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Biographical Sketch

Roderick Lee, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Human-Centered Computing & Social Informatics and Information Systems at Penn State, with joint appointments in the School of Business Administration at Penn State Harrisburg and the College of Information Sciences and Technology at University Park. His research focuses on strategic IT alignment, innovation adoption and resistance, human-centered AI, and equity in STEM higher education, with support from the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

From 2024 – 2025, he served as an Administrative Fellow to the Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses and Executive Chancellor at Penn State, gaining experience in higher education administration, institutional strategy, change management, inclusive excellence, and transformation leadership. He also contributed to major presidential advisory efforts, including the Select Presidential Commission on Racism, Bias, and Community Safety and a special Office of the President initiative on DEIB, both producing recommendations to strengthen a culture of inclusive excellence.

Nationally, Roderick advances equity and opportunity through leadership roles with the American Talent Initiative Summer Institute, which in 2023 convened more than 400 participants from 55 institutions. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania and was the inaugural chair of its DE&I in Tech Committee, expanding partnerships across industry, higher education, and K–12 communities. More info: <https://ist.psu.edu/directory/rll142>

AIS Membership and Experience

I have been an active AIS member since 2002, beginning as a doctoral student with The PhD Project IS Doctoral Student Association, and I have remained continuously engaged for more than two decades. My service aligns with AIS's priorities to cultivate a global membership, strengthen the IS scholarly pipeline, and advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

I have served on the Board of the Southern Association for Information Systems (SAIS), contributed as a member of the AIS DEIB Standing Committee, and held leadership roles as an AMCIS mini-track organizer, session chair, and reviewer for SAIS, AMCIS, and ICIS. I am also honored to have received the AIS SIG Social Inclusion Outstanding Service Award.

A core part of my AIS engagement focuses on strengthening pathways into the discipline. As the inaugural Chair of The PhD Project's Faculty Advisory Council (PAC-15) and a Board Member of The PhD Project Association, I have helped lead mentoring initiatives, support AIS conference integration, and expand discipline criteria to include Information Science and Technology doctoral students – broadening AIS-aligned opportunities and strengthening the talent pipeline.

These experiences have deepened my understanding of how members – especially those from diverse backgrounds, institutions, and academic contexts – navigate AIS. They have also shown me how the association can expand support structures, increase visibility of engagement pathways, and strengthen a diverse, globally connected IS community. These goals are central to the C.O.R.E. portfolio.

Statement of Platform

As Vice President for C.O.R.E., I will work to strengthen AIS as a globally connected, inclusive, and member-centered association. My platform focuses on expanding leadership pathways, enhancing global collaboration, and improving the overall member experience and satisfaction.

Expand inclusive pathways into AIS leadership.

I will support clearer, more accessible routes into SIGs, chapters, AIS Councils, conference executive committees, boards, and journal editorial roles. I am committed to mentoring structures that connect doctoral students, early-career scholars, and faculty with leadership opportunities that cultivate a diverse, globally representative profession.

Enhance global exchange and cross-community collaboration

I will work to strengthen international dialogue on socio-technical issues such as AI governance, digital health equity, cybersecurity, and the future of work. Through thematic workshops, cross-chapter collaborations, and practitioner–scholar partnerships, I aim to broaden AIS's reach and deepen interdisciplinary impact.

Improve member experience through responsive, inclusive governance

I will advocate for clear communication, transparent decision processes, and flexible engagement pathways that reflect AIS's global membership. My goal is to strengthen inclusion, belonging, visibility, and member value across regions, career stages, and disciplinary backgrounds.

Across these priorities, I aim to help AIS thrive as a welcoming, forward-looking, and globally engaged scholarly community committed to excellence, inclusion, and societal impact.