Midwest Security Workshop (MSW 10)

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Security and Privacy in Informatics, Computing, and Engineering

MSW Goals

- Strengthen the security and privacy community in the Midwest
- Help students from different universities build friendships
- Seed new research collaborations
- Focus on your future work, not your past work

Ancient History of MSW

- MSW 1: May 6, 2006 at DePaul University (Chicago, IL)
- MSW 2: September 30, 2006 at UIUC (Urbana, IL)
- MSW 3: April 7, 2007 at Purdue (West Lafayette, IN)
- MSW 4: October 6, 2007 at UIC (Chicago, IL)
- MSW 5: April 26, 2008 at IUPUI (Indianapolis, IN)

Modern History of MSW

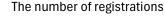
- MSW 6: April 14, 2018 at UIUC (Urbana, IL)
- MSW 7: April 13, 2019 at UChicago (Chicago, IL)
- MSW 8: April 4, 2020 at Purdue (West Lafayette, IN)

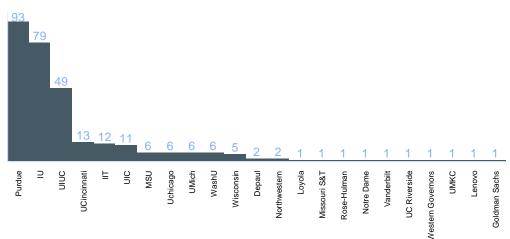


- Mini MSW 8.5: October 28, 2023 at UIC (Chicago, IL)
- MSW 9: November 16, 2024 at Purdue (West Lafayette, IN)

Attendee Breakdown

- Total: 300 (!!)
- Faculty/staff/postdocs: 66
- Student registrations: 207 Graduate + 25 Undergraduate
- Industries: 2 (Lenovo, Goldman Sachs)
- Different universities: 23

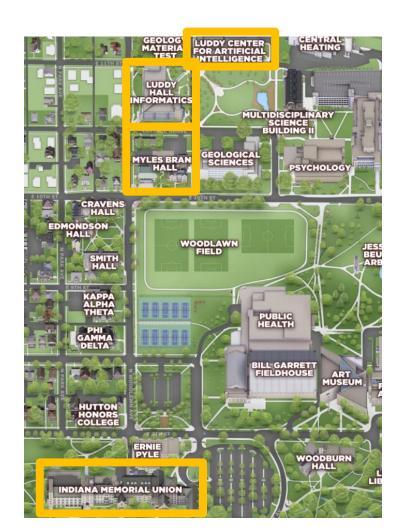




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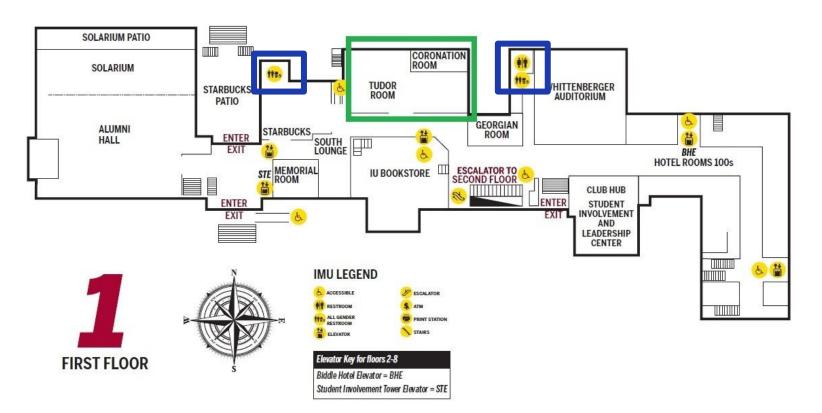


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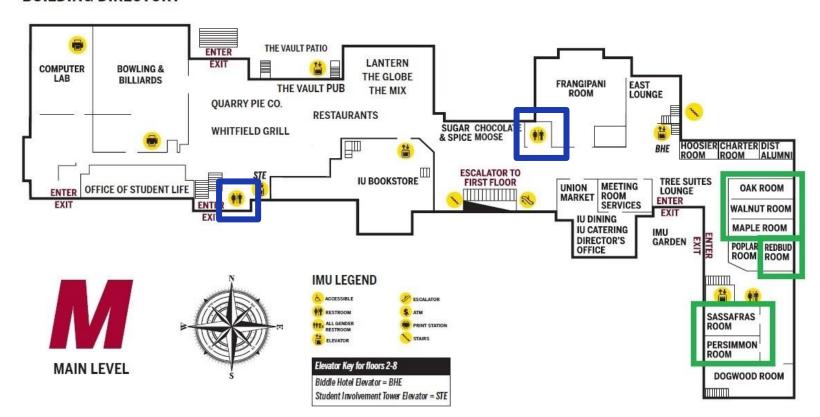
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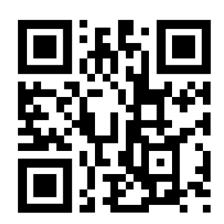
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Agenda

- 11:00am Welcome
- 11:15am Lightning Talks
- 12:15pm Breakout Discussion Sessions
- 1:00pm Lunch With Structured Meetings
- 2:00pm Poster Session
- 2:30pm Keynote: Lessons learned from two decades of social media abuse research – what lies ahead
- 3:15pm Coffee Break
- 3:40pm Speed Advising
- 4:35pm Panel Discussion: Security Research in Academia vs. Real-World Security: The Tension between Novelty and Practicality
- 5:25pm Student/Postdoc AMA and MSW Town Hall
- 6:00pm Closing Remarks



Lightning Talks (11:15 am – 12:10 pm)

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Tudor Room
- Systems Security in Walnut

Usable Security and Privacy in Oak

Break-out Discussion (12:15 pm – 1 pm)

- Generative Al / Large Language Models (Tudor Room)
- Systems Security (Tudor Room)
- Privacy-Enhancing Technologies / Usable Security / Human-computer interaction (Tudor Room)
- Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence (Oak)
- Software Security (Persimmon)
- Network and Communications Security (Maple)
- Web Security (Sassafra)
- Mobile, Embedded Systems, and IoT Security (Walnut)
- Cryptography and Blockchain (Redbud)

Lunch (1 pm – 2 pm)

- Lunch (buffet) will be provided in Tudor Room.
- Faculty members have been <u>pre-assigned to tables</u>.
- Student attendees should choose a table for lunch based on the theme.



Poster Session (2 pm – 2:30 pm)

Please cast your vote for the best poster!





Keynote: Lessons learned from two decades of social media abuse research – what lies ahead? (2:30 pm – 3:10 pm)



Gianluca Stringhini Boston University

Speed Advising (3:40 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Students will each have a 10-minute one-on-one meeting with a faculty member.
- Mentors will stay in place, and students will come to them.
- Assignments and room locations



Panel Discussion

Security Research in Academia vs. Real-World Security: The Tension between Novelty and Practicality



Berkay Celik (Purdue)



Luyi Xing (UIUC)



Sid Stamm (Rose-Hulman)



Venkat Venkatakrishnan (UIC)

This is end of Opening Remarks!

The first session is "Lightning Talks" (11:15 am – 12:10 pm)

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