

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS & OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT FORUM**

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## **Proposal to Join the Information Systems & Operations Management FORUM**

The Department of Information Systems & Operations Management (ISOM) at the University of Florida has established the ISOM Forum to bring together industry executives, ISOM faculty, and ISOM students to facilitate curriculum development, continuing education and research needs of all these groups. The ISOM faculty invites \_\_\_\_\_ to join this FORUM. The annual dues of **\$6000.00** are required to become a member of the FORUM.

The primary purposes of the ISOM FORUM are: (1) to provide a cooperative exchange of ideas; (2) to provide continuing education to FORUM members, ISOM faculty, and ISOM students; (3) to solve substantive business problems through research and consulting partnerships; and (4) to continue the development of our curricula to best prepare students for their business careers.

### **Benefits to Member Companies**

Continuing Education: FORUM, business and faculty members benefit from yearly presentations by experts in areas of interest to the FORUM. In addition, FORUM members define areas of interest which help motivate the development of research workshops, seminars and executive training programs to meet their on-going educational needs.

Consulting and Research Opportunities: ISOM FORUM members have direct access to ISOM faculty researchers and to the results of the research community at large. Specific problems of significance could be solved by faculty or graduate students in ISOM on a case-by-case basis. This can often take place in the form of undergraduate or graduate class projects, and/or Ph. D. dissertations.

Access to College or University Personnel: The ISOM department acts as a primary contact point with the Warrington College of Business and the University of Florida for all FORUM members.

Annual conferences: The ISOM FORUM sponsors one meeting per year for the ISOM FORUM members. Industry executives, ISOM faculty, and students meet to review progress towards goals, plan new programs, and give input into curriculum and related topics.

Curriculum: The types of problems that face businesses, and the analytical tools necessary to solve those problems, are continuously evolving. Some tools are evolving rapidly in academia, while others are forged in the commercial world. The FORUM is an ideal place to focus awareness on these changes. Members of the ISOM FORUM can have a direct influence on the subjects and analytical skills that will be taught in the classroom and through this mechanism corporate needs can be translated into course content.

### **Advisory Board Member**

It is critical that \_\_\_\_\_ nominate an Advisory Board member who is in a position of commensurate responsibility in the corporation. As a guideline, Board members from other corporations have been the CEO/President, the Chief Information Officer (CIO), the VP of Operations, the Head of Strategic Planning, or the Head of a major technological group.

### **Funding for FORUM Activities**

To secure adequate funding, each corporate sponsor is asked to make a two-year (minimum) financial commitment to support the activities of the ISOM FORUM.

### **Department of Information Systems & Operations Management (ISOM)**

The ISOM faculty currently consists of sixteen faculty members. A bio-sketch of each faculty member is provided in Exhibit 1.

The emphasis in the ISOM department, the Warrington College of Business, and the University of Florida is on achieving high standards in teaching, research, and service. Students benefit from this emphasis by being exposed to cutting-edge research and ideas, as well as the ability to network with people responsible for these advances.

### **Procedure for Joining the ISOM FORUM**

If \_\_\_\_\_ would like to join the ISOM FORUM, the membership dues of **\$6,000** should be made payable to the University of Florida Foundation, Inc. (UFF), the University's tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The payment should be designated for the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, account number F003457. Once funded, the program as outlined will be directed by the Chairperson of the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management in the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Department of Information Systems & Operations Management**  
**Warrington College of Business Administration**  
**University of Florida**  
**Department Faculty**

Information Systems and Operations Management Faculty

**Haldun Aytug**

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Haldun Aytug is the Karl. F. and Nancy J. Flammer Professor and Academic Unit Head of Information Systems and Operations Management at the University of Florida. His research interests include machine learning, electronic commerce and scheduling. He has received research funding from the National Science Foundation and has published his work in Management Science, Information Systems Research, ORSA Journal on Computing, and other academic journals. His teaching interests include business objects, data mining, and logistics. Haldun earned his PhD in Decision and Information Sciences from the University of Florida in 1993. He is a member of Institute for Operations Research and Management Science and Association for Computing Machinery. He serves on the editorial review boards of Decision Support Systems, Decision Sciences Journal and Journal of Database Management.

**Seema Bandyopadhyay**

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Seema Bandyopadhyay is currently a Senior Lecturer in the department of Information Sciences and Operations Management at the University of Florida, Gainesville. She received her Ph.D. degree from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, in 2004. She received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University, India, in 1991 and a Masters degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India, in 1997. Before joining the ISOM department, she served as a lecturer in department of Computer Science and Information Science and Engineering at University of Florida and as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando. She worked as a research engineer in a telecom company (C-DOT) in India from 1991-1997. Her research interests include the design, performance analysis, and optimization of computer networks. Her teaching interests include computer networks and design and development of application and system software.

**Subhajyoti Bandyopadhyay**

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Subhajyoti ("Shubho") Bandyopadhyay is the Susan Cameron Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management at the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Professor Bandyopadhyay's areas of research interests include Net Neutrality, Information Systems Policy, Health informatics, Offshore Outsourcing of Services and the economics of Information Systems. His work has been cited by Google in its

filing to the Federal Communications Commission in support for Net Neutrality. His research has been funded by the NET Institute, the Public Utility Research Center at the University of Florida, and by a Faculty Enhancement Opportunity award by the University of Florida. His research has been published in Information Systems Research, Marketing Science, Journal of Management Information Systems, Journal of Operations Management, Decision Support Systems, Decision Sciences, European Journal of Operations Research and Communications of the ACM, among others. He received the Judy Fisher Teaching with Technology Award in 2008 and the Graduate Teaching Award in 2011-12 from the College of Business Administration at the University of Florida. Shubho received his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from Purdue University in 2002. Prior to his academic career, he has had several years of industry experience with IBM in India. He is a member of the INFORMS and the AIS.

### **Harold Benson**

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Harold Benson, Professor Emeritus of Information Systems and Operations Management, earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences in 1976. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He has held the American Economic Institutions and the Knight-Ridder Chairs at the University of Florida. His research interests are in the areas of multiple criteria decision-making and global optimization. In 2004, he received the prestigious Georg Cantor Award from the International Society on Multiple Criteria Decision Making for his lifetime research contributions to multiple criteria decision making. He was a College of Business Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1990-1991, and he received a Teaching Improvement Award from University in 1995-1996. In 2006-2007 he was named the Undergraduate Faculty Member of the Year in the ISOM department. He has authored over 75 refereed research publications. He has served as an Associate Editor for *Naval Research Logistics*, *the Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, and *Operations Research Letters*. Currently, he is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications* and the *Journal of Global Optimization*. He is also an Editorial Board Member for the *International Journal of Computational and Numerical Analysis and Applications*, the *International Journal for Rapid Publications in Mathematics*, the *International Journal of Information Systems for Logistics and Management* and the *International Journal of Productivity and Quality Management*.

### **Janice Carrillo**

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Janice E. Carrillo is the PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management at the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida, Gainesville. She obtained her master's and doctorate degrees in Operations Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. During her graduate studies, she received a prestigious fellowship from Intel and won the Best Student Paper Award at the Portland International Conference on Management of Engineering and Technology (PICMET). Her interests in technology management were fueled by her earlier work experience as an electrical engineer. Prior to her graduate studies, she worked at Clorox, Hughes Aircraft, Rockwell International, and McDonnell Douglas.

Her general research topics of interest include: management of technology, manufacturing strategy, supply chain management, and sustainability. In particular, her research addresses the analysis of process improvement, new product development, and sourcing strategies and has been accepted for publication in journals including *Management Science*, *IIE Transactions*, *Production and Operations Management*, and the *European Journal of Operational Research*. She is a senior editor for the *Production and Operations Management Journal*, and she serves on the Editorial Review Boards for both the *Decision Sciences Journal* and *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*. She is active in the *Production and Operations Management Society (POMS)*, where she currently serves as the Vice President of Membership. In the past, she served as President for the *Technology Management Section (TMS)* at the *Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS)*.

### **Hsing Kenny Cheng**

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Dr. Hsing Kenneth Cheng is the John B. Higdon Eminent Scholar of Information Systems and Operations Management of Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida. Prior to joining UF, he served on the faculty at The College of William and Mary from 1992 to 1998. He received his Ph.D. in computers and information systems from William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Rochester in 1992. Professor Cheng teaches information technology strategy, object-oriented analysis and design, managerial statistics, electronic commerce, and supply chain management. He was awarded the Warrington College of Business Administration Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001, and “Outstanding Faculty” Award, for service and teaching excellence to Professional MBA Class of 2012, Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida.

Dr. Cheng’s research interests involve electronic commerce, information systems policy issues, and information technology in supply chain management. His recent research focuses on modeling the impact of Internet technology on software development and marketing, and the national debate on net neutrality. He is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> (for the period of 2009-2011) and 16<sup>th</sup> (for the period of 2010-2012) among the world’s top-100 researchers in information systems based on publications on the top three information systems journals. His “Toward a Profile of Student Pirates” article is selected by *Journal of Business Ethics* as one of the 49 distinguished articles (out of 4747 published papers in thirty years) in JBE’s thirty year anniversary issue. His 2012 *Decision Sciences* paper “Net Neutrality, Broadband Market Coverage, and Innovation at the Edge” is featured in B-School Research Briefs of Bloomberg Businessweek. Dr. Cheng has co-edited several special issues in various information systems journals. He has served on the program committee of many information systems conferences and workshops, and is a program co-chair for the Workshop on E-Business (2003, 2012), and Taiwan Summer Workshop on Information Management (2013).

### **Ira Horowitz**

Ira Horowitz is Graduate Research Professor Emeritus, having retired as a full-time faculty member at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year, which marked his 28th year of service to the

University of Florida. Prior to coming to the University of Florida, Dr. Horowitz, who earned his B.A. at the Johns Hopkins University (1955) and Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1959), spent twelve years on the faculty of the School of Business Administration at Indiana University. He has also held visiting faculty appointments at the University of Kansas City (1960), The Catholic University of Louvain (1968-69), Michigan State University (1978-79), Institut Europeen d' Administration des Affaires (1984-85; Summer 1987; Summer 1997), The City University of Hong Kong (1992-94; 1997-98), Chiba University of Commerce (Summer 1993; November 1998), and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Spring/Summer 1995). Since his retirement, he has periodically been taken out of mothballs to teach at the University of Florida, and has held semester-long overseas teaching appointments at Adelaide University (2001), the Consortium of International Universities (Italy, 2001), City University of Hong Kong (2002, 2007), Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2005), Hellenic American University (Athens, 2007), and Hong Kong Baptist University (2013). Since 2002 he has been a perennial (summer) Adjunct Faculty member in the College of Business at San Diego State University. He has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (1955-56), Beta Gamma Sigma Distinguished Scholar (1977-78), and American Institute of Decision Sciences Fellow (1978), and is the recipient of the American Institute of Decision Sciences Distinguished Service Award (1983), Teknologie Doktor h. c. Linköping Institute of Technology (1989), and the Blue Key Distinguished Faculty Award (1990).

Dr. Horowitz served as Editor of Decision Sciences (1978-83) and Managerial and Decision Economics (1988-93), and has also served on numerous Editorial Boards. At the present time he serves on the Editorial Boards of the Managerial and Decision Economics, the Journal of Sports Economics, and the International Journals of Strategic Decision Sciences and Integrated Supply Management.

Dr. Horowitz is the author/coauthor of five books and has published over 200 articles in refereed journals in economics and business. Since 2011 his papers have appeared in, among other journals, Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education, Group Decision and Negotiation, The Journal of Gambling Business and Economics, Australian Tax Forum, Applied Energy, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, and Small Group Research. His recent and on-going research has focused on the pricing and procurement problems facing electric utilities.

### **Kyung Sung Jung**

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Kyung Sung Jung is a Lecturer in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management at Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida. He received his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Dallas on August 2013. He received MBA in Foster School of Business at University of Washington, Seattle. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Sogang University, Korea and a Master's degree in Information Storage Engineering from Yonsei University, Korea. His primary research interests are in addressing the operations problems in manufacturing and service operations management. In particular, his current research interests include the service operations in online DVD rental industry, the scheduling operations in robotic cells, and healthcare operations in the

operating room. He is also interested in online retailing and project management. He has published his research in IIE Transactions and Annals of Operations Research. His teaching interests are in Production & Operations Management, Scheduling, Inventory Control, Probability and Statistics, and Quantitative Methods. Before entering academics, he had worked at LG Electronics, INC. as a Researcher in Mechanical Department at Mobile Handset R&D Center, Korea. Dr. Jung has two patents in the U.S and 19 local patents in Korea for mobile phone technologies.

### **Gary J. Koehler**

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Gary J. Koehler is the Emeritus Professor of Management Information Systems in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. He received his Ph. D. from Purdue University in 1974. He has held academic positions at Northwestern University and Purdue University and between 1979-1987 was a cofounder and CEO of a high-tech company which grew to over 260 employees during that period. His research interests are in the intersection of the Operations Research, Artificial Intelligence and Information Systems areas and include such topics as genetic algorithm theory, machine learning, e-commerce, and decision support systems. He has published in journals including Management Science, Information Systems Research, Operations Research, Journal on Computing, Evolutionary Computation, Decision Sciences, Decision Support Systems, the European Journal on Operational Research, Computer Technologies and Information Systems: IIE Transactions on Operations Engineering, SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization, Discrete Applied Mathematics, and many more.

He was an area editor for Decision Support Systems and was on the editorial boards of several other journals. He has served as an expert witness for many large firms (including AT&T and Anderson Consulting), has been an External Examiner for several Universities, and has worked under grants from IBM and the National Science Foundation.

### **Anuj Kumar**

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Anuj Kumar is an Assistant Professor of Information Systems Management at Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida. Anuj holds a PhD in Information Systems Management from Heinz School of Information Systems and Management, Carnegie Mellon University. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's degree in Thermal Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, India, and a Master's degree in management from Indian Institute of Management, India.

Professor Kumar is interested in finding business relevant insights at the intersection of Information Systems, Operation Management and Marketing. Specifically, he studies multichannel customer behavior in IS enabled new technology channels e.g. customer support at call centers and digital goods markets settings. He employs economic and behavioral theories to model customer behavior and then utilizes econometric and probabilistic methods to extract actionable insights from the field data. Professor Kumar has published his research in top tier journals like Manufacturing & Service Operations Management and Information Systems

Research.

### **Young Kwark**

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Young Kwark is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management at Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Dallas on December 2013. She also received MBA in Foster School of Business at University of Washington in Seattle. She had worked at LG CNS Co., Ltd. as a system designer and solution expert. Projects she had joined include business process management, service oriented architecture, knowledge management system, and enterprise portal. Her primary research interests are in the economics of emerging phenomena from the rise of new industries and technology changes. She is interested in the effect of user-generated content in online retailing, online advertising, information security in organizations, and information systems project management. She has published her research in INFORMS journals like Information Systems Research and Decision Analysis.

### **Jayashree Mahajan**

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Professor Mahajan is a Lecturer in the Department of Information Systems & Operations Management and currently teaches Introduction to Managerial Statistics in the Professional MBA program and Advanced Managerial Statistics in the MBA/MSM Programs. She has a Ph.D. in Business from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an MBA from the University of Windsor, and an MA in Economics from Bombay University. Professor Mahajan has been on the faculty in the Department of Marketing at the University of Florida and at the University of Arizona. While at UF, she taught Business Statistics at the undergraduate level in the electronic platform format for a number of years. At the graduate level, she has taught International Marketing, Marketing Research, Marketing Decision Support Systems, and Environmental Scanning. Her research projects have examined the use of specialists and generalists in multi-product firms, examining the value of spillovers from investments in information technology for marketing activities, and examining the effects of feedback and expertise on overconfidence in marketing predictions. Her work has been published in a number of journals including *Journal of Marketing Research*, *International Journal of Research in Marketing*, *Decision Sciences Journal*, and the *European Journal of Operational Research*. Her research has been funded by the Marketing Science Institute and the National Science Foundation.

### **Aditi Mukherjee**

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Aditi Mukherjee is a Lecturer at Warrington College of Business Administration at University of Florida. She received her Ph.D. in Information Systems in 2009 from Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. She also has a Master's degree in Software Engineering from PSG College of Technology in India. Her research pertains to the study of how information system design influences users' behaviors and impacts organizational performance, and focuses primarily in the area of knowledge management systems. Her teaching interests include

Information Systems Management, Database Management Systems, System Analysis and Design, Telecommunications, eCommerce.

### **Adam Munson**

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Adam B. Munson is a Lecturer in the department of Information Systems and Operations Management at the University of Florida. He earned his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida and also holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Aquatic Ecology, and an M.B.A. He also is licensed as a PE in industrial engineering. Adam has conducted extensive research on development of environmental constraints for the purpose of water supply planning and alternative water resource development. He is particularly interested in developing the lowest cost local and region-scale strategies for meeting current and future water supply demands without violating ecologic constraints on traditional water supplies. This ultimately leads towards the conjunctive use of multiple surface and ground water resources, with highly variable availability, to maximize resource yield and supply reliability. Recently Adam has been involved with the statistical modeling of historic surface water stages based on climatic indicators where stage records are too brief to span climate cycles. This impacts recourse availability by establishing a non bias record of historic condition. Adam's research has been published in multiple journals including the Journal of the American Water Resource Association, Florida Water recourses Journal, and Lake and Reservoir Management.

### **Xiajun (Amy) Pan**

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Xiajun Amy Pan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. She holds a PhD and an MS in Supply Chain and Operations Management from the University of Texas at Austin. She received an MS in Industrial Engineering from the National University of Singapore, and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Xi'an Jiaotong University, China.

Amy's research interests include supply chain management, retail operations management, and business analytics. Amy has conducted consulting projects for BNSF Railway Company and developed decision models and solution approaches, saving millions of dollars yearly for the company. She has published papers in top journals such as *Production and Operations Management* and *Manufacturing Service and Operations Management*. She won the *Wickham Skinner Award* for Best Paper Published in *Production and Operations Management* during 2012.

### **Praveen Pathak**

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Praveen Pathak is the Robert B. Carter Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. He received his Ph.D. from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 2000. He holds a MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, and a B.Tech. (Honors) from the Indian Institute of Technology. Prior to joining University of Florida he was working as an

Assistant Professor at Purdue University. His primary research interests are in the field of Information Retrieval, and Web Mining. He has also done research in the area of Business Process Outsourcing, and Healthcare IT. He has published in various journals including Management Science, Information Systems Research, Journal of Operations Management, Journal of Management Information Systems, IEEE Transaction on Knowledge and Data Engineering, Decision Support Systems, Information Processing and Management, Journal of The American Society for Information Science And Technology, and IEEE Intelligent Systems. His work has also been published in various leading conferences including Proceedings of the International Conference of Information Systems, Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, Americas Conference on Information Systems, Workshop on Information Technologies and Systems, INFORMS Conference on Information Systems and Technology, and Meetings of Decision Sciences Institute.

Professor Pathak's teaching interests are in the field of Business Data Communications Management, Data Mining, Business Statistics, and Network Security. Prof. Pathak is Member of ACM, IEEE, INFORMS, DSI, and AIS. He is on the editorial board of Decision Sciences, and Journal of Database Management, a program committee member of Workshop on Information Technologies and Systems, and Conference on Information Systems and Technology, and an ad-hoc referee for Management Science, Information Systems Research, Information Processing and Management, International Conference of Information Systems, Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, and Americas Conference on Information Systems. Before entering academics, Prof. Pathak had worked with Citibank, Index Computing, and Indian Telephone Industries. While at Citibank his team started the bank's mortgage business and established it across all of India.

### **Anand Paul**

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Anand Paul is the E.R. Beall Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management and an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology. He teaches courses in operations management. His research interests are in supply chain management and applied probability. His research has been published in Management Science, Operations Research, Marketing Science, IIE Transactions, Naval Research Logistics, European Journal of Operational Research, Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications, and Operations Research Letters. Prior to embarking on a career in academia, Dr. Paul worked for three years in consulting.

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Selwyn is the Frank L. Weyenberg Term Professor of Information Systems at UF. He is a founding member of the RFID European Lab in Paris. He received his PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1992. He has been at the University of Florida since Fall 1991. He taught in the Operations and Information Management department at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania from 1998 to 2001. His research and teaching interests

include artificial intelligence, cryptography, database management, data mining/machine learning, and simulation including their applications in computer integrated manufacturing, e-commerce, financial credit scoring, IoT, perishables, RFID, supply chain management, and work flow management. His research has been published in *Annals of Operations Research*, *Computer Communications*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Connection Science*, *Decision Support Systems*, *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*, *European Journal of Information Systems*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Expert Systems with Applications*, *IEEE Communications Letters*, *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing*, *IEEE Transactions on Education*, *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*, *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security*, *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics*, *Information & Management*, *Information Sciences*, *Information Systems Frontiers*, *Information Technology & Management*, *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, *International Journal of Computational Intelligence and Organizations*, *International Journal of Flexible Manufacturing Systems*, *International Journal of Production Economics*, *International Journal of Production Research*, *International Journal of RF Technologies: Research and Applications*, *Journal of Information & Knowledge Management*, *Journal of Information Privacy and Security*, *Journal of Medical Systems*, *Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce*, *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*, *Management Science*, *Neural Network World*, among others.

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### **Tharanga Rajapakshe**

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Tharanga Rajapakshe is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. She received her doctoral degree in Management Science from the University of Texas at Dallas. She received her bachelor's degree in Production Engineering from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. She also holds a master degree (MS) in Supply Chain Management and a professional MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Tharanga's research interests are in resolving novel issues that emerge in implementing socially responsible of supply chains and in optimization theory and applications. She has published papers in the top tier journals in the area of Operations Management such as *Operations*

*Research and Production and Operations Management.* Tharanga's teaching interests are in Operations Management, Supply Chain Management, Project Management, Logistics and Distribution.

### **Patrick A. Thompson**

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Professor Thompson is a Lecturer in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management at the University of Florida. He has a B.S. and M.S. degrees from Bowling Green State University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Thompson teaches statistics, simulation, decision theory and total quality management in the graduate and undergraduate programs. He previously served on the faculty of Ohio State University.

### **Asoo J. Vakharia**

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Asoo J. Vakharia is the McClatchy Professor and Director of the Center for Supply Chain Management in the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida. He has Ph.D. and M.B.A. degrees in Operations Management from the University of Wisconsin and a B.COM. in Accounting and Economics from Bombay University.

Asoo's research primarily focuses on contemporary issues in Supply Chain Management (such as disruption management, new product introduction, and design for sustainability). He has published papers in several academic journals including the *Decision Sciences Journal*, the *European Journal of Operational Research*, *IIE Transactions*, the *Journal of Discrete Applied Mathematics*, the *Journal of Operations Management*, the *Naval Research Logistics Journal*, and the *Production & Operations Management Journal*. He is the **Editor** for the *Decision Sciences Journal*, and a **Senior Editor** for the *Production and Operations Management Journal*.

Asoo's teaching interests are in Operations Management, Manufacturing Planning and Control, Design of Manufacturing Systems, Management of Service Operations, Operations Strategy, Management Science, International Logistics, Transportation and Logistics Systems, and MPC/ERP Systems Integration. He has also been involved in extensive Executive Teaching both at the University of Arizona and the University of Florida. Asoo has also taught industry specific executive development courses such as Managerial Decision Analysis for Tucson Electric Power Company, Quality Analysis and Statistical Methods for Citibank Universal Card Services, and Operations/Financial Analysis for AT&T Solutions Customer Care.

In addition to his academic experience, he has managed the operations and financial aspects of a leather goods manufacturer. He has also been a Management Consultant specializing in inventory audits, carrying out feasibility analysis of new ventures and writing procedure manuals for banking clients. After joining academia, he has worked with several companies including AT&T Solutions Customer Care, e-Diets.com, Golden Eagle Distributors, Garrett Air Research, Motorola, Sweetheart Cups, Inc., University of Arizona Medical Center, and Vistakon, Inc.

