



Information and Telecommunication Systems



From the Director

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As I write this, Athens is becoming a little busier as continuing students move back to town, and international students complete their orientation. We will have a larger number of incoming students for both the undergraduate and the graduate program - a very welcome move in the right direction.



Hans Kruse

We are starting a very deliberate marketing effort for the on-line version of our Masters program; don't be surprised if you see a Facebook, LinkedIn, or mobile ad for the program! And as always, we ask you to make friends and co-workers aware of the ITS program. Speaking about marketing, we will again have a PR staff of 3-4 students working for ITS; they will be asking you for ideas and stories we can use to promote the program.

I have watched with interest as Dr. Hoag and Dr. Arauz have made further advances into the topics of the "Internet of Things", "Smart Cities", and the infrastructure needed for big data analytics. Dr. Arauz just finished teaching a summer course on "Big Data Engineering".

In about a month we will welcome many friends and supporters of ITS to the 2017 Lonsbury Golf Tournament. Aside from raising money for scholarships, we are always excited to see so many of you return to Athens to continue to be part of the ITS program! To register for this fund raising event or donate items for the raffle, go to <http://itsohio.net/support/golf-classic/>.

Recent Alums Who Found Employment

Sam Arnold - Sogeti
Colin Bull - Columbus Collaboratory
Logan Conrad - Stanley Steemer
Anthony D'Andrea - U.S. Army
John Dolovacky - Ohio University

Caleb Gornall - Progressive Insurance
Jacob Hey - Vantiv
Matthew Hicks - Hyland Software
Aaron Higey - Zenith Systems
Kenny Maglosky - Sogeti
Dylan Maloni - Expedient
Doug Neiheisel - Cincinnati Bell
Clovis Nkempu - Lutheran Services
Wilson Okosun - Hayes Talent Solutions
Robert Osan - ADgility Solutions Inc
George Sarfo Adu - CGI Technologies
Ryan Schwartz - Mid-Ohio Psychological Services
Jacob Studebaker - JPMorgan Chase
Rachana Thandra - Advanced Auto Parts
Jason Tucker - Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Payge Winfield - Rockwell Automation

Tech Savvy Program for Girls

The Tech Savvy program brings middle-school-aged girls to Ohio University where they learn about technology and the opportunities that a college education offers. Tech Savvy is open to girls in grades 6-9 in Southeast Ohio and neighboring regions. McClure School faculty member **Trevor Roycroft** conducted a session on technologies associated with the Internet, from Wi-Fi's "frequency hopping," to how fiber optic cable is used in telecommunications networks.

Students used lasers in an experiment on "total internal reflection", and participated in a frequency hopping game using Koosh Balls: https://youtu.be/QdO_HY9j5m4 Dr. Roycroft was assisted by **Christine Scherer Wolfe** from OU Lancaster's Computer Science Technology Department, and ITS graduate student **Eunice Odame Arthur**.



Professor Trevor Roycroft teaching the Tech Savvy program.

ITS Day Alumni Panel

A big thank you to the ITS alums who came back to campus for ITS Day 2017 to speak to students about their careers:

Courtney Black-Salyer '13, Abercrombie & Fitch; **Anthony Wakim '12**, Nationwide Insurance; **Brad Tunstall '06**, Progressive Insurance; and **Robert Ahuja '15**, Sogeti USA.

ITS Day 2018 will be Thursday, April 12. **Professor Julio Arauz** will once again be coordinating the day. Contact him at arauz@ohio.edu if you would like to be involved.



From left: **Courtney Black-Salyer '13**, Abercrombie & Fitch; **Anthony Wakim '12**, Nationwide Insurance; **Brad Tunstall '06**, Progressive Insurance; and **Robert Ahuja '15**, Sogeti USA.

ITERA 2017

ITS students and faculty recently attended the annual ITERA (Information and Telecommunications Education and Research) conference in Nashville, TN, to present papers and compete against other student teams. The ITS team was a finalist in the event.



ITERA student group members (from left): **Ryan Schwartz, Ajlin Nozic, Jonathan Steiner, Professor Philip Campbell, Corey Krauss, and Tyler Ferguson.**

Alumni David Blum Presentation

ITS alum **David Blum '00**, Chief Technology and Marketing Officer for W.W. Williams, spoke to an appreciative group of ITS students/faculty on Technology Innovation: Productizing Data and Transforming Business Through IoT.



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Student Awards Banquet

Congratulations to all the ITS students awarded a scholarship for next year during the ITS Day banquet: **Brandon Smith, Kyle Hinton, Trevor Swackhamer, Chris Johnston, Jordan Pearson, Alan Hudak, Ryan Kemper, and Ajlin Nozic.**



Brandon Smith was awarded the John F. Smith Memorial Scholarship. From left **Brandon Smith's mother, Brandon Smith, Matt Hartman,** and **Professor Philip Campbell.**

Outstanding Graduating Students

Congratulations to **Clovis Nkempu**, Outstanding Graduating MITS student, and **CJ Johnston**, Outstanding Graduating Senior student.



Professor Hans Kruse with **Clovis Nkempu.**



Associate Dean Greg Newton with CJ Johnston.

Phyllis Bernt Retiring

Professor Phyllis Bernt has decided to fully retire effective immediately. She took early retirement in 2012 and has been teaching one semester a year since then. ITS students (and COMT when we were called that) have benefited from her expertise for 3 decades, and she has had a huge influence on the character of our school. On the other hand, we understand her desire to enjoy the rest and fun of her retirement.



Phyllis Bernt

If you get a chance, please reach out to her at bernt@ohio.edu with a thank-you and wish her well in her retirement.

Lonsbury Scholarship Memorial Golf Classic

Join the McClure School Advisory Board members at the 2017 Lonsbury Memorial Scholarship Advisory Board Golf Classic Thursday, September 21st, at the Athens Country Club. You can [register and pay online](#).

Stay for the evening reception on the patio of the OU Inn to socialize with ITS alums and industry professionals, win a raffle prize, and meet the two scholarship recipients for the academic year 2017-18: **AJ Hudak** and **Ryan Kemper**.



Alumni Updates

Joel Eidelberg BSC '86 recently joined OneVoice Communications, a carrier agnostic Global Virtual Network Operator (GVNO) offering a full range of connectivity services and solutions, as a Sr. Carrier Account Manager. Feel free to reach out to him with any voice and/or data needs your company may have. **Greg Smullen BSC '92** is the Director of Client Services with Sierra-Cedar. **Bradley Kilbey BSC '95** is the VP/General Manager-Federal Markets of Windstream.

Sangeeta Nagaraja-Walsh BSC '96, Product Marketing, Platform and ISV Partners with RingCentral, is managing their marketing and go to market partnerships with ISV partners such as Google, Salesforce, ServiceNow, Microsoft, and Okta. **Scott Archer BSC '97** is the Director, Digital Marketing, of Qualcomm Inc.

John Langland BSC '98 is the Director, IT Vendor Management, with PepsiCo. **Todd Stults BSC '00** is a Senior Network Planning Engineer with AT&T. **David Blum BSC '00** was promoted to Chief Marketing Officer, in addition to the CIO role, at W.W. Williams. **Gene Beno BSC '03** has a new job as Director of Business Systems with Rubicon Oilfield International. **Preston Gove BSC '05** is an Inside Sales Manager with Quest.

Raymond Shade BSC '09 is a Specialist in IT Applications with Nationwide Insurance. **Nate Marcinonis BSC '11** is an Information Systems Manager with Matesich Distributing Company.

Anthony Aerni BSC '14 was promoted to Infrastructure Senior Analyst where he globally deploys a customized, ServiceNow based, enterprise service management software on behalf of the State Department. **Nimesh Rijal MITS '15** is a Software Developer with Qnomy Inc.

Ken Maglosky BSC '16, who works with Sogeti, USA, recently started with a new client, AEP. **Doug Neiheisel BSC '16** was hired by Cincinnati Bell as a Project Manager, Phone System and Application Specialist. Thanks, Doug, for your kind words: "I wanted to thank all of you for your hard work and patience as professors/mentors of mine. I landed an AWESOME job and I could not have done it without you guys." **Maryam Ban MITS '16** is a Data Analyst with JPMorgan Chase.

Wilson Okosun MITS '16 works on VPN's and planning of network integration as a Network Consultant with Hays Talent Solutions. **Logan Conrad BSC '17** is a Help Desk Analyst with Stanley Steemer. **Jacob Hey '17** is enjoying the new job he started as a Sr. Technology Specialist with Vantiv on July 24. **Jason Tucker '17** is a System Administrator (IT Security) with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Send us your updated information. Click on "update your information" in the [alumni section](#) of the School's website. 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 listserve are also in the alumni section of the School's website.

The School has a group on LinkedIn and Facebook we hope you will link to.

Keep in touch!

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