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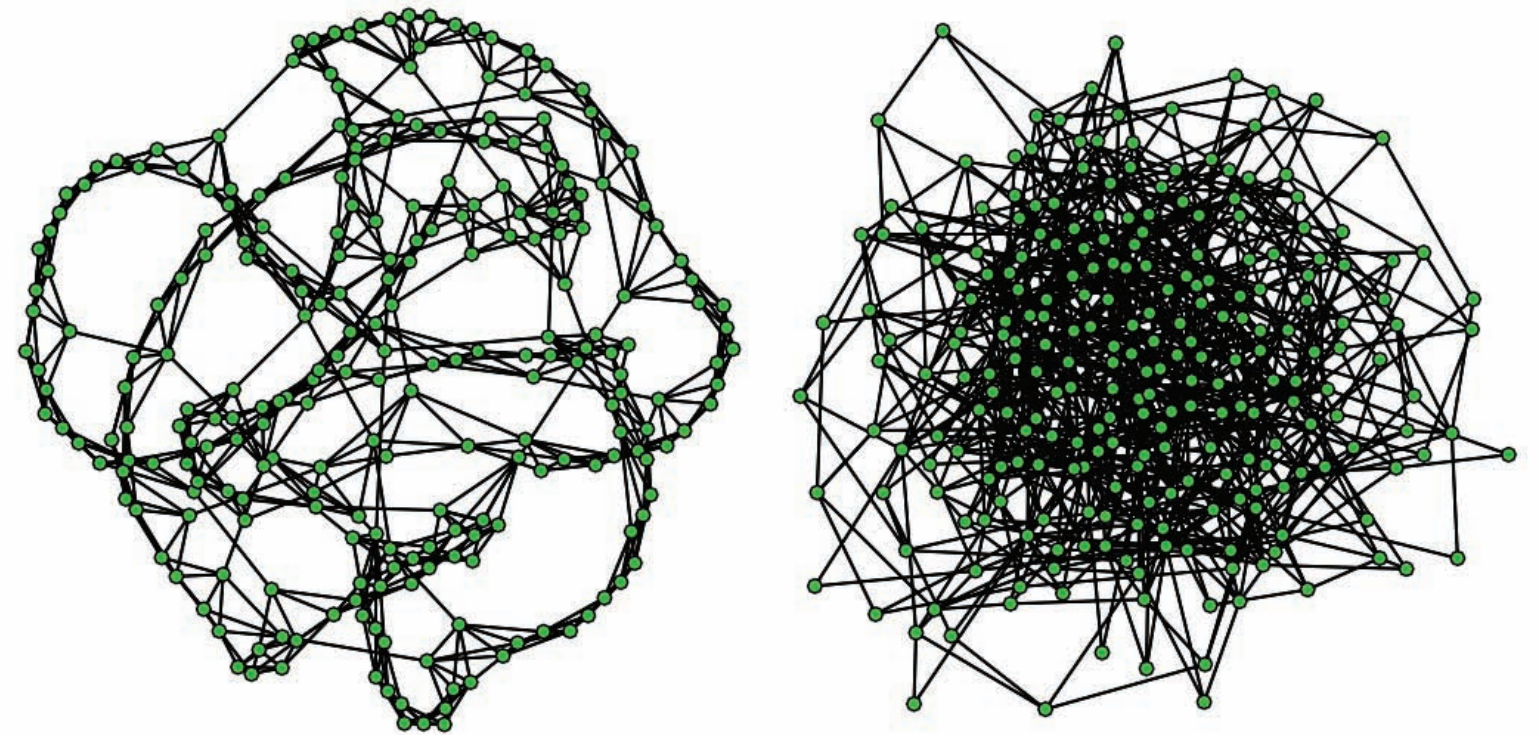
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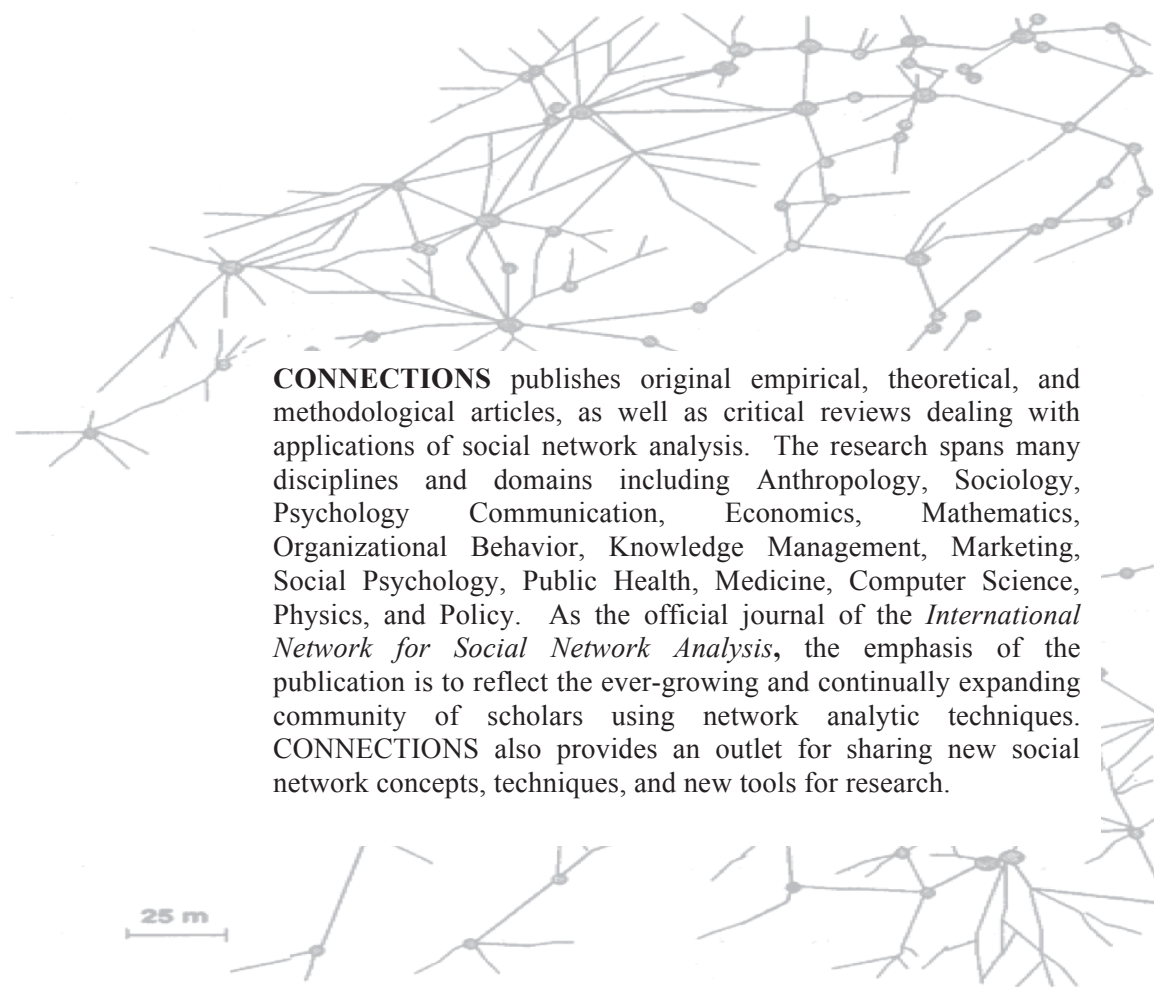
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CONNECTIONS publishes original empirical, theoretical, and methodological articles, as well as critical reviews dealing with applications of social network analysis. The research spans many disciplines and domains including Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Communication, Economics, Mathematics, Organizational Behavior, Knowledge Management, Marketing, Social Psychology, Public Health, Medicine, Computer Science, Physics, and Policy. As the official journal of the *International Network for Social Network Analysis*, the emphasis of the publication is to reflect the ever-growing and continually expanding community of scholars using network analytic techniques. **CONNECTIONS** also provides an outlet for sharing new social network concepts, techniques, and new tools for research.

Front Cover: The two images are from the enclosed article "Linking network structure and diffusion through stochastic dominance" by PJ Lamberson. The two networks represent the same number of nodes and edges, but different degree distributions. The degree distribution of the network on the right is a mean preserving spread of the degree distribution of the network on the left. In other words, there is greater variation in the number of connections that nodes have in the network on the right. For most contagion processes, such as the spread of a disease or a rumor, we expect the "infection" to spread more easily in the network on the right.

International Network for Social Network Analysis

CONNECTIONS is the official journal of the **International Network for Social Network Analysis** (INSNA). INSNA is a scientific organization made up of scholars across the world. Updated information about the INSNA's annual conference (**Sunbelt Social Network Conferences**) can be found on the website at www.insna.org.

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 The 2011 best student paper award was given to Lea Ellwardt, Christian Steglich, and Rafael Wittek for their paper titled "The Co-evolution of Gossip and Friendship at Work: Studying the Dynamics of Multiplex Social Networks."
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- William D. Richards, Jr. Software Award (biennial):
 The winners of the INSNA's 2011 William D. Richards Software award are Steven P. Borgatti, Martin G. Everett and Linton C. Freeman for UCINET: Software for Social Network Analysis.
- INSNA i2 Citation Award:
 The 2011 winner of the INSNA citation award sponsored by i2 was awarded for the paper "An Introduction to Exponential Random Graph (p*) Models for Social Networks," by Garry Robins (University of Melbourne), Pip Pattison (University of Melbourne), Yuval Kalish (University of Melbourne), and Dean Lusher (University of Melbourne) appearing in *Social Networks* 29(2): 173-191, 2007.