New Faculty Join Ranks

The ILT Dept. is pleased to welcome three new tenure-track faculty. Faculty who joined the College starting fall semester, 2006 are:

W. Art Conklin. Dr. Conklin’s PhD is from the University of Texas-San Antonio. His strong information systems security background nicely augments our program growth.

Liang-Chieh (Victor) Cheng. Dr. Cheng received his PhD from the University of Maryland. He brings valuable experience in supply chain and business logistics to our expanding programs.

Jamison Kovach. Dr. Kovach is a recent PhD from Clemson University. She is Six Sigma certified (black belt) and has impressive expertise in quality management and robust design.

Project Management Grad Program Expanding

Based on high demand, the ILT Dept. is expanding the TPM (Technology Project Management) graduate program into a multi-disciplinary program. Program accreditation is being sought from the Project Management Institute (PMI).

The TPM program focuses on skills needed to manage all types of projects (with an emphasis on technology) across a broad range of disciplines. In addition to serving current students in logistics and information security, the expanded program accommodates students in construction, engineering, business, medical, and other fields of study.

Many TPM students also are seeking PMP (Project Management Professional) certification. The Dept.’s PMP certification preparation courses are offered spring and fall.

For more information, contact Gary Richardson, 713-743-4018, gary.richardson@mail.UH.edu or an advisor, 713-743-4100, asc@UH.edu.

LTE Teaming with FedEx for Seminar Series

The first program in a quarterly seminar series initiated by the Logistics and Supply Chain Technology (LTE) program was underwritten by FedEx. The seminar, held at the Wyndham Hotel, addressed Incoterms and Letters of Credit, Applications, and Strategies. The November program will focus on new regulations for carrier fuel charges.

For more information, contact Joy Lloyd, 713-743-4114, jdlloyd@central.UH.edu.

Certificates, Cert-Prep Classes and Seminars:

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LTE: Joy Lloyd, jdlloyd@central.UH.edu

CAPM: Danny Goode, drgoose@UH.edu

Fall & Spring Programs

$$ Awarded to Faculty

Recent grant awards to ILT faculty include several projects that translate directly into the classroom:


Issa, Amalia. “Evaluating Patient Preferences for Personalized Medicine in Primary Care,” funded by TMHRI Research Scholars, 9/06 - 8/07, $40,000.


Waite, Jerry J. & Monika Zarzycka. ”Improvement of the Graphic Communications Tech Website”, funded by UH FDIP, 6/06 - 8/07, $18,250.


Distinguished ILT Students

Transportation Clubs International (TCI) will present the Texas Scholarship to Logistics and Supply Chain Technology (LTE) major, Joe Salvidar, at it’s annual conference in Philadelphia. TCI is a professional association for transportation clubs, companies, and individuals in the US, Canada, and Mexico. Our congratulations to Joe!

For more information, contact Joy Lloyd, 713-743-4114, jdlloyd@central.UH.edu.

Brent Bushnell, a 2006 Information Systems Technology (ISTE) graduate, is now a Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM). Brent is the first student to pass the PMI (Project Management Institute) accredited CAPM exam after taking ITEC 4375, Project Management and Practice.

An ISTE student study group is now forming to help interested students prepare for the CAPM exam.

For more information, contact Danny Goode, 713-743-4793, drgoose@UH.edu.

Jarrod Veal, a Technology Leadership and Supervision (TELS) senior, recently completed an internship in The Mayor’s Office Volunteer Initiatives Program. Jarrod was actively involved in several City Council projects as well as in the NBA All-Star Week.

Jarrod says he obtained a broad knowledge of the inner-workings of municipal government. He also states, “My TELS classes have provided me with skills and experiences that are applicable in a day-to-day working environment… The skills I have learned will support me throughout my working career.”

For more information, contact Jerry Pyka, 713-743-3741, japyka@central.UH.edu.
New LTE Finance Course

With significant industry input, a Logistics and Supply Chain Technology (LTE) finance course was added to the LTE program and offered for the first time, fall semester, 2006.

The new LOGT 4397 course, Logistics Finance Systems Evaluation, is focused on financial evaluation and analysis, time value of money, and other financial theories necessary to advance into higher management.

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Information Systems Technology Expanding Security Focus

The ISTE (Information Systems Technology) program is responding to the growing demand for information technology employees with a strong security background by introducing several security-related courses. A four-course sequence is planned to include organizational security (currently being offered as ITEC 4397), and secure coding (see spring semester schedule, 2007) to give students a solid security concentration.

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Barnwell, Tracy Jo. “On Failing to See the Tongue of St. John Nepomuk” (poem), Pleiades, Fall, 2006.
Barnwell, Tracy Joe. “Your Name in My Handwriting” (poem), Cranky, Fall, 2006.
Miertschin, Susan & Cheryl L. Willis, “Student Self-Assessment: How Can It be Used to Improve Instruction?”, Proceedings of the ASEE Conf. & Expo (and presented), Chicago, IL, June, 2006. *w/C.Goodson, L.Faulkenberry, B.Stewart.
Sumrall, Jeffrey G., et al. “The Great Divide: Faculty Perspectives Regarding Distance Education Courses,” Journal of the Professoriate, in press.

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Happenings in ILT

Three full-time instructors joined the ILT Dept., fall, 2006: Dan Cassler is a 25-year veteran in the transportation field who recently received a Southwest Region award for Outstanding Sales Performance; Tracy Jo Barnwell spent last year as a writer-in-residence (Parks Fellowship) at Rice University; and Nada Khatib’s most recent background includes industry experience in Oman and consulting in Houston.

Jerry Pyka recently became certified as a RAB-QSA ISO 9001:2000/TX16949 Lead Auditor. Joy Lloyd was quoted in the Houston Chronicle’s coverage of the Port of Houston and the 50th Anniversary of Containerization. Ella O’Neal is assisting three TLS classes in creating Podcasts in the Mac Lab. Lawrence Wagner enjoys boating and sailing while at Cape Cod and other NE destinations this summer.

Cheryl Willis is taking a geographic information systems course, the first in a four-part certification program. Cliff Dasso won a silver REMI at WorldFest-Houston for his Abramson Center video, “Now that You Have Cancer,” and also won first prize for his documentary in FilmExpo Texas. Bob Seaker has become a camping enthusiast after taking his family on a 3,000 mile, three-week trip to the Poconos.

Michael Gibson interviewed 28 potential faculty candidates at the Academy of Management Conf. in Atlanta. Jerry Evans has been conducting workshops on team building skills and stress management for area industries including NASA-JSC contractors. Jami Kovach recently moved from South Carolina to Houston and already is enjoying the city. Harold Halliday, formerly with the UH Printing Plant, relaxed on a three-week trip to the Poconos.

Susan Miertsch is teaching a graduate course in data structures for bioinformatics at the UT School of Health Information Sciences. Todd Weiss has many reasons to be proud of his daughter, Lauren, who started kindergarten this year. Ambika Baburaj noted many differences (from six years ago) when she spent two months in India and the Middle East this summer.

Ed Crowley organized three identity theft seminars that were held at UH, UH-D, and NHMCC. Natalia Fafanova’s summer travels included a trip to Hawaii. Art Conklin has relocated from San Antonio to Katy where he built a new home. Amalia Issa was interviewed on the topic of personalized medicine by KUHF and Science magazine and was featured or quoted in several press releases.

Danny Goode is working on aligning ISTE program learning objectives with those of the Model Curriculum of ABET Information Systems 2002. Monika Zarzycka, a new home owner, is enrolled in the master of divinity program.

Gary Richardson worked on the topic of personalized medicine by KUHF and as a writer-in-residence (Parks Fellowship) at Rice University; and Nada Khatib’s most recent background includes industry experience in Oman and consulting in Houston.

Victor Cheng was married in Beltsville, Maryland and moved to the Houston area this summer. Sharon Lund O’Neil sincerely thanks her ILT colleagues for contributing to the Dept. Newsletter.
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