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Biographical Sketch

I am an Associate Professor of Management Information Systems in the Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma. My research focuses on how emerging technologies can be designed and used responsibly for social and organizational good. My research primarily involves qualitative, critical, or mixed methods approaches and addresses topics such as emancipation, ethical design, compassion, and societal impacts of technology. I have served as Associate Editor for MIS Quarterly and as Guest Editor or Editorial Review Board member for Journal of the AIS, Information Systems Journal, and Information & Organization. I publish in outlets such as MIS Quarterly, Journal of the AIS, Journal of Management Information Systems, Information Systems Journal, Journal of Information Technology, Information & Organization, MIT Sloan Management Review, Journal of Responsible Technology, and Communications of the AIS. I've had the privilege of working with wonderful co-authors from around the world, including many PhD students. I was ISYS PhD Director at the University of Arkansas for three and a half years. I enjoy meeting and learning from other IS researchers from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. I value scholarly contributions in many forms beyond traditional research such as practitioner engagement, classroom resource development, grants, patents, and community building. As a mother of three, I am passionate about family-friendly policies and building a brighter future for the next generation. Here is a link to my OU webpage: <https://www.ou.edu/price/bios/amber-grace-young-2>

AIS Membership and Experience

I have been active in the AIS since 2011 and am a Distinguished Member (Cum Laude). I am excited about my roles as Program Co-Chair for the 2027 European Conference on Information System (ECIS) in Luxembourg and General Track Co-Chair for ECIS 2026 in Milan. I have been an Associate Editor for the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) several times and have co-chaired a track and mini track for the Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS). I enjoyed serving as an Associate Editor for MIS Quarterly and being a part of the MIS Quarterly Scholarly Development Academy inaugural class. I was a mentor at an MIS Quarterly Author Development Workshop and Reviewer Development Workshop. I am an active reviewer and guest editor for AIS affiliated journals. I have also been a mentor at JAIS Theory Development Workshops at ICIS and the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). For the past nine years, I have co-chaired a HICSS mini track for research on topics such as digital resilience and sustainability and social impacts of IT. I have greatly benefited from the mentorship of many in the AIS, particularly through my involvement with the AIS Women's Network. I look forward to continuing to engage with the wonderful AIS community in new ways for many years to come!

Statement of Platform

The AIS plays a crucial role in uniting our discipline through a sense of community, tradition, and shared identity. As the pace of innovation accelerates and emerging IT transforms our work and daily lives, the AIS must serve as a beacon of thought leadership in the areas of community, openness, responsibility, and ethics (CORE). There are two urgent challenges I would like to address:

1. Impacts of Emerging Technologies on the IS Discipline: As AI and other technologies are increasingly used to make knowledge work more efficient, researchers are producing papers at a rate that is unmatched by the existing peer-review infrastructure. The AIS needs to investigate how these technologies can be used responsibly to reduce the burden on reviewers and decrease the time from submission to acceptance without negatively impacting quality, creativity, or fairness. The AIS must actively respond to technological dynamism in a way that leverages the promises of new technology and the innovativeness of our field while embracing transparency and accountability.
2. Impacts of Emerging Technologies on Business and Society: Innovations such as AI require new ways of thinking about IS design, development, implementation, and governance. AIS researchers are uniquely qualified to provide more comprehensive ethical frameworks for managing new technologies due to broad expertise in both technical and philosophical realms. The AIS is well positioned to play a more active role in shaping public and corporate policy to steer emerging technologies toward a responsible and sustainable trajectory.