

Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

The Association for Interdisciplinary Studies is an organized voice and information source for integrative and interdisciplinary approaches to the discovery, transmission and application of knowledge. It has been a focal point for research and scholarship in interdisciplinarity for more than 30 years, and continues to provide support and guidance for interdisciplinary studies programs worldwide. AIS is dedicated to the idea that interdisciplinary studies is a vital aspect of academic excellence and a crucial strategy for addressing complex real world problems.



Benefits of Membership

AIS offers interdisciplinary students, scholars, teachers, and administrators a collegial and nurturing environment at conferences and through our publications and resource rich website. We provide resources for keeping abreast of interdisciplinary research and instruction and assist in the development of interdisciplinary studies programs. AIS is a productive forum for the exchange of ideas concerning interdisciplinary and integrative issues.



"I discovered AIS early on, as a grad student interested in interdisciplinary studies, and the organization has really enhanced my development as a teacher and scholar. It's given me an academic home..."

— James Welch IV, AIS Past President

"AIS has provided an intellectual home, resources and stature for me to successfully develop and run our interdisciplinary seminar... This reaps rewards for our students, giving them an advantage in applying for employment or graduate school. AIS members are among the most collegial, and sharing of any professional organization I have been involved in throughout more than 30 years as a professor."

—Marilyn Tayler, Montclair State University



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*Your professional
association for
interdisciplinary studies*



*"The search for common ground is
the fundamental element of all
interdisciplinary investigation."*

—Joseph Kockelmans, 1979

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Our Mission

The Association strives to:

- Articulate the nature of interdisciplinary studies and its importance for higher education and society.
- Establish standards of excellence for integrative teaching and research.
- Maintain a communication network for the exchange of ideas in the interdisciplinary community.
- Promote the development of interdisciplinary theory, methodology, and curricular design.
- Supply supportive information for administration and management of interdisciplinary endeavors.
- Advance integrative and interdisciplinary approaches to the discovery, transmission, and application of knowledge.
- Provide a broad-based professional home for reflective interdisciplinarians.

Who are we?

AIS members are students, faculty and administrators involved in interdisciplinary instruction, research, and social involvement. Our commitment to interdisciplinarity creates a collegial environment of diversity and encourages the open-minded exchange of information and ideas.

"It was a revelation to me as a first-timer to discover such a warm, sharing, practical but at the same time theoretically and conceptually sophisticated group."

—Attendee, AIS Conference

Annual Conference

AIS conferences attract scholars, students, and administrators from around the world with a keen interest in developing research and instruction in interdisciplinary studies. Conference sessions reflect the wide range of viewpoints that distinguishes interdisciplinarity, within an atmosphere of mutual respect, interest, and encouragement. Our conferences provide a fruitful opportunity for networking and interdisciplinary problem solving.

Publications

Integrative Pathways—This quarterly newsletter supplies AIS members with reviews, articles, and updates in interdisciplinary studies.

Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies—The AIS annual, peer-reviewed journal presents scholarship on interdisciplinary theory and

methodology, the nature of integrative research, practices of interdisciplinary curriculum and pedagogy, and the status of the field. It is a wonderful forum for emerging interdisciplinary scholars. Back issues, along with other electronic resources are available to members through our website.

Connections

As a focal point for interdisciplinary studies, AIS promotes interconnectivity. We have compiled electronic directories of related organizations and interdisciplinary graduate programs. Participation in our email list provides a forum for information, discussion, and debate. Our website also identifies current job postings in interdisciplinary fields.

Resources and Assistance

AIS provides a reference list of qualified interdisciplinarians who are available to visit campuses and provide assistance in initiating, developing, modifying, or evaluating interdisciplinary programs or curricula. Our website offers exemplary interdisciplinary syllabi for program development, along with an extensive bibliography of important interdisciplinary scholarship.

"We found superb external evaluators through AIS. [They] were perceptive, knowledgeable, experienced, thoughtful and thorough in their report. We have been able to implement most all of their recommendations. Huge thanks."

—Patricia La Noue, University of Maryland,
Baltimore County