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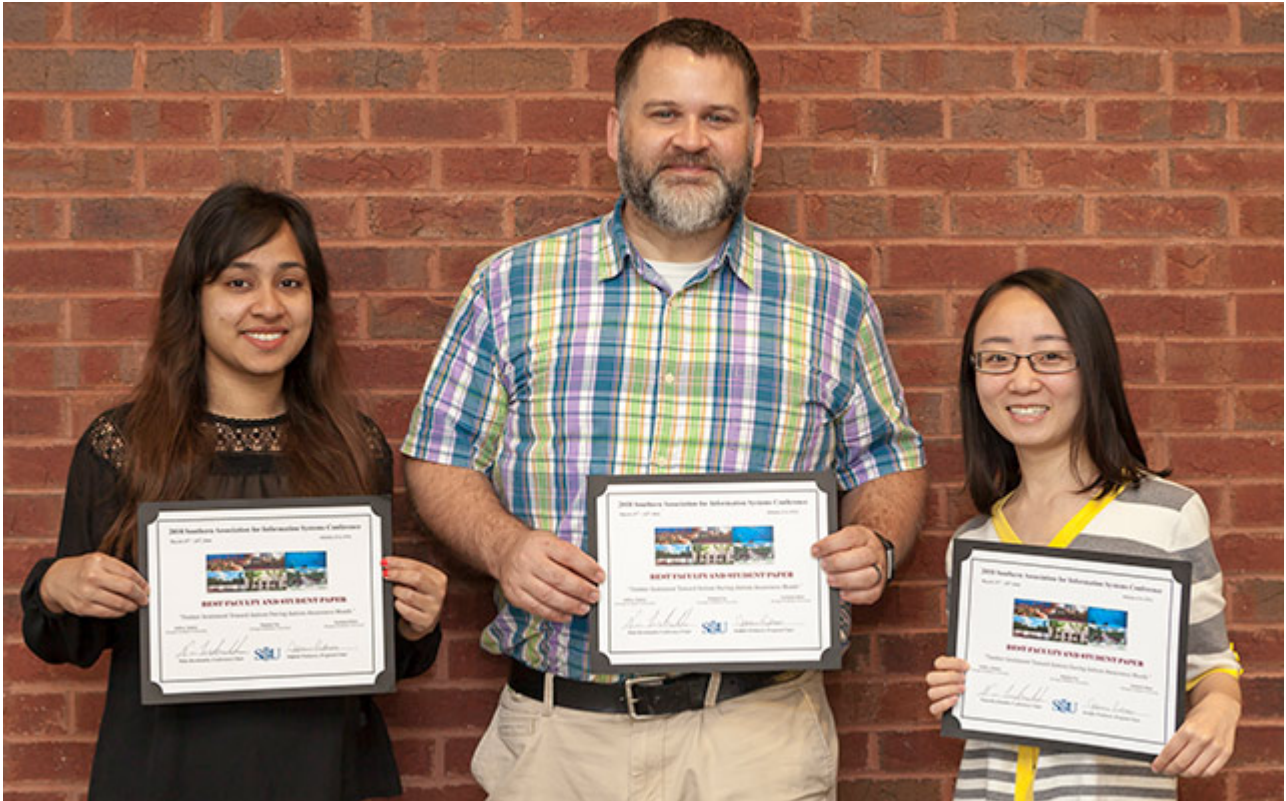
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MSAE Student Sushmita Khan and Drs. Kaleta and Yin Win Best Paper Award at SAIS 2018

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Drs. Jeffrey P. Kaleta and Jingjing Yin along with Ms. Sushmita Khan won the Best Faculty / Student Paper Award at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Information Systems (SAIS) in Atlanta, GA. Their paper, *Twitter Sentiment Toward Autism During Autism Awareness Month*, was presented by Dr. Kaleta and Ms. Khan at the 2018 annual SAIS conference held on March 23-24th.



Sushmita Khan, and Drs. Jeffrey P. Kaleta and Jingjing Yin holding their Best Faculty/Student Paper Awards at SAIS

This study was a collaborative project investigating the topics and public opinions during autism awareness month as expressed on Twitter, a social media platform. The outcome of this work is the first of several initiatives investigating public views of health-related concerns over social media, making use of a variety of text analysis techniques.

Dr. Kaleta is an assistant professor in the Department of Information Technology within the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, Dr. Yin is an assistant professor in the department of Biostatistics located within the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, and Ms. Khan is completing her Master's of Applied Engineering in IT this Spring 2018.