

The Social Informatics of Work and Play (SIG SI)

This year's conference theme is "creating knowledge, enhancing lives through information & technology." This is a particularly apposite theme for SIG-SI, because the social impacts of ICT and the complex relations among people, technologies, and the contexts of ICT design, implementation, and use have long been core concerns of social informatics. The SIG-SI morning session, our 12th annual gathering at ASIS&T annual meetings, will bring a critical perspective that focuses on the social aspects of ICT that cuts across all areas of ASIS&T. This year, we are particularly interested in papers that investigate the social informatics of work and play.

We define "social" broadly to include critical and historical approaches as well as contemporary social analysis. We also define "technology" broadly to include traditional technologies (e.g., paper, books, etc.), state-of-the-art computer systems, and mobile and pervasive devices. Submissions may include papers and posters that explore the ways in which people's uses of ICT affect their practices and behaviors while at work, play, and engaged in their social lives.

We are particularly interested in work that assumes a critical stance towards the Symposium's theme, but are also soliciting research on other related social informatics topics. We encourage all scholars interested in social aspects of ICT (broadly defined) to share their research and research in progress by submitting an extended abstract of their work and attending the symposium. Some of the questions we ask include:

- What are the impacts of ICT on people's practices and behaviors while at work, play, and engaged in their social lives?
- What are some of the ways our work and play practices shape the design and development of ICT?
- What are the ways ICT positively and negatively impact organizations, work, play, and social life?
- What kinds of theoretical and methodological frameworks are best suited for studying the mutual shaping of ICT and practices and behaviors while at work and play?

The schedule for the morning session of the symposium will involve the presentations of papers, a panel of distinguished scholars, and the best social informatics paper awards for 2015. We expect an engaging discussion with lively interactions with the audience.

SIG-SI symposium chairs

Pnina Fichman, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA
Howard Rosenbaum, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA
Eric Meyer, Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, UK
Adam Worrall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Opening keynote: 8.30-9.00

Paper presentations: 9.00-10.30

Break 10.30-10.45

Panel: 10.45-11.45

SIG SI paper awards: 11.45-12.15

SI- closing discussion and remarks: 12.15-12.45