

Special Issue Introduction

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It is my pleasure to introduce this special student issue of the *Federation of Business Disciplines Journal* (FBDJ) for 2022. As the VP of student liaison at the Southwest Decision Sciences Institute (SWDSI), I am pleased to share the best student papers presented at the SWDSI conference in 2022. These papers show the graduate students' research efforts in their study domains.

This issue includes three student papers. All three papers develop conceptual frameworks with relevant hypotheses based on theories and literature. The first paper, by Vikas Sinha and Bill Randall from the University of North Texas, offers a theoretical view on malicious intentions of information abuse and focuses on personal and social factors influencing opportunistic insiders' information behaviors. The second paper, by Heath Harllee from the University of North Texas, aims to investigate the effectiveness of mobile phone usage on reducing social isolation of older adults in America. The last paper, by Pranathy Enamela and Charity Tinofirei from the University of North Texas, shows empirical evidence on what factors influence people's emotional wellbeing after their retirement.

Vikas Sinha and Bill Randall's paper is entitled "A Theoretical Framework for Study of Information Behavior by Opportunistic Insiders". Opportunistic insiders refer to employees who have authorized access to enterprises data and information and therefore have opportunities to misuse the information. This research proposed a theoretical model to understand the antecedents to human factors that lead to an opportunistic insider's information behavior which further leads to a malicious intention of information abuse. Two well-known theories, the Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) and Social Control Theory (SCT), were adopted to develop the model. TRA was used by capturing attitude factors such as moral resiliency, as well as subjective norms factors such as social resiliency. SCT was applied to include the social bonding factor. Three hypotheses were developed based upon the relevant literature and theories for the conceptual model proposed in this paper.

Heath Harllee's paper is entitled "Effectiveness of Mobile Phone Messaging to Reduce Social Isolation of Older Adults". This study aims to show that the simple mobile technology of text messaging can reduce social isolation and increase activity for older adults, reducing comorbidities. The author conducted a literature review on this topic within several well-known databases. Thirty-eight articles were evaluated and categorized regarding different domains. The literature review helped identify research gaps and formulate three research questions as follows: 1. what are older adults' perceptions of mobile phones and the ability to access wanted needs from

home; 2. to what extent do older adults currently use mobile phones to reduce social isolation and loneliness from home; and 3. could social isolation and loneliness be two independent processes affecting health differently, or could loneliness provide a pathway for social isolation to affect health. Social Cognitive Theory was applied to develop a theoretical framework consisting of two hypotheses focusing on mobile technology interventions for social isolation and loneliness management.

Finally, Pranathy Enamela and Charity Tinofirei's paper is entitled "Influence of Financial Status, Openness to Change and Positive Attitude towards Life on Emotional Wellbeing among Retirees". This paper used exploratory factor analysis and multiple linear regression approaches to analyze the relationships between multiple factors and emotional well-being after retirement. The use of the NHATS public database strengthens the reliability of research results. According to the paper, four factors, health perception, openness to change, debt-free, and cheerfulness, show positive influences on emotional well-being.

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