ISTE Senior Projects

Students in the Information Systems Technology (ISTE) program’s Project Management and Practice (ITEC 4375) class, are identifying and completing real-time business projects. One of Danny Goode’s students teams—Johnson Daniel, Christian Palma, Ahmad Rahimi, and Alex Verga—worked with the UH Child Care Center to upgrade their child wait-list system. The team created a SQL server database back-end system with a web interface using ASP.net which was tested during the summer and is now being implemented successfully.

The Project Management and Practice class welcomes real-world business projects. For more information, contact Bret Detillier, 713-743-4084, bdetillier@UH.edu.

SHRM Certification

Houston-area human relations professionals are taking advantage of the UH SPHR/PHR certification and “preparatory” courses initiated by ILT faculty member, Jerry Evans. The courses, offered through the College of Technology, are aimed at human resource managers who desire to achieve the professional HR industry certification.

The program meets SHRM/HRCI requirements and instructors are SPHR certified. The four-course sequence (with study materials) is offered each semester on Saturdays. For more information, contact Charlotte Plummer, 713-743-2994, fax: 713-743-4002, cplummer@central.UH.edu.

New Assistant Profs

Two new tenure-track Assistant Professors have joined the ILT Dept. as of the 2007 fall semester.

Xin (David) Ding, Dr. Ding has a PhD in production and operations management from the David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah. He received his BS and MS degrees in mechanical engineering from China University of Technology and Tianjin Polytech University, respectively. He has worked as an assistant to the Qingxin County Vice Mayor and has completed projects for Ford, Bell, GM, and several other Fortune 500 companies.

Vikram Tiwari, Dr. Tiwari has a PhD in operations and decision technology from the Kelly School of Business, Indiana University. He also holds a MBA in information technology e-commerce (Illinois Institute of Technology) and a BS in electronics and communications engineering (JMI, New Delhi). Vikram’s industrial experience includes analyst and managerial positions in supply chain, materials, and international sales.

Faculty Grants


Kovach, Jamison; O’Neil, Sharon Lund; and Barnwell, Tracy Jo. “Minimizing SOPS Using Podcasting Technology for Quality-Focused Organizational Communication,” by UH FDIP, Part B, $28,000, 2007-08.

Kovach, Jamison; Richardson, Gary; Evans, Jerry; and Gibson, Michael. “On-Demand Learning Model Development for the Technology Project Management Program, by UH Educational Technology and University Outreach, $16,000, 2007-08.

Waite, Jerry J. “Implementing Videography in a Senior Project Class,” by UH Educational Technology and University Outreach, $4,000, Summer, 2007.


Patrick Knight, Erika Galindo, Matthew Galipp, Kristen Araas, and Ben Wu

UH-IGAEA in New York

Officers from the Houston chapter of the International Graphic Arts Education Assn. (IGAEA) chapter, Kristen Araas, Erika Galindo, Matthew Galipp, Patrick Knight, and Ben Wu, attended the IGAEA summer conference at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. The students, along with IGAEA faculty sponsor Jerry Waite, attended lectures, viewed equipment demonstrations, and toured the RIT campus.

The students’ trip was sponsored by Nolan Moore Foundation, Houston Production Manager’s Assn., Texas Printing Education Foundation, Imagset Digital, and DISC, Inc. For more information, contact Jerry Waite, 713-743-4089, jwaite@UH.edu.

Podcasting Teamwork

ILT faculty have initiated across-course collaboration to expand the scope of class projects. The cooperative effort involves three classes of visioning, writing, and quality assessment teams. Focused on vitalizing the undeveloped town of Desperation, the teams make decisions about housing, safety, shopping, transportation, etc.; then they develop multi-media podcasts to send their results to other teams.

On Dec. 5, 2007, the three classes will meet to discuss their research outcomes (and their success in communicating their recommendations via podcasting). Anyone interested in attending the Desperation “town meeting” should contact Jami Kovach, 713-743-1704, jkovach@UH.edu.

Faculty collaborators on the across-course project include Tracy Jo Barnwell, Heather Bigley, Jami Kovach, Susan Miertschin, and Sharon Lund O’Neil. The Educational Technology and University Outreach program has partially funded the co-curricular endeavor.

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Faculty Scholarship


Issa, A. M. “Ocular Therapeutics and Pharmacogenomics,” UH College of Optometry (invited), Houston, TX, Aug., 2007.


CLTP Offering Monthly Seminars

The public is welcome at the monthly seminars sponsored by the UH Center for Logistics and Transportation Policy (CLTP). Topics vary and attendees can earn continuing education units (CEUs).

For more information, contact Joy Lloyd, 713-743-4114, jdlloyd@central.UH.edu.
Congratulations also to Supply Chain & Logistics Technology (SCLT) students: Du Le, $2,000 (UH Logistics Scholarship); Fei Yao, $1,000 (Houston Transportation Professional Assn.); Roosevelt Rodricks, $1,000 (Intr. Transportation Management Assn. — ITMA); Richard Pickney, $1,000 (ITMA); and Eleazar Botello, $1,000 (ITMA).

For more information, contact Jerry Pyka (713-743-3741, jopyka@central.UH.edu, TELS program) and Dan Cassler (713-743-1330, dcassler@UH.edu, SCLT program).

**Logistics Trade Show**

In May, logistics students Robert Purvis and Amanda Tucker attended the National Electronics Distributors Assn. (NEDA) in Las Vegas. The two high-achieving students received NEDA funding to attend the event with SIDO faculty sponsor, Dan Cassler. For more information, contact Dan Cassler, 713-743-1330, dcassler@UH.edu.

**PMP — Still Perfect Stats!**

It’s a 100% pass rate once again for the 2007 spring semester class in the PMI Project Management Professional (PMP) Certificate program! The entry-level courses for the PMP certificate and Technology Project Management (TEPM) masters degree courses have grown to approximately 90 students. For more information, contact Gary Richardson, 713-743-4018, grichardson@UH.edu.

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- GRTC 2350 Graphics for Digital Media
- GRTC 3350 Graphics Materials & Processes
- GRTC 3351 Digital Prepress 1
- GRTC 3352 Image Transfer Tech
- GRTC 3353 Visual Communications Systems
- GRTC 4373 Digital Prepress II

*course with required lab concurrent enrollment

**Information & Logistics Tech (ITEC)**
- ITEC 1301 Intro to Computer Appl Tech
- ITEC 2332 Intro to Client/Server Tech
- ITEC 2334 Info Systems Appl
- ITEC 2336 Internet Appl Dev
- ITEC 3348 Info Systems Dev
- ITEC 3349 Info Systems Analysis & Design
- ITEC 3350 Principles of Info Mgmt
- ITEC 3355 Appl of Expert Systems
- ITEC 3365 Database Mgmt
- ITEC 3366 Adv Internet Appl Dev
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- ITEC 4339 Enterprise Appl Dev
- ITEC 4375 Project Management & Practice
- ITEC 4390 Issues in Info Systems
- ITEC 4396 Internship in Occupational Tech
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- ITEC 4397 Intro to Organizational Security
- ITEC 4397 Experiencing the Future of Health
- ITEC 5321 Intro to Info Systems Security
- ITEC 6322 Secure Enterprise Computing
- ITEC 6397 Info Assurance in e-Commerce

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- LOGT 2362 Intro to Logistics Tech
- LOGT 2380 Distribution Channels

*NOTE: Please visit www.UH.edu, for the latest schedule and course offerings

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**ILT Happenings . . .**

Welcome to new ILT Dept. Instructional Assistant Professors, Bret Detillier, Jerry S. Evans, Natalia Fofanova, and Nada Khatib; and Visiting Assistant Professor, Stacey McCroskey! Congrats to Jerry Waite who received the IGAEA Fred Hartman award and is a new associate editor for *Print in the Mix*; and to Amalia Issa who was named to Metropolitan Who’s Who among Professionals in Science and Medicine.

Michael Gibson went to Indiana in April (ABET 2007 Best Assessment Processes IX); to Maryland in July (ABET IDEAL 2007); and to Colorado in August (AMIGS) where he said the 9,300 foot altitude did not agree with his “sea level” body. Dan Cassler reports that the SIDO spring golf tournament was a great success and encourages SCLT students to become SIDO members for great networking and fun such as tailgating at homecoming games.

In May, Jerry Pyka judged the Ford/AAA/San Jacinto College student automotive skills competition at Reliant Stadium. Ella O’Neal is teaching a GRTC 3353 Visual Communications lab and giving Garageband software demonstrations. Joy Lloyd says that the monthly seminars offered by the Center for Logistics and Transportation Policy fill quickly—so register early.

Victor Cheng says the arrival of his wife, Sophia, from Maryland makes his life “much more colorful” (our congrats to them on their first wedding anniversary and first year in Houston). New faculty member David Ding’s wife, Anita, is starting an MBA in Finance at Bauer College of Business. Vikram Tiwari’s son, Viraj, is a third grader at the UH Charter School.

Gary Richardson spent much of the summer on the basketball court, as he says, “playing with old guys.” His Rusty Pistols 3-on-3 team won the Texas Senior Olympics championship, then competed and placed second among 40 other US teams in the National Senior Olympics tournament in Louisville, KY. He also competed, placing second, in the National Masters Championship 5-on-5 tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

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