

## **Editorial: Thoughts on Marketing Management Journal**

### **The Current Issue:**

In the present issue, there are three regular submission manuscripts. These articles highlight the wide scope of topics that fall within the realm of Marketing Management. I want to highlight several key takeaways I gleaned from each of these articles. The first article, “The Marketing of Information in the Information Age,” by Hofacker and Goldsmith, discuss adding a third category, information, to the goods/services classifications. The authors provide a thorough review of what information is, what are information products, and the unique challenges that information products face. The manuscript then discusses scalability and mutable issues with information products. Overall, this is a thought-provoking manuscript that should form the basis of additional conversation pertaining to the role of information in Marketing Management.

The second article is titled, “The Relationship among Fan-Based Brand Associations, Brand Equity and Behavioral Intentions in a Sport League,” and is written by Ceren, Gokhan, and Serdar. This study proposes and tests a model predicting behavioral intentions by assessing both brand equity and brand association using a sample of NFL fans. Brand association was modeled as a second-order construct using nine dimensions. The study split the sample into two groups, those that attended NFL games and those that did not. Study findings suggest that stronger league brand associations lead to stronger league brand equity, which in turn increases fans’ tendency to watch and/or attend the games.

The next article, “Narcissism versus Machiavellianism and the Role of Self Control towards Social Desirability,” was written by Gala, Chauhan, and King. The study examines theoretical differences in Machiavellianism and narcissism. The study provides excellent overviews of both Machiavellianism and narcissism, prior to elaborating on the key differences between the two constructs. The study then tests two hypotheses linking both Machiavellianism and narcissism to social desirability. Two additional hypotheses are used to examine self-control as a moderator. Overall, this study provides a strong assessment of the current state of the literature, plus advancing our level of knowledge on similarities and differences between these two constructs.

### **Special Section Call for Papers:**

#### **Marketing Management Journal Special Section Call for Papers Marketing during Uncertain Times: How do Disruptive Events affect Marketing Management?**

As the entire world has felt, and continues to feel, the impact of COVID-19, the field of Marketing has been turned upside down. A shift from bricks-and-mortar shopping to predominantly online shopping has occurred for a number of consumers. This has a far-reaching impact on the supply-chain, as well as to customer relationship management processes and systems. Consumers are seeing delays in delivery of items, creating an excess burden on many CRM systems. Further, the traditional sales process has also changed. Salespeople are now making fewer face-to-face sales calls and the handshake might be something of the past. Demand for certain products are seeing rapid increases, while other

products are seeing massive reductions in demand. This is creating major supply/demand issues across the supply chain, in addition to creating uncertainty within the marketplace.

Recognizing that we are in a new paradigm of marketing management, *Marketing Management Journal* will have a special section of the Journal designated for research on disruptive events. While COVID-19 is at the forefront of disruption across the world, research submissions examining other disruptive events are also encouraged. Suggested topics could include:

- 1) The impact of COVID-19 on the supply chain.
- 2) The role of the CRM system in the COVID-19 crises.
- 3) The role of technology during COVID-19.
- 4) The role of technology in a post COVID-19 time.
- 5) Changes in how customers interact with front-line employees, including the sales force.
- 6) Changes to the sales process due to COVID-19.
- 7) The best practices for bricks-and-mortar retailers to survive a disruptive event.

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