

Editor Biographies



Nitin Agarwal is an associate professor of Information Science at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He has a Ph.D. in computer science from Arizona State University with outstanding dissertation recognition. He was recently recognized among the top 20 influential people in their 20s by *Arkansas Business*, a statewide business publication, as creative and talented individuals. He studies the computational aspects of knowledge extraction and prediction from social media and the underlying sociological processes including behavioral modeling, influence, trust, collective wisdom, collective action, crowd dynamics, and community evolution. His research funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF)

and the US Office of Naval Research (ONR) leverages fundamentals of data mining, graph mining, content analysis, and large-scale data management. His most recent NSF-funded research focuses on investigating cyber-collective movements from the lens of social media and aims to develop novel socio-computational models to study contemporary forms of collective action. His ONR-funded research examines the role of social media in cultural modeling to help social scientists to quickly analyze both blogs and bloggers at a scale which is otherwise impossible through manual investigation. His research has been extensively published in several leading journals and conferences and includes best paper award and best paper nominees. In 2013, an article he coauthored with Lim and Wigand was awarded the 2012 Best Publication Award in information systems. He has authored two books entitled “Modeling and Data Mining in Blogosphere” published by Morgan & Claypool and “Social Computing in Blogosphere: Challenges, Methodologies, and Opportunities” published by LAP Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co. KG. He has presented several well-received talks and tutorials on social computing at premier venues, including conferences, academic

institutions, and industry. Videos of these talks are available online at http://videlectures.net/nitin_agarwal/. To foster an interdisciplinary collaboration and a synergistic environment, he has edited several books/journal special issues for IEEE, Elsevier, Springer, and Oxford. He currently serves as program chair and on the program committees of several prestigious conferences and journals. Dr. Agarwal has served in the United States National Science Foundation (NSF), United States Army Research Office (ARO), Canadian Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and Hong Kong's Research Grants Council (RGC) proposal review panels. One can contact him via <http://www.ualr.edu/nxagarwal/>.



Merlyna Lim is the Canada Research Chair in Digital Media and Global Network Society at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. Currently, she holds a Visiting Research Scholar position with the Center for Information Technology at Princeton University. Lim has published extensively on mutual shaping of technology and society and political implications of technology, especially information and communication technology, in relation to issues of globalization, power, equality, and democracy.

In her most recent multi-disciplinary research program, Lim investigates the various roles of digital media in supporting contemporary social movements and transforming politics globally, especially by looking at the connection of digital media and urban spaces. By reading and analyzing social movements spatially, Lim's research offers an in-depth understanding of the relationship between movements, urban space, and digital media. Using empirical evidence from various contexts (such as the pro-democracy movements in Egypt and Tunisia, *Bersih* movement in Malaysia, and anticorruption movement in Indonesia), her research generates conceptual and theoretical frameworks of the dialectical interplay between digital media and physical urban spaces in the making of contemporary social movements. Lim holds various awards and fellowships such as Princeton University CITP Fellowship (2013–2014), KITLV Visiting Fellowship (Summer 2012), 100 Most Inspiring Indonesian Women from Kartini Foundation (2011), Our Common Fellowship from the Volkswagen Foundation (2010), Annenberg Networked Publics Research Fellowship (2005–2006), and Henry Luce Southeast Asia fellowship (2004). Lim has given more than 150 invited lectures and presentations, including many keynote addresses, across North America, the Middle East, Australia, Europe, and Asia. Lim is also an award-winning author, designer, and visual artist. She won the 2012 Best Publication Award in Information Systems (2013, with Agarwal and Wigand), the American Society of Information Technology and Science International Paper Contest (2002), the Kota Baru Parahyangan Design Competition (with Space for Living Lab, 1999), and the Autodesk Design-Your-World contest (1997) among others. In 2011, the

Tempe Council of Arts (Arizona, US) selected Lim as one of the featured artists of the year. For more information, see <http://www.merlyna.org>.



Rolf Wigand is the Maulden-Entergy Chair and Distinguished Professor of Information Science and Business Information Systems at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is the past director of the Graduate Program in Information Management and the founding director of the Center for Digital Commerce both at Syracuse University. His most recent NSF-funded research has focused on the global impact of electronic commerce in ten nations; the impact of electronic commerce on the real estate industry; the software standards development and collective action in the mortgage, automotive parts supply, and RFID in the retail industries; the longitudinal development of trust and leadership in virtual organizations; the analysis of social networks in disaster situations; as well as the

tracking and analysis of how sentiments lead to collective action on blogs and social media using novel and innovative methodology. His current NSF research grants (2007–2014) continue with standards development research in the mortgage, retail, and automotive supply industries; the analysis of virtual organizations; networks in disaster settings; as well as the analysis of online blogs and social media as instruments in collective action. He holds or has held editorial positions with numerous journals in the field. His research has appeared in such journals as *MIS Quarterly*, *Journal of MIS*, *Sloan Management Review*, *Journal of Information Technology*, *Journal of Communication*, *Electronic Markets: The International Journal*, *International Journal of Electronic Commerce*, *International Journal of Information Technology & Decision Making*, *Knowledge Management: Research & Practice*, *International Journal of Management*, *Business & Information Systems Engineering*, and *European Journal of Information Systems*. He is an editorial board and review board member of almost 30 journals, book series, and yearbooks. Wigand is the author of 6 books and over 150 articles, book chapters, and monographs. His book, *Information, Organization and Management: Expanding Markets and Corporate Boundaries* (with A. Picot and R. Reichwald), John Wiley & Sons, was listed among the “75 Best Management Books of All Time” in the *Handelsblatt Management Bibliothek*, Campus Verlag, Frankfurt and New York. Wigand has held visiting professor positions at universities in Munich, Sydney, Helsinki, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Bayreuth, Mexico City, and Tempe/Phoenix, Arizona. He was an invited member to the Joint ACM/AIS Task Force for the Master’s Curriculum in Information Systems, i.e., MSIS 2000, MSIS 2006, and MSIS 2013. For more information, see <http://www.ualr.edu/rtwigand>.