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ESD NEWS


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TPP student Michael Kearney was recently named a Luce Scholar. He is one of 18 students selected for this nationally competitive fellowship program that places young professionals in Asia for one year. More details here: http://www.hluce.org/lsnews.aspx.

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ESD PhD alum Matthew Silver is CEO/co-founder of startup firm Cambrian Innovation (formerly IntAct Labs), specializing in microbial fuel cells and other electro-bio-chemical systems aiming toward environmental sustainability. (The company is based, in part, on the findings of Silver’s ESD PhD thesis (E. Crawley chair, O. de Weck, J. Moses, K. Oye, T. Knight).) Dr. Silver testified before Congress last week upon invitation of Chair of the Small Business Committee, Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA), on the suggestion of Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA). Read more: http://cambrianinnovation.com/2011/02/16/intact-labs-llc-announces-name-change-testifies-before-u-s-senate/

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The Canary Center office building, designed by ESD research scientist and practicing architect Dr. Anas Alfaris and the FA Consultants team, has received the first place award for Best Sustainability Project at the Saudi Arabian Building & Infrastructure Summit 2011. The Saudi BuildInfra Awards recognize companies for excellence and strategic initiatives in the field of infrastructure creation and development in Saudi Arabia. More details here: http://arabnews.com/economy/article259968.ece.

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Joan Rubin (an LGO alum) has joined MIT’s System Design and Management (SDM) Program as industry co-director. Details at: http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2011/sdm-rubin.html.

IN THE MEDIA

Yossi Sheffi quoted in Journal of Commerce article on supply chain disruptions “Shipping’s Chokepoint Risks”
http://www.joc.com/logistics-economy/shipping%E2%80%99s-chokepoint-risks
(Article available online via subscription, read more about article here):

Also picked up in Business Intelligence – Middle East:

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Olivier de Weck on Minnesota Public Radio to talk about the current state of U.S. manufacturing
“Will manufacturing jobs lead the recovery?”
Read more and listen online: http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/02/25/midmorning1/

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ESD PhD student Rhonda Jordan and EGG-energy featured in MIT Spectrum
“Bringing Electricity to Tanzania”
MIT Spectrum – Winter 2011
http://spectrum.mit.edu/issue/bringing-electricity-to-tanzania/

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Providence Journal op-ed on electric-grid storage by Richard Larson and Alexander Belenky
“The challenge of electric-grid storage”
The Providence Journal – February 24, 2011
http://www.projo.com/opinion/contributors/content/CT_grid24_02-24-11_FJMKDJF_v22.1f40bab.html

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Article on global risk survey by the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics
“Labour disputes pose supply-chain risk”
MSN News – February 21, 2011

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Thomas Kochan quoted in article about public unions
“Public Unions Arrive at Critical Moment”
NBC San Diego – February 24, 2011
http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/politics/Public_unions_arrive_at_a_critical_moment-116821278.html

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EVENTS

Monday, February 28, 2011
Engineering Systems Research – Special Seminar Series
Speaker: Suchi Saria, PhD candidate Department of Computer Science, Stanford University
“Structure discovery and prognostication from clinical time series data”
Time: 12-1:30pm
Location: E40-298

Monday, February 28, 2011
Supply Chain Innovation & Leadership Series
Mark Buckley, VP of Environmental Affairs, Staples
“Implementing Sustainability in the Supply Chain”
Time: 12-1pm
Location: E51-325
For further information: http://scm.mit.edu/scils

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Humanitarian Speaker Series
Martijn Blansjaar, Head of Logistics and Supply, Oxfam Great Britain
“Developing Supply Chain Capacity for Emergency Response”
Time: 12-1pm
Location: E51-315
For further information: http://ctl.mit.edu/humanitarian-speakers

Friday, March 4, 2011
NECSI and ESD seminar
Sandy Pentland: “How Social Networks Shape Human Behavior”
Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm
Location: E51-376

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Wednesday, March 9, 2011
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Eitan Naveh
"Quality of Care Improvement Efforts: A Behavioral Operations Research Approach"
Time: 4:15-5:15pm
Speaker: LAI Collaborative Initiatives
"Overview of Healthcare Research"
Time: 5:15-6:00pm
Location: E38-615

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