White Paper Guide: Interpersonal Social Networks in Geographic Space

📗 Introduction

As a result of this workshop, we will be creating a white paper that serves as a report for others to read on this topic. We invite participants to form working groups around the topics below, meet in groups today to discuss, and work after the workshop to produce sections that we will compile into this white paper.

 - Sections should be roughly between 3 and 20 pages (~3,000 words minimum).
 - References should be in APA format at the end of the chapter.
 - Images and tables welcome.
 - We don't have a specific due date in mind but we would like to share our white paper on the web by the end of 2023.
 - There will NOT be a formal call for participation or public input on this white paper; it is designed primarily as the outcome of this workshop and the ideas from the participants here in Atlanta*.

📗 Sharing

White papers, like technical reports, are typically published as the output of a lab or research institution. Ours will be public on the web. If we have ideas beyond this open access pre-print type publishing, we can consider these as a group.

To continue the spirit of this workshop and share findings, we plan to have a **special session** on small SSNs at the AAG in Hawaii on April 16 – 20, 2024. We invite you to present your section of this white paper. The more the merrier. We will also call for case studies and have a few sections. In addition, if AAG is not a venue you typically attend, we can do a counterpart session at another conference (such as SUNBELT or NetSci, etc.).

📗 Content

Starter Ideas for Section Topics. We will ask for a leader and group members:

1. What are the **concepts** behind SSNs (could include rules)? _____

2. What **challenges** exist for this topic of study? _____

3. What are the **opportunities** for this topic of study? _____

4. What are the **recommendations** for this topic of study? _____

Crowdsourced Ideas for Section Topics:

- Please pitch your section ideas here: _____

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Potential keywords for other sections: tools, techniques, software, education, genesis/history, interdisciplinary, funding, impact, research questions

📗A Note on Participation

Not all workshop participants may want to contribute to this project formally: still, we encourage your input and we welcome you as a listener to just hang out.

This paper will also require people to keep in contact and collaborate after this workshop is over. Groups are asked to self-organize and keep in touch with each other as co-authors and the group is responsible for producing their section. Sections can split off and/or merge as the authors see fit.

In addition, outside of this white paper, we encourage participants to set up new research collaborations with one another as your own solo and group projects. If you can, please let us know later on that you met here so we can provide evidence to GT and the sponsor that this workshop was helpful :). We also hope to feature your future work and share it with the Google Group.

There are a few people that we will invite to contribute who could not make it today, but we reserve these invitations for experts who have already published on this topic.

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