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IN THE MEDIA

Ed Crawley quoted in New York Times article on the future of NASA
“For NASA No Easy Answer for Next Space Destination”

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Steven Spear discusses Toyota recall
“MIT’s Spear Discusses Toyota’s Corporate Culture”
Bloomberg Television (video) – February 24, 2010
http://www.sling.com/video/show/275074/28/MIT%27s-Spear-Discusses-Toyota%27s-Corp

“Complaints on Toyota went for naught”
The Boston Globe – February 25, 2010
http://www.sling.com/video/show/275074/28/MIT%27s-Spear-Discusses-Toyota%27s-Corp

Also, Spear wrote an article for a Harvard Business Review blog:
http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2010/01/learning_from_toyotas_stumble.html

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MIT Portugal research featured on Falar Global (“Global Talk”) on Portuguese network SIC
MIT Portugal website news item (with links to videos) – February 7, 2010

RECENT EVENT
The ESD Faculty Lunch on February 23rd featured David Opolon and Rob Nicol, who discussed their research in the domain of health care. Both recently successfully defended their ESD PhD dissertations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Of special note: Larry Lapide (Research Affiliate, MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics) will be the keynote speaker at the North American Material Handling and Logistics Show 2010 Supply Chain Summit in Cleveland, OH, on April 28. His talk is entitled Outlook on Supply Chain 2020.
Monday, March 1, 2010
Engineering Systems Research - Special Seminar Series
Speaker: Thomas Lasko (MD, University of California, San Diego; PhD, MIT CSAIL)
Topic: On the Promise of Computational Medicine and the Reduction of Its Privacy Risks
Time: 1-2:30pm
Location: E40-298

Tuesday, March 2, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298
This will be an informal lunch with no speaker.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Humanitarian Relief Speaker Series
Speaker: Bernard Chomilier, Head of Logistics Development Unit, World Food Programme
Topic: Using Climate Science to Build Humanitarian Capacity
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-496

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Dan Roos
Topic: Impacts of LAI, IMVP (International Motor Vehicle Program) and the Portugal Program
Time: 4:15-5:30pm
Location: 33-206

Thursday, March 4, 2010
OR Seminar
Speaker: Peter Kolesar, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University
Topic: Conflict on the Delaware - Trout Fisherman and River Towns versus the Big Apple: Improving Water Release Policies with Operations Research
Time: 4:15 to 5:15pm
Location: E51-376
Followed by refreshments in the ORC Conference Room (E40-106)

Friday, March 5, 2010
Speaker: Jason Black, ESD PhD ’05; currently a systems engineer at General Electric
Dr. Black will talk about how his time at ESD has influenced his next steps after graduating with his PhD. He is now a systems engineer in the Computing and Decision Sciences group at the GE Global Research Center, and will provide some insight into careers in industrial research at GE.
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E51-145
Co-sponsored by ESD and ESD Student Society
Lunch will be provided

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298
Speaker TBD
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Vikram Mahidhar, Deloitte and Touche
Topic: Living in Exponential Times
Time: 4:15 - 5:30pm
Location: 33-206

Thursday, March 11, 2010
Engineering Systems Research - Special Seminar Series
Speaker: Margrét Bjarnadottir
Topic: Real-Time Postmarketing Drug Surveillance
Time: 12-1:30pm
Location: E40-298