



2018 Annual Conference (47th) Providence, RI



Important Dates

- Submissions begin: **July 01, 2017**
- Submission deadline: Full papers: **December 01, 2017**; Abstracts **December 31, 2017**
- Notification of acceptance: **January 20, 2018**
- Deadline for resubmission of revised full papers: **January 30, 2018**

Awards

- The best undergraduate research poster presentation
- The best graduate student papers*
Lead judge: Surendra M. Gupta, Ph.D., Northeastern University
- The best conference papers across all tracks*

* Only full papers will be considered for best paper awards

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Keynote Address by Temple Grandin, Ph.D.

We are delighted to have Prof. Grandin as the keynote speaker. She is a prominent author and speaker on both autism and animal behavior. Today she is professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. She has been featured on NPR (National Public Radio) and a BBC Special – "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow". She has also appeared on National TV shows such as Larry King Live, 20/20, Sixty Minutes, Fox and Friends, and she has a 2010 TED talk. Articles about Dr. Grandin have appeared in Time Magazine, New York Times, Discover Magazine, Forbes and USA Today. HBO made an Emmy Award winning movie, starring Claire Danes, about her life and she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016. In her book, *The Autistic Brain*, she presents research findings that will assist academics to prepare for the increasing autism-spectrum students.

Submissions/Registration

Please visit the following website:
<https://nedsi2018.exordo.com/login>

Tracks and Track Chairs

- ✓ Accounting, Finance and Economics
Alejandro Hazera, Ph.D. and Carmen Quirvan, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island
- ✓ Marketing, E-commerce & Social Media
Kathleen Ferris-Costa, Ph.D., Bridgewater State and Krista Hill Cummings, Ph.D., Babson College
- ✓ Decision Support Systems and Entrepreneurship
Roger Blake, Ph.D., UMASS Boston
- ✓ MIS, IT and Healthcare Management
Neset Hikmet, Ph.D., University of South Carolina
- ✓ Quality, Manufacturing and Service Ops.
Joy M. Field, Ph.D., Boston College
- ✓ Statistics, Analytics and Big Data Mining
Matthew Liberatore, Ph.D., Villanova University and Josephine Mazzi Namayanja, Ph.D., UMASS Boston
- ✓ Education, Innovation and Knowledge Management
Susan M. Bosco, Ph.D., Roger Williams University
- ✓ Supply Chain Management & Negotiation
Pedro M. Reyes, Ph.D., Baylor University and John K. Visich, Ph.D., Bryant University
- ✓ Process Innovation and Sustainability
TBD
- ✓ Management Strategy and Corporate Social Responsibility
Suhong Li, Ph.D., Bryant University
- ✓ Human Resources, Organizational Behavior and Ethics
Kellyann B. Kowalski, Ph.D., UMASS Dartmouth
- ✓ International Trade, Global Business, and Law
Jennifer A. Swanson, Ph.D., Stonehill College
- ✓ Transportation, Logistics and Maritime
Adolf K.Y. Ng, Ph.D., University of Manitoba
- ✓ Undergraduate Research Submissions
Research Briefs, Poster Presentation Competition

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Call for Papers

Papers are invited on, but not limited to, the topical areas and tracks listed on the front page. In addition, we welcome the submission of research abstracts. The papers are double-blind reviewed by referees and abstracts are subject to final review by the Track Chairs and the Program Chair. Accepted papers and abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Copyright of the papers will stay with the author(s).

To be included in the proceedings and scheduled for presentation, **at least one author must register** for the conference **by February 01, 2018**.

Meeting Venue



The 47th Annual Meeting of NEDSI will be held at the newly renovated Renaissance Hotel in beautiful Providence Rhode Island on the US east coast. The conference organizing committee has prepared an enjoyable and productive conference in downtown Providence. Tours to Newport mansions and local companies are included.

About Providence:

www.goprovidence.com

About Rhode Island:

www.visitrhodeisland.com

About the Hotel – Renaissance:

www.renaissanceprovidence.com

✓ To receive the conference-discounted rate, reservations must be made by Friday, March 09, 2018.

About the Airport – T.F. Green (PVD):

<http://www.pvdairport.com/>

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Publication Opportunity

The authors will have the option to select to have their full paper submissions considered for publication in one of the following journals:

- ❖ International Journal of Business Excellence
- ❖ International Journal of Business Innovation and Research
- ❖ International Journal of Management Concepts and Philosophy
- ❖ Benchmarking: An International Journal
- ❖ International Journal of Operational Research
- ❖ Maritime Policy and Management
- ❖ Transportation Journal Special Issue
(for this journal, submissions must be maritime related and submitted to the conference by August 10th, 2017)

Message from the Chair



The 2018 NEDSI Conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Providence, RI on April 12 - 14, 2018.

- ✓ On-site check-in will start on April 12th, Thursday morning at 8am.
- ✓ The sessions will start on April 12th, Thursday morning at 9am and will continue through April 14th, Saturday afternoon.
- ✓ The gala dinner, keynote and awards ceremony will be held on April 13th, Friday night.
- ✓ *A complementary full hot breakfast buffet will be served Friday and Saturday mornings.*

See you in Providence, Rhode Island!
Douglas N. Hales, Ph.D.
University of Rhode Island