



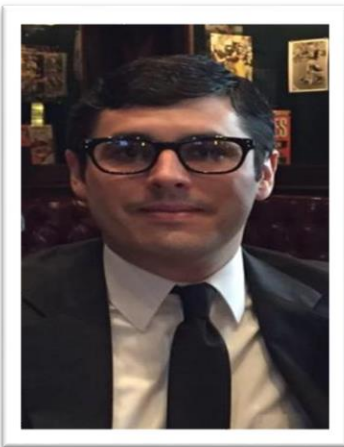
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President's Message (Mike King)



Hi, everybody!

I hope the start of your New Year is off to an excellent start! With the 31st Annual INAIR Conference right around the corner, I'm sure everyone is busy working on proposals and making out of office arrangements for March 23rd and 24th. Ron and Gillian have been hard at work finding a fantastic venue and developing an engaging program. Make sure to hit the early bird registration deadline and also take advantage of the no-charge pre-conference workshops this year!

With the coming of a new INAIR conference, a number of new INAIR board positions will be open. During our Thursday night business meeting, we will be filling the position of Vice President and 2018 Conference Chair, Conference Committee Chair, and Web Administration Chair. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please let me know. Serving in any of these positions is an outstanding opportunity to become more involved in the IR community and further develop professional relationships.

Finally, I would like to encourage all INAIR members to consider using the INAIR listserv to ask professional questions. While we all want to avoid needless emails, the INAIR listserv currently generates very little traffic outside of conference information and job postings. The listserv is an excellent resource that is a part of your INAIR membership. If you're curious about how other institutions perform a task, have specific questions about best practices, or just aren't sure where to start researching an IR topic; the listserv could be the solution for you! I already have a question I'll be floating in the near future. Can't wait to see everyone at the 2017 INAIR Conference!

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Vice President and 2017 Conference Chair's Message

(Ron Severtis, Jr.)



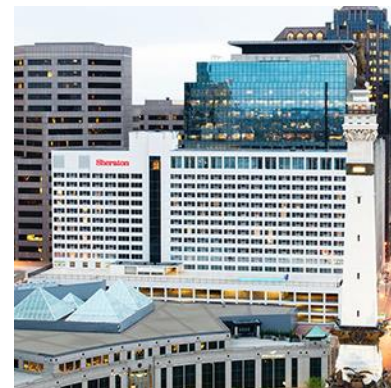
I can't believe the 2017 INAIR Conference is just over a month away! We have so much left to do, but we have a great team behind us. You've received the call for proposals ([here](#)) and proposal submission form ([here](#)) which are due February 17. And early bird registration continues through March 2, and that page can be found [here](#). So send in those proposals and register!

We have FREE pre-conference workshops (registration link forthcoming) including:

- half day workshops from Jeff Hudnall of the Indiana Network of Knowledge who will present what longitudinal data sets are available and ways in which to use them
- and Andrea Ingle (UIRR) who will conduct the newcomer's workshop which I highly recommend for new-to-the-field IR professionals or those who have just never made it there before.

Also, AIR will host a full-day workshop on IPEDS finance training and IPEDS benchmarking, and you can sign up for the AIR workshop [here](#). Sign up now! Seats are filling up fast!

The conference itself is March 23-24 at the Sheraton City Centre in downtown Indianapolis and you can book your room [here](#) with the group rate guaranteed until February 19. We know this raises the overall cost of those choosing to stay at the host site compared to last year. But the feedback we received over the past few years was that downtown was the place to be, and that the prices we were able to negotiate for the venue we will be at I (nearly) guarantee that you won't be disappointed. In fact, our annual business meeting and reception will take place in the Panorama Ballroom on the 21st floor of the hotel with a fantastic view of the city! To help ease the costs, we are raffling off **five free parking passes** at the business meeting and two rooms to those who booked by January 30 (I will be contacting the lucky winners soon!).



We are lucky enough to have Katie Zaback from Complete College America to be our keynote speaker for the 31st Annual INAIR Conference. Katie is Director of Research and works with states to collect metrics and use those metrics to examine trends, evaluate interventions and inform future work. She also helps states better utilize data and research towards college completion. Katie worked at SHEEO, as an institutional researcher at Regis University, was a project associate with NSSE, and has a master's in public affairs with a concentration in policy analysis from IU Bloomington. She told me she is excited to catch up with friends and colleagues and to visit the Indy area again!

Well, back to planning. Lots to do. We will also be unveiling a new INAIR logo at the conference, designed by IU Southeast's student Design Center, who is also putting together our paper and web-based program. Catch you all at the bar in March (that means you Todd Schmitz)!

Best,
Ron

From the Membership Committee

(Brooke Moreland-Williams)



Hello everyone! My name is Brooke and I am glad to serve as your INAIR Membership Chair. There many exciting things going on in INAIR. For the first time, INAIR is hosting two undergraduate interns who are learning about what it means to be an organizational leader in a professional organization.

December 2016, I started a search of scholars who may be interested in institutional research and organizational leadership. Four undergraduates from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) are piloting an experience called the INAIR Growing Scholars Internship.

This internship has a goal to develop and assign tasks that align with the INAIR purpose. INAIR purposes to 1) promote institutional research in education as a professional activity, 2) disseminate information about the methods and contents of institutional research, 3) provide a forum in which institutional researchers in Indiana can discuss and seek assistance in their common problems and share research findings, and 4) promote the professional development of INAIR members. The interns will develop and strengthen the following skills: administration, organizational recruitment, knowledge management, and organizational communication. Of course, this opportunity is new for our organization and I hope that through this successful experience with these two students that INAIR may be able to develop and maintain other high quality educational experiences for scholars across the state of Indiana. The scholars are **Manav Patel** and **Milena Ghiday**. I hope to add these awesome individuals to our listserv every soon, so you can feel free to welcome them to our organization.

Here is information about our awesome interns!

Manav Patel, he is a freshman student (first year student) at IUPUI. He wanted to work with INAIR to make new contacts, improve his skills, and gain experience in the field of science. He also wants to learn more about INAIR and institutional research. This internship will be a new opportunity for him! He will gain membership in INAIR and hopes to join us at this year's annual conference.

Milena Ghiday, she is a junior (third year student) at IUPUI. As a student who is close to graduation, she would like to improve his professional development skills. She finds working with INAIR as an opportunity for her to gain practical skill that she hopes to use in the workforce post-graduation. Milena would like to gain better communication skills and a confidence to work effectively as an organizational leader.

These students will work one-on-one with me regarding the membership efforts of our organization. They will help to build the membership base, and to find individuals across our great state that may be a great fit as members for the Indiana Association for Institutional Research. They will also learn to build research and at the end of their internship experiences, will publish an article in a regional student affairs magazine. I am excited about this opportunity and I hope to see everyone at this year's conference!

New Hires / New Appointments

At IU Southeast, Sara Jewell (sajewell@ius.edu) was promoted to Assessment and Research Specialist in May 2016. Since starting in 2015, Sara has demonstrated strong skills in training faculty on Taskstream assessment software, assisting program coordinators with designing assessment tools and improving their annual reporting, and working with our School of Education faculty to meet better CAEP accreditation standards and make their evidence collection process most effective and efficient in Taskstream.

Also, Brett Bradley (bjbradle@ius.edu) was hired to replace her as Research Technology Specialist in July 2016. Brett's skills in learning diverse technology helped smooth the data transition from WEAVE to Taskstream for assessment and strategic planning software. Both now have been certified by eXplorance Blue for their student evaluation of teaching software and both are attending the INAIR conference—feel free to wave them down and say hi!

To help notify the INAIR membership of any new hires and/or recent appointments, please email the pertinent information you would like to share to the new official INAIR email address (INAIR.org@gmail.com). Submissions will be included in the next (Spring 2017) issue of the INAIR Bulletin.

Calendar of Events

March 23-24, 2017, 31st INAIR Conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre.

May 29-June 2, 2017, AIR Conference will be held in Washington, DC. For more information, visit <http://forum.airweb.org/2017/pages/home>.

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