There are some great events being planned, some to save the date and some to attend next month!

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CLOUD WEEK OF LEARNING ☁

Join faculty from North America for a week of virtual cloud learning. Hear innovations in teaching with learning resources from SAP University Alliances. Learn high-impact practices for integrating SAP into classroom teaching, incorporate the latest technology developments into the curriculum, and gain hands-on experience with SAP cloud software & blended learning resources for successful classroom use. All offered sessions are available here.

Professors from SAP University Alliances member institutions are invited to attend the **SAP University Alliances Cloud Learning 2024** on **January 8-12, 2024**. The boot camps are taught virtually in a train-the-trainer format to introduce participants to the latest SAP solutions, methodology-based curriculum, and best practices for successful classroom use.

Register now to secure a virtual seat in the boot camp of your choice. Registration will close on December 14, 2023, or when capacity is reached.

We are looking forward to seeing you online.

JUMPSTART FOR NEW FACULTY

This two-day course will be held on **January 4-5** and is designed for **new faculty only**. Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Colleen Raferty (colleen.raftery@sap.com) for more information.

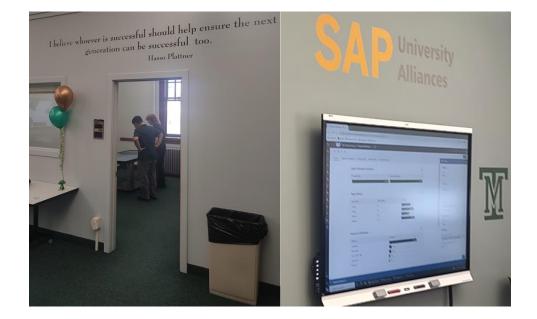## 20+ YEARS OF TEACHING SAP - UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES PROFESSOR SPILLS THE TEA

After over two decades of teaching SAP, Simha Magal, SAP Champion and Professor at Georgia State University – J. Mack Robinson College of Business, is ready to spill the tea on his 'AHA' moments, what makes our community unique, and his aspirations for the future! Don't miss this sip-tastic adventure!"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YgKqKblgG8

MONTANA TECH OPENS A NEXT-GEN LAB

October 20th was the grand opening of the new Next-Gen Lab at Montana Tech. UCC Director Tom Wilder attended the opening and has this to say:

"It was a great day at Montana Tech as they opened their new Next-Gen lab! A lot of students, faculty, and the Dean were available. I had the opportunity to speak with the students about the lab; all were very excited, not just for the really cool toys they get to play with but for the recognition that the lab will bring to their school. It was a fantastic trip, and I look forward to seeing some great innovation coming from MT!"

FACULTY COORDINATOR BYOB VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR 🍸 🍺

The Faculty Coordinator Committee invites all **faculty coordinators** to a BYOB Virtual Happy Hour on **January 4th at 5:00 PM ET** via Zoom. Join us for an enjoyable networking time, sharing best practices, playing some trivia, and addressing your most challenging questions.

CALL FOR FACULTY COORDINATOR PRESENTATIONS AT THE HAPPY HOUR

At the SAP UA NA Academic Conference in San Ramon, we had the opportunity to talk about the roles and challenges each of us face as Faculty Coordinators. To provide value to our faculty coordinator community, we will start what we hope will be a continuing series of success stories and discussions with our faculty coordinator colleagues.   In response to some of the challenges presented in July, our upcoming virtual Faculty Coordinator meeting/Happy Hour theme in January is "How I Win Support from My Administration and Get Funding for My Program."

We are sending out a **Call for Presentations**, asking you to share your success story at the January 4th meeting. If you have had any success winning over your administration and/or getting funding for your program, please SHARE! Often, we may feel like we are alone on an island, but with each other's support, we can collectively overcome these challenges.

Criteria:

· Be willing to share your success story.
· Presentations are to be 5 minutes or less.
· Email your submissions to Bob Szymanski at rszymanski@georgiasouthern.edu
· The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 29

Whether you choose to present or not, plan to attend the virtual happy hour. Be sure to watch your inbox for the invitation.

JUNE MONTH OF LEARNING

Virtual boot camps are offered throughout the month. Dates and topics will be announced when registration opens mid-spring semester. The Academic Community Conference 2024 (AC24) will be held in June and will have learning opportunities available.

CALL FOR PAPERS AC24

The SAP North America Academic Community (SAPNAAC) is excited to announce the Academic Community Conference 2024 (AC24) held on June 17-20, 2024. The Conference agenda revolves around keynote presentations from industry leaders, paper presentations, and a networking event. We will also coordinate joint events with colleagues in the HEC Montreal to foster a growing global network focused on innovation in research, teaching, and practice in enterprise systems.

AC24 is seeking **research-in-progress/extended abstracts** and **full papers** on various topics exploring new technologies and issues in enterprise systems from multiple perspectives. These include but are not limited to fundamental research, practice-oriented cases, emerging areas such as blockchain/robotic process automation/cloud computing/AI augmentation, and classroom use of enterprise systems. The presentation will typically consist of 20 minutes of talk by the authors, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

All full research papers/research-in-progress will be double-blind peer-reviewed. After being presented, they will be shared and published in the conference proceedings online in the SAPNAAC library. Additionally, each track will host a Best Paper Award to recognize the top contributors. **Note that all research-in-progress/extended abstracts/full papers are to be submitted no later than May 5, 2024. Authors will receive notification of acceptance by May 19, 2024.**

These submissions should follow this template.
Please make sure to submit the appropriate length depending on the type of paper (i.e., either research-in-progress/extended abstract or full paper)
In addition to the research-in-progress/full paper presentation, we are hosting Teaching, Research, Education, and Diversity (TRED) Talks, which will **accept 1-to-2-page proposals until May 15, 2024.** Submissions to the TRED Talks will be editorially reviewed and published in the proceedings.

TRED submission template is found here.

Submission will be through Easy Chair. An email will be sent out the first of the year with the submission link.

TECHCONNECT EVENT ILLUMINATES THE POWER OF INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA COLLABORATION

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/activity-7129907773131157507-Yk9n/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Participating in this event and connecting with industry leaders and professionals was an absolute pleasure. #ASUGTechConnect #SAPCommunity I would like to specifically thank ASUG CIO Carolyn Dolezal, CEO Geoff Scott, and SAP University Alliances - Heather (Czech) Matthews, Colleen Raftery, Katharina Schäfer, and Karina Montilla Edmonds commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration. I appreciate your efforts in ensuring a smooth and enriching experience for all attendees.

It was wonderful to catch up with SAP University Alliances friends and make new ones at the event! #SAPUniversityAlliances Events like these remind us of the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing between industry and academia. I look forward to staying connected and engaging with ASUG and its vibrant community. #ASUGTechConnect #SAPCommunity #SAP

Thank you, ASUG, for a fantastic experience!
Vishal Shah

FROM THE CHAIR

Hello SAP North America Academic Community (SAPNAAC)! I am honored to serve as the Chair of the SAPNAAC Board for the 2023-2024 academic year. To begin, I'd like to remind this community of our Purpose and Vision.

"The Purposes of the SAP University Alliances North America Academic Board are charitable, educational, and academic, including, but not limited to, the promotion of education, teaching, and research activities in the field of enterprise information systems with a focus on SAP technology." Our Vision is "to foster a diverse community elevating SAP academic innovation and success."

Over the past several years, your SAPNAAC Board has been working diligently behind the scenes to live up to that Purpose and Vision. Since the COVID pandemic, the Board, in conjunction with other parties, has delivered back-to-back Academic Conferences in person at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2022 and at SAP in San Ramon, CA, this past July. The Board has also reinvigorated activities for the SAP

UA Faculty Coordinators to further their involvement in the community and keep each of you informed. All of our committees have made significant gains in achieving our Purpose and Vision. This includes improved processes for curriculum development, event planning, communications, research and presentation opportunities, and a new initiative towards developing partnerships with industry. We are excited about all that is happening this year and can't wait to share new and better ways to serve this community.

But none of these efforts achieve success without you! Our first "ask" of you is that you do your best to increase your awareness of these happenings by engaging with these announcements and sharing them with your colleagues. We also ask you to engage with your SAP UA Faculty Coordinators to stay on top of happenings, announcements, and opportunities for development and research presentations.

And we have one last request! To better align with our Purpose and Vision, please accept this message as an open invitation to get involved with the SAPNAAC Board by volunteering to serve on our committees and consider becoming a future member of the SAPNAAC Board. Our community is not well served without the dedication of those who participate on our committees. If you would like to be a part of furthering our Purpose and Vision, please feel free to contact me. My email address can be found at the end of this message.

I'd like to close by introducing you to our 2023-2024 Board Members. I'm sure these names are familiar to many of you. I can't thank them enough for all they do for this community!
- Meagan Luttenton-Knoll, Grand Valley State University (Vice-Chair)
- Murat Adivar, Fayetteville State University (Secretary)
- Ellen Monk, University of Delaware - Newark Campus (Treasurer)
- Mary Beth Goodrich, University of Texas at Dallas
- Nancy Jones, San Diego State University
- Pierre-Majorique Léger, HEC Montréal
- Jerad Lumina, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Heather Matthews, SAP University Alliance North America
- Fawzi Noman, Sam Houston State University
- Colleen Raftery, SAP University Alliance North America
- Vishal Shah, Central Michigan University
- Tom Wilder, California State University at Chico

Sincerest wishes for a fabulous year!
Bob Szymanski
Chair, SAP North America Academic Community
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Parker College of Business

Bob Szymanski has been an active member of the SAP UA Community since 2005. He is currently a Lecturer in the Enterprise Systems & Analytics Dept. in the Parker College of Business at Georgia Southern University. He holds several certifications in SAP, including the most current SAP TS410_2022, SAP Procurement, SAP Design Thinking, and SAP RISE with Activate for Public Cloud. Besides teaching at Georgia Southern, he is also one of the leading instructors for TS410 for the SAP UA and author of several books on SAP TS410 certification.

ERPsim 2024

ERPsim Leap Year Challenge, Feb 1-29, 2024
This challenge is for full members of SAP University Alliances familiar with the ERPsim Logistics Sustainability Game. The game will be played **asynchronously** over a 5-week, 5-rounds period with new brainteasers weekly. Registration will open soon via the events page at erpsim.hec.ca.

ERPsim North America Competition, Mar 22, 2024
This competition is for full members of SAP University Alliances familiar with the ERPsim Manufacturing Sustainability Game. The top 3 teams will qualify for the ERPsim International Competition. Registration will open soon via the events page at erpsim.hec.ca.

SAP NAAC 2024 & ERPsim UGM – Jun 17-20, 2024
Save the date for a four-day in-person event co-hosted by SAP UA NAAC and ERPsim Lab on Mon-Thu, June 17-20, 2024, at HEC Montréal new Hélène-Desmarais Building in downtown Montreal, Canada. This blended event features a mix of traditional content/networking plus some new session formats, as well as short workshops and the opportunity to present TRED or research papers. We look forward to celebrating the ERPsim Lab's 20th anniversary with you during this major event. Registration will open in early 2024.

ERPsim First-One-Is-On-Us (FOIOU)
Under the FOIOU program, ERPsim Lab provides student licenses at no cost and the UCC the SAP S/4HANA trial client for new universities or new programs where a professor decides to use ERPsim for the first time. This "try-before-you-buy" helps to put the simulation to the test and see its value.

TS410 WINTER COURSES ❄

There are a few TS410 instructors that are offering winter courses. Here is their information:

Georgia Southern University Bob Szymanski, Lecturer

There are still some openings for an SAP TS410 certification class being offered over the winter break! The certification will be for the most current version: S/4HANA 2022.
Please email Bob Szymanski to reserve your spot!
Bob Szymanski, Instructor - Georgia Southern University (rszymanski@georgiasouthern.edu)
Prior to reserving your spot, please review the dates and times below for the Virtual 2023/2024 Winter TS410 Workshop. This certification course is being offered over a three-week period, with classes held three days each week. Each class is scheduled to run from **9am-5pm ET** (with morning, afternoon, and lunch breaks). The course will be delivered virtually using either MS TEAMS or Zoom (TBD).

Note: The schedule below falls in between the numerous holidays that occur during that timeframe. Before registering, please be certain that you will be able to dedicate additional time outside of class meetings to study and do what is necessary to successfully pass the SAP TS410 Certification exam.

Week 1: Tuesday 12/19 through Thursday 12/21
Week 2: Tuesday 12/26 through Thursday 12/28
Week 3: Tuesday 1/2 through Thursday 1/4

Course Fee (instruction only - does not include exam fee): $500 USD

Fayetteville State University, instructor Murat Adivar madivar@uncfsu.edu
Fayetteville State University agenda for the upcoming TS410 boot camps:
- **Fall 2023:** Dec 11-21, 2023
- **Spring 2024:** May 13-23, 2024

Our delivery method is Hyflex (live online via Teams or in-person in the SAP Next-Gen Lab). Our sessions are open to SAPUA students and faculty.

Northwood University, instructor Dana McCann mccannda@northwood.edu
"TS410 session in Dec./Jan 2023/24. The course will run full virtual in Teams and will be held 8:30 am-3:30 pm daily on the following dates: Dec 19, 20, 21, Dec 26, 27, 28, Jan 2, 3, 4, Testing - Jan 5 The cost is $1000 plus testing fee.

Central Michigan University, instructor Stephen Tracy tracy1sl@cmich.edu
"We will offer one or more in May following the end of classes depending on number of students - one in July - also planning an online section. May sessions are Face-2-Face - July is set to be online synchronous." Winter workshop not confirmed.

Lamar University, instructor Elizabeth L. Simmons simmonsel@lamar.edu
"Lamar University will offer the C_TS410_2020 starting in May and will run virtually for 4 weeks. I use Collaborate Ultra for the meetings, which is part of the Blackboard learning system. The cost is $350, not including the exam voucher. Anyone associated with the UA is welcome to join."

University of Texas at Dallas, instructor Lou Thompson Lou.Thompson@utdallas.edu
"UTD offering is virtual on TS410 2020. It will be held May 6 – 17, 2024, virtually via MS Teams, and we always welcome students and professors outside of UTD. This will be our 15th year to have this program."

ACADEMIC BOARD

Introducing the SAP University Alliances North America Academic Board for the 2023-2024 term. Under the perpetual board membership structure, one-third of the board members rotate yearly. This newly installed board will continue formulating strategies to amplify faculty benefits within the University Alliances membership and strengthen relationships with SAP and the industry. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

2023-2024 Academic Board:
Chair: *Robert Szymanski (rszymanski@georgiasouthern.edu)*

Vice-Chair: *Meagan Luttenton-Knoll (luttenme@gvsu.edu)*
Secretary: *Murat Adivar (madivar@uncfsu.edu)*
Treasurer: *Ellen Monk: (monke@udel.edu)*

Standing Committees

Within SAPNAAC, six standing committees collaborate to foster a diverse community, elevating SAP academic innovation and success. These committees encompass a range of focus areas, including:

- **Communications & PR -** manage communications with members, academia, industry, and SAP.
- **Curriculum -** align curriculum with community needs.
- **Election -** organize voting processes and assist in the tabulation of votes.
- **Events -** event planning and execution.
- **Partnerships -** industry outreach and fundraising.
- **Research -** promotes research collaboration and publications, including proceedings.

  2023-2024 Committee Chairs:
  Communications & PR: *Tom Wilder (twilder@csuchico.edu)*
  Curriculum: *Ron Freese (co-Chair) (rfreeze@walton.uark.edu)*
  Election: *Fawzi Norman (fnorman@shsu.edu) & Ellen Monk (monke@udel.edu)*
  Events: *Colleen Raftery (colleen.raftery@sap.com)*
  Partnerships: *Murat Adivar (madivar@uncfsu.edu)*
  Research: *Vishal Shah (shah3v@cmich.edu)*

SAPNAAC is seeking volunteers to join the standing committees. Virtual meetings require a minimal monthly time commitment, but the impact on the community is substantial. We aim to strengthen our committees with fresh ideas, new skills, and increased community involvement. Consider participating by contacting the committee chair – it's your chance to make a lasting change in the community!

CONTACT US: ✉

The newsletter will be sent December 1st and May 1st of each year.
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