Welcome to the second edition of the ISOM Insider. We have had an exciting, active year. Professor Kay-Yut Chen (OM) and Associate Professor in Practice Michel Whittenberg (OM) joined our faculty in September 2014. New staff members, Ashton Jones and Jennifer Hill, joined us in December and January, respectively. We successfully recruited Gene (Moo) Lee, who will be an Assistant Professor (IS) beginning in summer 2015. Thank you to Dr. Jennifer Zhang who chaired this highly successful Faculty Search Committee. We regretfully said good-bye to Evelyn Lucas, Support Specialist II, who retired in December 2014, and to Professor James Teng (IS), who will retire May 31, 2015. In the pages that follow you will learn of our faculty and student accolades, the explosion of growth in our MS INSY degree, the launch of the MS in Business Analytics, and the expansion of the Analytics Advisory Board. Thanks also to Dr. Sridhar Nerur for assuming the position of Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the MS BA and to Dr. Carolyn Davis, Advisor, for both the MS IS and MS BA.

Cordially,

Mary Whiteside, Professor and Interim Chair, ISOM Department

Awards and Accolades

Dr. Jingguo Wang has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to identify insider risk and to develop proper protection strategies for information systems within a financial institution. He is the only faculty member in the College of Business to be awarded an NSF grant.

Dr. Kay-Yut Chen was awarded the “Management Science 2014 Best Paper Award” for a paper entitled “Trust in Forecast Information Sharing” which he co-authored with Özalp Özer and Yanchong Zheng. The award was given by the Information Systems Society and the Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Society for papers that contributed the most to theory and practice in their respective fields.
Hello and Goodbye

Dr. Frazier became Assistant Dean of Faculty and Research for the College of Business.

“It was a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the department chair for two years. The ISOM Department has great faculty and students, and I appreciate everyone’s help while I was chair. The recent additions of new programs, new faculty, new staff, and new students will continue to make ISOM an exciting place. I look forward to seeing the Department’s bright future unfold.”

~ Dr. Gregory Frazier

In Fall 2014 Evelyn Lucas retired from the University. She was counting the days until she could stay home and work in her garden. She has many projects underway.

We want to welcome our two new support specialists in our front office; Ashton Jones and Jennifer Hill. Drop by and say Hi!

Endowed Chair Retires

Dr. James T. C. Teng, Eunice and James L. West Distinguished Professor, will retire. Dr. Teng has made innumerable contributions to our department, college and university. All of CoB gathered to wish him luck.

“Dr. Teng has done an outstanding job mentoring PhD students, his research record is among the best in the country, and he is great at chairing committees. He is a scholar and a gentleman, and we are grateful for his many contributions to UTA.”

~Dr. Greg Frazier

“Shortly after his arrival at UT Arlington, my daughter and I ran into Dr. and Mrs. Teng at the Dallas Opera performance of Madam Butterfly. I introduced him to my daughter. He then asked us, “What did you think of the soprano’s last note?” Not being musically literate, (in my case not being able to carry a tune), we looked at each other in some dismay. Was the reply “Awesome?” “Embarrassing?” We didn’t know. I don’t think I answered at all but wish I had said “Unforgettable.” And I have certainly not forgotten the question.”

~ Dr. Mary Whiteside
Distinguished Scholar

Dr. Raghav Rao presented “Influence in Social Media: An Investigation of Tweets Spanning the 2011 Egyptian Social Movement” to the ISOM faculty on March 3, 2015.

Dr. Rao has published more than 175 technical papers, of which more than 100 have appeared in archival journals, including MIS Quarterly, Information Systems Research, Management Science, Journal of MIS, and Decision Support System. His areas of expertise include Information Assurance, Social Media and Social Networks, and Emergency Response Management.

Dr. Rao currently serves as a Senior Editor of MIS Quarterly and the co-Editor-in-Chief of Information System Frontiers. He is a recipient of the 2007 State University of New York Chancellor’s award for excellence in scholarship and creative activities.

Renowned Faculty

Dr. Sri Talluri is an OPMA PhD graduate who is now a Full Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management at Michigan State University. He was just named one of the top 20 scholars worldwide by OMEGA in DEA research based on impact.

New Initiatives

The ISOM faculty has worked with the SAP University Alliance to qualify eight of the department’s existing courses for the SAP University Alliance Community and Student Recognition Award. The award recognizes students that spend significant time using the SAP product suite within their degree program to gain working knowledge of enterprise resource planning systems. The approved courses include INSY and OPMA undergraduate and graduate offerings. For more information on using SAP University Alliance curriculum content to qualify courses for the SAP Student Recognition Award, contact Randy Napier (rnapier@uta.edu).

The Master of Science in Information Systems now has STEM status. This program has seen an explosion of applicants from all over the world wanting to pursue information technology as their career. The MSIS program doubled in size during academic year 2013-2014 and it looks as if it will double again for 2015-2016.

The Master of Science in Business Analytics was launched in Spring 2015. We put together an Advisory Board, comprising top companies in the metroplex, to help us in this endeavor. GE Aviation is the latest addition to our Analytics Advisory Board. We are very grateful to the advisory board members for their insightful suggestions and feedback on our curriculum. The program strikes a balance between rigor and relevance, and provides a unique blend of technical and business acumen.

The College of Business will celebrate 50 years of academic excellence during academic year 2015-2016. ISOM is busily planning a celebratory event to share in the College’s achievements. More to come...
Student Organizations

The APICS Student Chapter continued its on-campus activity and worked closely with the APICS Greater Fort Worth Chapter as the APICS International organization engaged in a major merger and re-branding. APICS is now identified with the caption "APICS is the leading professional organization for supply chain and operations management." Pollack Distribution Company hosted a warehouse facility tour in September (pictured below with Division General Manager, Lonnie Pollack IV, third from left). For further information contact Dr. Randy Napier (rnapier@uta.edu).

The Association for Information Technology Professionals (AITP) is actively recruiting. The Dallas Chapter AITP Officers recently visited and Andrew Laudato, CIO and Senior Vice President (pictured in the center below), Information Services Division Pier 1 Imports spoke to the group on April 28. For further information contact Dr. Carolyn Davis (davisck@uta.edu).

Scholarships

The department awarded the Suzanne Sparvero Memorial Scholarship to the following students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Mark Lee Campbell, OPMA major

Do Kyung Lee, INSY major

In addition, two new master’s students received scholarships. Jose Daniel Diaz-Marta for the Master of Science of Business Analytics program and Prateek Dua for the Master of Science in Information Systems program. Both will start Fall 2015.

Fellowships Awarded

Two of our doctoral students have been awarded Doctoral Fellowships for Summer 2015. Congratulations to Philip Bond and Indika Dissanayake.

The Lawrence Schkade Fellowship was awarded to Olajumoke Awe, Nisha Kulangara, and Adel Yazdanmehr.

Outstanding GTA

Nisha Kulangara, OPMA PhD student, received the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award for the College of Business for the 2014-2015 academic year.
Publications, Conferences, Presentations, Workshops


In Memory Of

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge department members who have passed away.

Mr. Kenneth Sears passed away on June 20, 2014. Mr. Sears taught for the ISOM department for nearly 15 years. He enjoyed working with the faculty and always challenged his students to be better. He developed several courses for the department and was the faculty sponsor for AITP. See http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?pid=171454007.

Three former ISOM faculty members will also be missed.


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