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MBS News

November 3, 2023

Presentations

Dr. Billy Obenauer discussed his expertise on replication research during the "CARMA at SMA: Designing and Publishing Replication Studies" panel at the Southern Management Association's (SMA) Annual Meeting. While attending the meeting, Billy also served as a panelist in SMA's predoctoral consortium. He also served as a panelist in SMA's early-stage doctoral consortium, facilitated an organizational behavior session, killed it in SMA's annual



improv competition, and embarrassed himself in karaoke.

Dr. Stefano Tijerina recently shared his presentation titled "Maine's Economy

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Since 1973" as part of the Round Table Discussions held by the Maine Historical Society. Click here for a link to the presentation.

Student Engagement

Dr. Jason Harkins, Dr. Nick Swim, Dave Barrett, Cindy D'Angelo, and Julia Van Steenberghe passed out candy, cookies, and cupcakes at the Business Living Learning Community (Somerset Hall) on Halloween!

This month, the advisors in the Student Success Center have met with 570 students – 480 of those over the past two weeks alone! Kudos to Cindy, Jenny, Jody, Julia, and Alex for all their hard work.



Publications

Dr. Manuel Woersdoerfer's paper, "Al Ethics and Ordoliberalism 2.0: Towards a 'Digital Bill of Rights," has been accepted for publication in the Springer journal, *Al and Ethics*. This article analyzes Al ethics from a distinct business ethics perspective, i.e., 'ordoliberalism 2.0.' It argues that the ongoing discourse on (generative) Al relies too much on corporate self-regulation and voluntary codes of conduct and thus lacks



adequate governance mechanisms. To address these issues, the paper suggests not only introducing hard-law legislation with a more effective oversight structure but also merging already existing Al guidelines with an ordoliberal-inspired regulatory and competition policy. However, this link between Al ethics, regulation, and antitrust still needs to be adequately discussed in the academic literature and beyond. The paper thus closes a significant gap in the academic literature and adds to the predominantly legal-

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political and philosophical discourse on Al governance. The paper's research questions and goals are twofold: First, it identifies ordoliberal-inspired Al ethics principles that could serve as the foundation for a 'digital bill of rights.' Second, it shows how those principles could be implemented at the macro level with the help of ordoliberal competition and regulatory policy.

Drs. Nory Jones, Tanya Beaulieu, and Patti Miles had their paper "Challenges of Digital Transformation in Rural Businesses: An Exploratory Paper" published in the *Journal of Micro & Small Business Management*.

Dr. Norm O'Reilly's recent <u>Sports Business Journal</u> column focuses on the new Professional Women's Hockey League.

Upcoming Events

Undergrad Travel Study Trip Info Session: November 7, 4:45 pm in DPC 217

This travel study trip will focus on the Business of Sports in Japan. It is open to all MBS students, with priority given to sophomores, juniors, and seniors not graduating in May. All are encouraged to attend this info session!

Personal Branding Day: November 15, 2 - 3 pm, DPC 205

This is the last chance students have this semester to have their professional headshot taken and sign up to receive 25 free MBS Networking Cards!

Explore Careers Casually: November 16, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, DPC Atrium Students can learn about careers across various industries, such as banking and finance, marketing and advertising, sales, business services, and athletics. Please encourage your students to attend!











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