ITS Graduate Student Wins Awards

Several McClure School faculty and graduate students traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, to participate in the International Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA) Conference during their spring break this past March.

Graduate student Garima Bajaj '07 won Best Paper for her paper entitled Pre and Post 9-11 Reliability Growth in SS7 Capability. “It was a wonderful experience attending such a great event and meeting people from telecommunications and networking backgrounds from different universities,” Ms. Bajaj stated. “The best part was the award ceremony when my name was called for best paper!”

Graduate students Atheeth Sishtla and David Post also attended and presented papers at the ITERA conference.

Garima also won 2nd place in the Graduate Student Division with her paper Pre and Post 9-11 SS7 Reliability: Trigger, Direct, and Root Causes at Ohio University’s 6th Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair May 3 and the OU Library Graduate Award for making the best use of library resources in terms of services, materials, and spaces for her research work. Congratulations Garima!

Faculty Activities

Phyllis Bernt finished a three year term as Chair of the Ohio University Faculty Senate. In terms of publications, she had an article published with Larry Wood and Carol Ting: Phyllis Bernt, Lawrence Wood, and Carol Ting, “The Telecommunications Content of State Public Utility Commission Web Sites: Remaining Relevant in a Changing Marketplace,” in the latest journal issue of the Government Information Quarterly.

Also with Larry Wood and Carol Ting, she had a paper at the ITERA conference in Louisville in March of 2007 that was also published in the ITERA proceedings: Lawrence Wood, Carol Ting and Phyllis Bernt, “Governing E-government: Behind the Scenes of Public Utility Commission Websites.”

She and Joe Bernt finished the NSF project, “Getting the Media Message.” Final reports of the results of the project can be downloaded at the project website at http://www.csm.ohiou.edu/mediamessage

She and Joe Bernt gave two papers based on research from the grant: Joseph Bernt and Phyllis Bernt, “Gender and Race Differences in Media Use and Career Choice among Middle School Students,” presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium in New Orleans in March of 2007. This won best paper in the Open Competition.

Director's Corner

Let me begin my first Director's Corner by expressing gratitude to my predecessor, Andy Snow. Dr. Snow's tenure as Director saw the McClure School's faculty grow to an all-time high, he guided the name change to Information and Telecommunication Systems, he was instrumental in launching the MCTP graduate program, and he helped boost ITERA as the organization of telecom-oriented academic programs. He'll be a tough act to follow, but we appreciate all that he's done.

To those of you who sent me personal emails of congratulations and encouragement: thanks again. The McClure School has always been blessed with involved and concerned alumni. You've been very kind.

In the past, we've looked to McClure alumni for curriculum advice, for job placement assistance, and for occasional recruitment help. Of course, we'll continue to do so and I hope to involve alumni more systematically in recruitment. These are exciting times at Ohio University and in higher education generally: budgets are both tight and contentious. I expect to be more involved with financial development than my immediate predecessors and will, from time to time, call on alumni for your assistance.

I'm very proud to be associated with the McClure School and hope to be the Director it deserves. See you at ITS Day 2008!

~ Phil Campbell

Our Thanks to....

All the alumni who continue to support the McClure School by speaking to an ITS class or TSMA (Matt Raider '03, Glenn Ruff '88, Chris Edgell '96 and Greg Crout '00); notifying the School of job and/or internship opportunities (Juan Escheverry '05, Sajidah Ibrahim '05, Chad Pfeffer '04, Ron Minto '98, Tom Martinko '89, Stephanie Wilfong '04, Chris Cameron '03, Todd Leinberger '05, Kyle Woerner '05, Tom Settle '06, Michael Johnson '99, Ron Minto '98, Michelle Baer-Schuchman '94, Jed Bistline '02, Chris Whitham '00, Rob Rouse '06, Sara Young-Stein '94, Chris Liles '00, Brian Rudy '96, Mike Herrmann '03, Dave Heimbach '99, Matt Christian '99, Doug Hromco '02, Lynnette Baughman '91, Kevin O'Brien '99, Ambrosia Logsdon '05, David Griech '97, Adam Tiffany '03, Steve Jacob '95, Brian Ackley '02, and Kelly Crosby '96), traveling to campus to interview students (Matt Christian '99 and Dave Heimbach '99), and supporting the golf tournament (Kim McDonald '04, Leah Beltz-Patten '00, Tom Fisher '98, Bryan Ireton '90, Jayson Saul '00, Joe Watson '92, Sandy Davis '90, Bryan Chylik '94, Matt Raider '03, Ron Minto '98, Peter Nugent '86, Mike Deluca '97, Steve McCullough '03, Brock Miller '03, Jon Moore '04, Barry Spurlock '03, and Scott Tettau '99).

Thanks to everyone for giving back to the School!
ITS Day 2007

The McClure School hosted ITS Day 2007 on Thursday, May 10, where educators, industry professionals, and alumni came to the Ohio University campus to participate in panels, lead group discussions, and explain the latest developments in the industry to students, professors, and to one another. Organized by students with the assistance of faculty chairs, Andy Snow and Philip Campbell, ITS Day provides students in Information and Telecommunication Systems current information about new and expanding areas in telecommunications and an opportunity for students to meet industry leaders from all over the world.

The alumni panelists Matt Christian '99, Nationwide Insurance; Zach Eyen '06, the Paragon Group; Wrienne Mitchell '05, MCPc; Neil Okonak '02, Accenture; and Adam Tiffany '03, Kroger; spoke about their experiences after graduation.

Mike McCurry, Former White House Press Secretary, gave the keynote speech “The Case Against Net Neutrality: A Dissent from the Left” to an engaged audience in the new Baker Center Ballroom. Listen to Mr. McCurry’s speech at http://streaming.cns.ohiou.edu/COMS.

Frank Macioce, Senior Consulting Architect with Nationwide Insurance, spoke on “Network Security.” A security panel followed with Tom Fisher '98, Interactive Intelligence; Matt Raider '03, Accenture; and Shawn Ostermann, Ohio University.

The final panel of the day, on “VOIP Security: Hype vs. Reality,” included Tom Fisher '98, Interactive Intelligence Systems, and Ian Carlson '95, Tympani Inc.

Alicia Cline, TSMA president during 2006-07, was honored as the Outstanding Graduating Senior during the evening Awards Banquet.

Planning for ITS Day 2008 will begin this winter. Let us know if you would like to be involved.
The fifth annual Thomas Lonsbury Golf Classic took place at the Athens Country Club October 12, 2006, with proceeds benefiting a scholarship of the same name. For the first year, the stability of the scholarship fund allowed for two J. Warren McClure School of Information and Telecommunication Systems student honorees: Alicia Cline '07 and Alana Miller '07.

“I am very honored to receive this scholarship,” Cline said. “It will be a great help to me financially, and it is rewarding to know that my hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed.”

The Golf Classic, which continues to be a success as more and more alumni, companies, and others contribute to the scholarship fund, usually takes place in August but was moved this year to October.

“This has been successful beyond expectations,” according to J. Warren McClure School Advisory Board member and event organizer Tom Lonsbury. “People that support, participate, volunteer and sponsor come through each year. This year we exceeded $14,000. I will not be happy though, until the total scholarship fund is $100,000.”

Ben Rawson was selected to receive a scholarship during academic year 2007-08. Thomas Lonsbury was named Ohio University’s Honorary Alumnus and returned to Athens to receive his award at the Ohio University Alumni Awards Gala Oct. 20, 2006. Congratulations and welcome to Bobcat Country, Tom!

If you would like to support the scholarship fund, please contact Susan Downard at downard@ohio.edu. If you would like to participate in the 2007 tournament scheduled for October 4, contact Tom Lonsbury at tlonsbury@alltel.net.

- adapted from article by Jessica Zibbel

Golfers (from left) Barry Spurlock ’03, Brock Miller ’03, Matt Raider ’03, and Phil Campbell (top photo).

Alumni who attended the banquet (sitting from left) include Mike Deluca ’97, Ron Minto ’98, Brock Miller ’03, Jayson Saul ’00 (standing from left) Tom Lonsbury ’06, Steve McCullough ’03, Jason Comstock ’89, Barry Spurlock ’03, Mark Langhein ’01, Brian Clayzik ’94, Matt Raider ’03, Dave Williams ’05, and Scott Teitau ’99.

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**DJ Shisler '85** fulfilled his lifelong dream by opening up Shisler’s Cheese House in Copley, OH, in 2002, selling cheese, wine and specialty foods. He has been married to **Karrie Kalail** for almost 18 years and has 2 children.

**Joel Eidelberg '86** is the Sr. Director - Carrier Sales with GTT.

**David Troen-Krasnow '87** is a General Manager at Windfall Associates.

**Jason Comstock '89** had his 5th child, Rebecca, February 15.

**Irene Kehayas '90** joined Johnson and Johnson in the sales arena. **James Orr**, Senior Data Analyst with Convergys, just completed training in Avaya Dialog Designer tool. He continues to work with 3 different IVR platforms as well as Oracle DBA duties. He has 2 kids and is married to OU graduate **Sally Robinson '90**. **Rich Gould** is a Senior Sales Engineer with Broadwing. **Sandy Davis McDonald** is an Engagement Manager with Salire Partners.

**Mark Roese '91** recently joined AT&T as a Technical Sales Director for State Government Accounts in Sacramento, CA. **Chris Baker** is the VP of Curian Capital LLC.

**Steve Brescia '92** married his wife, Sherry, in 2005 and has a baby girl named Lilianna. He works at American Water as a Telephony Architect.

**Mark Atwood '93** is a Project Manager with Kastle Technologies. **Randy Risch** recently started a new job at Cleveland State University as the Coordinator of Telecommunications Services. **Michael Herrmann** is the director of New Business Development with Cincinnati Bell.

**Brad Kilbey '95** is the Director-Global Sales Engineering of Level 3 Communications. **Koon Huat** is the Chief Executive Headhunter with Seedvest Asia. **Mike Gussow** recently graduated from the Syracuse University College of law with a certificate in Technology Commercialization and was admitted to the Maryland Bar. He plans on focusing on telecommunications law as his area of practice. On a personal note, Mike and his fiancee, Laurie, will be getting married in Roanoke, VA, in October. They currently live in McLean, VA. **James Aftosmis** is the Manager of E9-1-1 Network Planning with Verizon Business.

**Brian Rudy '96** is a Senior Executive Staff with Verizon Business. **Jo Zimmerman '96** went to graduate school and then spent 7 years working for Accenture. She is now a stay at home mom with 3 young boys. **Timothy Blue** recently took a job as a Principle Telecommunications Engineer at the Savannah River Site, which offers a lot of new challenges across the 310 square mile Department of Energy site. **David Graham** is a Project Manager-Wholesale Dark Fiber with Qwest. **Chris Edgell** works at Qwest Communications.

**Josh Gilliland '97**, Project Manager with Level (3), married Jenny Tepe, has a stepson named Josh, and baby daughter, Aliese, due last December.

**Ryan Cantor '98** recently accepted a position as an Engineer V with KeyCorp in Cleveland, OH. **Jon Murphy** and his wife, Stephanie had their first child J.T. in August, 2006. He was recruited to help roll out their new VOIP product to the midwest for the last 2 years.

**Mike Johnson '99** is a Network Engineer with Logicalis Managed Services in Cincinnati. **David Schultz**, Sr. Consultant with Protiviti, is looking to work more in telecommunications, especially fraud.

**Jason Hersey '00**, Employee Benefits Consultant with HRH, had an awesome baby boy named Landon Robert. **Leah Beltz Patten** recently accepted a position as Director of New Media for The Century Council, a non-profit organization funded by America’s leading distillers, to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol. **Steve Wylie** is a Senior Infrastructure Architect with ERICO International. **Bill McGahee** recently relocated to Cleveland to begin working.

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"I’m a network communications analyst. I really like my job and I’m really happy that I graduated as a COMT major. Now that I’ve been in the field for a while, it is very apparent that there is a strong COMT presence in the area. While in school, I didn’t realize how many companies looked for COMT majors."

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-Josh Zangmeister '02

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with National City Bank as a Senior Analyst in their Customer Insight and Decisioning department. **Gregory Crouge**, Project Leader/Assistant VP at Mellon Financial in Pittsburgh, is an IT auditor within the corporate Audit department.

**Justin Hickey ’01** is a Systems Analyst with Hewitt Associates. **Keith Cambridge** is a 287 G Network Engineer for the SAIC/DHS-Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**Scott Gerdes ’02**, Senior Business Analyst with Fifth Third Bank, recently graduated from Fifth Third’s IT Leadership Program. **Jason Ice** is a Senior Telecom Analyst with Progressive Insurance. **Josh Zangmeister** is a Network Communications Analyst II with Tween Brands, a retail company that was spun off from the Limited in 1999. **Jed Bistline** is a Project Coordinator with Abercrombie & Fitch. **Kevin Lush** is a Desktop Support Specialist with the University of Dayton-Enrollment Management.

**Brian Herrick ’03** recently accepted a Systems Engineer position with Rockefeller & Co. in NYC. He’s excited to take the step from low level troubleshooting to far more complex projects. **Jeffrey Dunno** is a Telecom Analyst/Specialist with ECS, Inc. **Steve Fisher** is the director, Implementation, of The SpyGlass Group, Inc. **Matt Raider**, Consultant, Network Technology Group with Accenture, recently climbed Kilimanjaro in Africa as part of a team effort to raise funds for HIV/AIDS programs in Africa.

**Stephanie Wilfong ’04** is an IT recruiter in Charlotte, NC, with the Ettain Group. With offices in Atlanta, DC, Raleigh, and Jacksonville, she would be happy to hear from ITS alumni at fong02@aol.com. **Jeremy Hansford** is a Data Security Analyst with the Ohio Department of Public Safety. **Ryan Rawas** is a Systems Engineer with LexisNexis. **Kim Zdinak** is an Account Manager in Dedicated Services with PowerNet Global, making a move from technical sales to technical management of accounts and loving it! **Wes Ramsey** is a Telecom Analyst with Progressive Insurance.

**Christopher Crosbie** is a Clinical Analyst with Maimonides Medical Center. **Jesse Hall** is working in Cisco IPT technology with ADP in the Cincinnati area. **Andrew Norton** is a Class 4 Engineer with PowerNet Global.

**Karen Davis ’05** is a Quality Control Analyst with Federated Department Stores. **Todd Leinberger** is an IS Support Specialist with Command Alkon. **TJ Coldebella** is a Telecom Analyst with Progressive Insurance. **Francie Yakos** is a Marketing Coordinator with ZyXEL Communications, with full responsibility for all aspects of trade shows. She focuses on Wireless, Switching, Security, VoIP, DSL/ADSL, WiMAX, CoE and CPE and consumer electronics. She has finally adapted to living in California. **Wrienne Mitchell**, Associate Network Engineer with MCPCs, is a newly certified in CCNA and CAWFS. **Jerry Reed** is a Desktop Support Manager with OU College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Todd Leinberger** is a Telecom Analyst with Omnicare Information Solutions.

**Anwar Aridi ’06**, Technology World Company, is the Operation Manager in one of the projects with Al Balqa Applied University where they are running Jordan Electronic Academy and working in Business Development in the main office. **Angela Weber** is a Technology Operations Analyst with JPMorgan Chase & Co. **Tyler Murrell** is a Sales Rep. with Leap Software, Inc. **Jeff Orr**, Owner/Engineer with Communicor Broadcast Engineering, does broadcast engineering for nationwide radio/TV networks as well as transmitter site design and construction. He also does audio/visual/telecommunication systems design and integration. **Niraj Bothra** is a Software Engineer with Interactive Data. **Thomas Settle** is an Analyst with Accenture. **Mark Jaques** is an IT Support Technician with TNS Global. **Ritesh Sabharwal** is a Telecom Analyst with AT&T. **Benjamin Fuller** is a Tier III
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Support with Omnicare.

Brandon Epp ’07 is a Core Systems Analyst with Accenture. Robert Lehane is a Programmer Analyst II with Key Bank. Brian Bauer is a Telecom Analyst with Progressive Insurance. Matt Brainard, Associate Systems Engineer with Cisco Systems, is working on getting career certifications from Cisco. He is engaged to be married on December 15th. Brad Dombos is a Contact Center Engineer with Cross Telecom. David Stammler is a RF Design Engineer with NeTeam.

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Want to keep in touch with other alums, let other alums know about a position available with your company, or looking for a job? Instructions for how to subscribe to the alumni listserv are also in the alumni section.

Faculty/Staff Activities - from Page 1

Phil Campbell took over as Director July 2007 while Andy Snow stepped down to spend time teaching and doing research.

John Hoag received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor this spring. Congratulations to John!


A. Snow and G. Weckman, “What are the chances an availability SLA will be violated?”, IEEE International Conference on Networking 2007, April, St Luce Martinique, 2007. [presented]

Herb Thompson was appointed Associate Editor of Telecommunications Policy July 1, 2007. He had the following articles accepted for publication: “Mobile, Fixed Line and Internet Service Effects On Global Productive Efficiency,” Information Economics & Policy, June, 2007; “Demand for Telecommunication Services in Developing Countries,” Telecommunications Policy, June, 2007; and “Are Smoke Detectors as Effective as the Public Health Literature Reports?”, Economic Letters, Summer 2007.

He worked with NRRI on Telecom Competition and Broadband Deployment and was a discussant at the Center for Research in Regulated Industries - 20th Western Conference, Monterey, CA, June 27-29th.

Crosstalk

Hi to all CSM Alumni from the Class of 1990!!!

- Irene Kehayas ’90

Can’t believe I am in my 10th year out of college...time smokes by!

- Josh Gilliland ’97

I just want to thank Philip Campbell, to whom I owe a lot. Take advantage of what your professors can offer you as it will pay off later in life. Thanks Phil and thanks for giving me multiple chances to succeed and not giving up on me.

- Jon Murphy ’98
Job Placement

A McClure School education offers opportunity for those entering the networking, telecommunications, or any other field, as evidenced by a sample of recent job placements:

- Brian Bauer - Progressive Insurance
- Niraj Bothra - Interactive Data
- Matt Brainard - Cisco Systems
- Alicia Cline - JP Morgan Chase
- Brett Dirr - Progressive Insurance
- Brad Dombos - Cross Telecom
- Brandon Epp - Progressive Insurance
- Tyler Fisher - Progressive Insurance
- Ben Fuller - Omnicare
- Seth Glasgow - JP Morgan Chase
- Nick Lathrop - Cisco Systems
- Robert Lehane - Key Bank
- Samantha Masminster - Cisco Systems
- Dustin Ratliff - Progressive Insurance
- Jeff Risner - Washington State
- Tom Settle - Accenture
- David Stammler - NeTeam
- Adam Toporowski - Cisco Systems