

 **The 24th Annual iHITA Research Conference Schedule**

June 25, 2017

8:30 AM—5:30 PM (EDT)



The Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Room 501A
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Time	Presentation
8:30—9:10am	Welcome Reception & Opening Remarks Sponsored by: IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
9:10—9:30am	An Analysis of TripAdvisor's Effects on Hotel Performance <i>Suzanne Markham, Boston University & Thomas Schrier, Iowa State University</i>
9:35—9:55am	Engaging Customers in Real-Time by Creating Value in a Loyalty Program: A Machine Learning Approach <i>Ajay Aluri, Brad Price & Nancy McIntyre, all from West Virginia University</i>
10:00—10:20am	Travelers' Acceptance of Location Based Services; a Privacy Calculus Perspective <i>Ahmet Bulent Ozturk, University of Central Florida & Anil Bilgihan, Florida Atlantic University</i>
10:20—10:50am	Coffee Break
10:50—11:10am	Social Media Research in Hospitality and Tourism: A Bibliometric and Keyword Analysis <i>Xi Leung, University of North Texas, Jie Sun & Billy Bai, both from University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i>
11:15—11:35pm	A Topic Modeling Analysis of Super Bowl XXIII Word-of-Mouth in Tourism Social Media <i>Yinghua Huang, Hsuanwei Michelle Chen, both from San Jose State University & Linchi Kwok, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona</i>
11:40—12:00pm	Influence of Online Travel Reviews: Avoiding Risk vs. Seeking Reward <i>Esther Kim & Sarah Tanford, both from University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i>
12:00—2:00pm	Lunch Break (no-host lunch)

2:00—2:30pm	Keynote Address: What Can a Former Hospitality Executive Learn about Innovation from College Students? My Journey from Senior VP to Innovation Lab Professor <i>Robert Rippee, Director, Hospitality Lab, International Gaming Institute</i>	
2:35—2:55pm	Biometrics in the Spa Industry <i>Maria Balashova & Katerina Berezina, both from University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee</i>	
3:00—3:20pm	YouTube Channel Adoption by Independent Hotels in Canada <i>Nahid Shah, Ryerson University</i>	
3:20—3:55pm	Coffee Break	
3:55—4:15pm	An Examination of Hotel Guests' Perceptions on Trust in Airbnb <i>Sungsik Yoon & Mehmet Erdem, both from University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i>	
4:20—4:40pm	Buyer-Seller Similarity: Does It Affect the Sales of Peer-to-Peer Room-Sharing Services? <i>Linchi Kwok, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona & Karen Xie, University of Denver</i>	
4:45—5:05pm	Technostress in the Hospitality Workplace: Is It an Illness Requiring Accommodation? <i>John Farrish, Southern Illinois University & Chase Edwards, University of Louisiana Lafayette</i>	
5:10—5:30pm	Awards Ceremony & Closing Remarks 2017 Best Research Paper & Presentation Awards - sponsored by	
5:45—6:45pm	Business Meeting (Executive Board and Members In Good-Standing)	

* Please note that all items on this schedule are tentative

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