORS ARE CLOSED BUT THE WINDOWS ARE OPENED: A REALISTIC PERSPECTIVE ON DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY
» Howard Hamilton (Florida Atlantic University)

USING REAL DATA TO ENHANCE LEARNING IN AN ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS COURSE
» Karen Mattison (Presbyterian College)

DA3  Experiences with and Recommendations for using R for Statistics/Instruction
Chair  Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Venue  Edisto

Experiences with and Recommendations for using R for Statistics/Analytics Instruction
» Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Buddy Bilbrey (Lander University), Tobin Turner (Presbyterian College), David Stephan (Two Bridges Instructional Technology)
### IE5  Innovative Education and Teaching Pedagogy

**Chair**  Chris McCart (Roanoke College)
**Venue**  Harleston

**Short-term Travel to China: Planning and Pitfalls**
- *Michelle Hagadorn* (Roanoke College), *Chris McCart* (Roanoke College)

**MBA Program Portfolio Approach to Assist Students in Career Transition**
- *Linda Christie* (Marymount University)

**The Transforming Power of Undergraduate Research: An Observation**
- *Derald Wentzien* (Wesley College), *Kasey Thompson* (Woodbridge Middle School)

### PS2  Teaching Business/Student Success

**Chair**  Elena Olson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
**Venue**  Wando

**TEACHING THE LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS TO THE CLINICAL SIDE**
- *Gary Hackbarth* (Valdosta State University), *Kelly Gamble* (Valdosta State University)

**Exit, Voice, and Loyalty: Some Academic Factors as Institutional Antecedents of Student Success in U.S. Universities**
- *Avinandan Mukherjee* (Clayton State University), *C. Julian Gnana Dhas* (Sri Krishna Arts and Science
How much time should be spent on each of the four major areas of competency in the new MSIS 2016 model curriculum?

» Albert J. Wynne (Virginia Commonwealth University), Joseph T Cipolla (Virginia Commonwealth University), Elena Olson (Virginia Commonwealth University)

SC2  Goal Programming/Heuristic Solution Improvement/Kernel Search Algorithm

Chair  Kamran Moghaddam (Clayton State University)
Venue  Ashley

Multi-Objective Preventive Maintenance and Replacement Scheduling in a Manufacturing System using Goal Programming

» Kamran Moghaddam (Clayton State University)

Heuristic solution improvement using optimization

» Robert Nauss (University of Missouri-St. Louis), Jeremy North (Murray State University)

A Stochastic Kernel Search Algorithm for Solving Hard Integer Linear Programming Problems

» Jeremy North (Murray State University), Robert Nauss (University of Missouri-St. Louis)

SS7  Information Technology/Cybersecurity Issues

Chair  Donna Schaeffer (Marymount University)
An Interdisciplinary Approach to Cybersecurity Curriculum
» Donna Schaeffer (Marymount University), Cynthia Knott (Marymount University), Patrick Olson (National University)

EXPLORING WEB AND MOBILE DEVELOPMENT KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: A CONSENSUS-BASED PILE SORT METHODOLOGY
» Sam Wainford (Georgia Southern University), Adrian Gardiner (Georgia Southern University), Cheryl Aasheim (Georgia Southern University), Paige Rutner (Georgia Southern University)

MONITORING TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR LIFE: A WORK IN PROGRESS
» Pamela Galluch (Roanoke College), Marta Miller-Serrano (Roanoke College), Chris Lassiter (Roanoke College)

UP3 Undergraduate Student Paper 3
Chair Julie Ann Williams (University of West Florida)
Venue Kiawah

Effect of Knowledge Management (KM) on Organizational Success
» Lisa Baez (Savannah State University)

Advertising under the Umbrella of Perception: Stereotypical Advertising
» Daniel Gardner (Savannah State University)
Neuromarketing and Psychology in Advertising: Exploring Connections
» Amber Evans (Savannah State University)

Coffee Break Sponsored by Department of Business Administration & Economics, Roanoke College
Venue Hayne Street Gallery

Thursday 16:15 - 16:30

AS2 Multi-Server Queueing Systems/Data Mining/Graph Presentation
Chair Binshan Lin (Louisiana State University)
Venue Wraggborough

Thursday 16:30 - 17:45

LENGTH DISTRIBUTIONS AND DYNAMIC BUFFER SIZING IN MULTI-SERVER QUEUEING SYSTEMS
» Daniel Myers (Rollins College)

Gini-based Classification and its Applications in Data Mining
» Binshan Lin (Louisiana State University Shreveport)

Influence of graph presentation format on user's decision making behavior
» Dong-gook Kim (Dalton State College), Chongwoo Park (Augusta University)

Thursday 16:30 - 17:45

DA4 Perspectives on Statistics Instruction for Analytics and Data Science
Chair Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Venue       Edisto

Perspectives on Statistics Instruction for Analytics and Data Science
» Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Zhixin Kang (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), Joan Donohue (University of South Carolina), Andrew Bristow (Virginia Commonwealth University), Lydia Gan (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

Thursday 16:30 - 17:45

IS1        Assistive Technology/Software Only Companies
Chair      Renu Singh (South Carolina State University)
Venue      Wando

A case study on the feasibility of assistive technology in helping people with disabilities in daily living
» Melanie A. Greene (Pace University), James Lawler (Pace University), Jenna R. Hager (Pace University)

WITHER SOFTWARE? ARE SOFTWARE ONLY COMPANIES VIABLE?
» Patrick Olson (National University), Donna Schaeffer (Marymount University)

Digital Media Adoption: A Case for Digital Assistance Program for Micro Agribusiness Enterprises
» Renu Singh (South Carolina State University)

Thursday

PS3        Issues in Health Care Management
Impact of WeChat Use among Cancer Patients' Informal Caregivers: An Exploratory Intervention Study in China
» Lucky Xue (East Carolina University), Hanxi Zhang (Fudan University), Ming Yuan (Jiangyin People's Hospital), Huigang Liang (East Carolina University)

Assessing Outsourcing Strategy on quality and performance of US Long-term Healthcare
» Christie Chen (University of Tennessee at Martin), Monty Taylor (University of Tennessee at Martin)

The impact of information management and relationship quality on healthcare industrial vending machine implementation and use: A preliminary empirical analysis
» Mauro Falasca (East Carolina University), John Kros (East Carolina University), Jon Kirchoff (East Carolina University)

SC3 Social Responsibility/Inventory Policy Improvement
Chair Shona Morgan (North Carolina A&T State University)
Venue Ashley

ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE EXTENT OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
» Ryan Atkins (Nova Southeastern University)
IMPROVING THE INVENTORY POLICY OF A LOCAL BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA
» Marilene van Schalkwyk (Fayetteville State University), Caitlin Ray (Fayetteville State University), Dhruv Kalas (Fayetteville State University), Burcu Adivar (Fayetteville State University)

Analyzing Inventory and Primary Resources in the Supply Chain
» Richard Monroe (Longwood University)

Thursday 16:30 - 17:45
SS8 Business Education
Chair Michelle Hagadorn (Roanoke College)
Venue Cooper

AN OVERVIEW OF JEFF SELINGO'S THERE IS LIFE AFTER COLLEGE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS FACULTY
» Suzie Smith (Presbyterian College)

The Role of Colleges and Universities in Students' Financial Well-Being
» Michelle Hagadorn (Roanok)

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING THE VALIDITY OF A STATISTICAL STUDY IN A GENERAL EDUCATION STATISTICS COURSE
» Aniekan Ebiefung (The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga)

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UP4 Undergraduate Student Paper 4
Chair Laquanda Leaven (North Carolina A&T State University)
**The Effects of Anthropomorphic Advertising**
» Neychea Colvin (Savannah State University)

**The Digital Age: Advertising on Social Media and Its Effectiveness**
» Shayanna Bonner (Savannah State University)

**Social Media Advertising: Xenophobia and Implications on Interpersonal Closeness with Foreigners**
» Rafaella Gavino (Savannah State University)

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**Thursday**
**17:45 - 18:15**

Distinguished Service Award Recipient Meeting
Venue Kiawah

**Thursday**
**18:30 - 20:30**

President’s Reception Sponsored by Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech
Venue Tent/Courtyard (Stono Ballroom, if it rains)

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USP Undergraduate Student Posters Sponsored by College of Business, State University
Chair Laquanda Leaven (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University)
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**Registration**

Friday  
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Hayne Street Gallery

**Exhibition**

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Hayne Street Gallery

**Breakfast**

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Hayne Street Gallery

**AC4**  
Detecting Abnormal Accruals/Values/Earnings Management  
Friday  
08:45 - 10:00  
Chair  
Janice Black (Coastal Carolina University)  
Venue  
Harleston

**GUIDING VALUES AND THE COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF COLLEGE STUDENTS**

» Janice Black (Coastal Carolina University), Jacob Voegel (Coastal Carolina University)

**DA5**  
Enhancing the Value of Analysis through Effective Skills and Com  
Friday  
08:45 - 10:00  
Chair  
Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)  
Venue  
Edisto
Enhancing the Value of Analysis through Effective Skills and Communication
Mary Malliaris (Loyola University Chicago), Mary Dunaway (University of Virginia), Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Wilma Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)

MK1 Lobbying/Globalization/Attitude Toward Women Managers
Chair Cody Logan Chullen (East Carolina University)
Venue Wando

U.S. Based Lobbying Efforts and the Liability of Foreignness
William Kline (Pennsylvania State University), Richard Brown (Pennsylvania State University)

The Role Of Culture And Gender-Based Differences In The Attitudes Toward Women As Managers
Cody Logan Chullen (East Carolina University), Tope Bello (East Carolina University)

LIKE THE DESERTS WISH FOR RAIN, AMERICA'S LOCAL ECONOMIES WISH FOR MANUFACTURING: LOCAL ECONOMIES MUST REINVENT THEMSELVES
Stacy Barnes (Averett University)

MO3 Business Education/Financial Performance/Pearl Jam vs. Ticketm
Chair Alexander Michitov (University Of Motevallo)
Venue Wraggborough
CURRENT STATE OF RUSSIAN BUSINESS EDUCATION
» Alexander Mechitov (University of Montevallo), Helen Moshkovich (University of Montevallo)

The Role of Lobbying Intensity, PAC Formation and Political Connections on Financial Performance in the Oil and Gas Industry
» Richard Brown (Pennsylvania State University)

Vertical Pressure as a Mechanism to Combat Monopolistic Bargaining Power: The Case of Pearl Jam Versus Ticketmaster
» Richard Brown (Pennsylvania State University)

Friday 08:45 - 10:00

SC4 Demand-Driven SCM/LPT heuristic/Pop-Up Supply Chain
Chair Elizabeth Rasnick (Georgia Southern University)
Venue Ashley

VALUE CREATION THROUGH EFFECTIVE DEMAND-DRIVEN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE FROM LONG-RUN STOCK PERFORMANCE
» Xun Li (Nicholls State University), Qun Wu (University of Nevada), J Field (Nicholls State University)

Posterior worst-case bounds for LPT schedules
» Johnny Ho (columbus state university), Ivar Massabo (Universita della Calabria), Giuseppe Paletta (Universita della Calabria), Alex Ruiz-Torres (Universidad de Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras)

A Case Study of a Pop-Up Supply Chain
» Elizabeth Rasnick (Georgia Southern University)

SS9  Accounting Education/Tax
Chair  Bill Pollard (Appalachian State University)
Venue  Cooper

**Tax Policies that Encourage Tenant Medical Office Building Green Utility Retrofits**
» Billie A Brotman (Kennesaw State University)

**Including Activity-Based Costing Constructs in a Survey of Accounting Course**
» Bill Pollard (Appalachian State University)

**Teaching Cost Accounting: A Focus on Bad Debts and Purchases Discounts in the Cash Budget**
» Bill Pollard (Appalachian State University)

UP5  Undergraduate Student Paper 5
Chair  Daesunng Ha (Marshall University)
Venue  Kiawah

**The Influence of Publicity and Doppelganger Brand Images on Millennial Spending**
» Teisa Sterling (Savannah State University)

**Airline Quality Considerations and Indices: Improving the Approach to Customer Satisfaction**
**Surveys**

» Ryan McNeil (Mount St. Mary’s University)

**PREDICTING IMDB SCORE: AN APPLICATION OF DECISION TREES**

» Geanna Torres (Georgia Southern University), Kennitha Cochrum (Georgia Southern University), Jonathan Covington (Georgia Southern University), Tiffany Carpenter (Georgia Southern University)

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Venue Hayne Street Gallery

**DA6 Providing Students with Proper Knowledge and Skills for Analytic Data**

Chair Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Venue Edisto

**Providing Students with Proper Knowledge and Skills for Analytics and Big Data**

» Robert Andrews (Virginia Commonwealth University), Cory Hutchinson (Louisiana State University), Kellie Keeling (University of Denver), Robert Stine (University of Pennsylvania)

**MO4 Manager Emotional Intelligence/Data Envelopment Analysis/Min Strategies**

Chair Lissa Velazquez (Roanoke College)
Acting and Performing: The Influence of Manager Emotional Intelligence
» L. Melita Prati (East Carolina University), Joy Karriker (East Carolina University)

Should Strategy Researchers Use Data Envelopment Analysis?
» william kline (Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg), Fang-Chun Liu (Stevens Institute of Technology)

Does Mindfulness Have a Place in Business Organizations?
» Lissa Velazquez (Roanoke College)

SC5 Relief Supply Dist./Security Provisions in Service/Micro-Manufacturing
Chair John O'Malley (Georgia Southern University)
Venue Ashley

The Integrated Disaster Medical Assistance Team Scheduling and Relief Supply Distribution Problem
» Shengbin Wang (North Carolina A & T State University)

Exploring Security Considerations in Service Environments
» Shona Morgan (North Carolina A & T State University), Rhonda Hensley (North Carolina A & T State University)
An Examination of Etsy Shops as Online Micro-manufacturers

» Richelle Oakley (Savannah State University), Mitchell Church (Coastal Carolina University)

Knowledge sharing - an imperative for successful supply chain collaboration - An empirical Analysis

» Anu Mathews (Anderson University)

The Effect of Nonlinear Inventory Turnover Ratio on Inventory Management Efficiency

» Daesung Ha (Marshall University)

Maximizing Asset Recovery: Establishing a Disposition Decision Tool

» Kim Whitehead (Anderson University), Edmund Prater (University of Texas at Arlington)

Small Business Meets the World of Social Media

» Alexis Baird (Savannah State University)
**The Halo Effect: Celebrity Influence within Popular Culture**

» Howard Wilson (Savannah State University)

**Advertising on Social Networking Sites: Does Social Media Affect Consumer Decision Making?**

» Tyler Dawson (Savannah State University)

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**Friday**

12:00 - 13:45

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