ESD NEWS

Maria Yang is being honored with the 2012 Earll Murman Award for Excellence in Advising. This award is presented to a faculty member “who has served as an excellent advisor and mentor for undergraduates and who has had a significant impact on their personal lives and academic success.”

***

John Sterman will be awarded an honorary doctorate at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) in Lugano, Switzerland. This honor, which is bestowed on only one recipient per year, recognizes the excellence of Prof. Sterman’s work. The diploma will be presented on May 12th in Lugano at the annual Dies Academicus.

***

AgeLab director Joseph Coughlin will receive an honorary doctor of science degree from the State University of New York on May 12th at SUNY Oswego (of which Coughlin is a 1982 graduate). Coughlin will address both the morning ceremony for graduates in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Communication, Media and the Arts and the afternoon ceremony for graduates in the School of Business and School of Education.

***

Olivier de Weck will serve as a member of the MIT Press Editorial Board from July 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015. In conjunction with the Director of the Press, the Editorial Board is responsible for the editorial quality of the publishing programs at the Press. The Editorial Board reviews publishing proposals as appropriate, provides guidance to the Press Acquisitions department, participates in the formulation of editorial strategies for both the Books and Journals divisions of the Press, and fosters the exchange of ideas about new developments in scholarly research, especially as they relate to publishing opportunities.

***

Recent ESD PhD alumna Danielle Wood has been selected by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) as a recipient of the Young Space Leaders Award. The award recognizes Dr. Wood’s unique research on emerging satellite programs and her volunteer efforts for the space community. She will be honored as part of the 2012 International Astronautical Congress, which will take place in Italy in October. More details here.

***
Voting is open for the MIT IDEAS Global Challenge 2012 Community Choice Vote. You can vote for up to three teams by April 29, 2012. (Last year, more than 11,000 people in 119 countries voted for their choice of teams.) Several of this year’s participating teams include ESD students, for example (project name and team member with ESD affiliation):

**Imaginate** - Cole Shaw (TPP)
**Luma Light** - Mauricio Gomez Diaz and Anna Delgado (TPP)
**MobiSolar** - Andrew Campanella, Ali Kamil, Abhijith Neerkaje, Lesley Yu (SDM)
**SMART Coops** – Charlotte Wang (SDM), Luiz Figer (SCM)
**Waste 2 Watts** - David Keith, ESD PhD student, Dr. Sidharth Rupani, ESD PhD alum

Similarly, there are many ESD students on semi-finalist teams in the prestigious MIT $100K competition. Next week there will be a full news item on the ESD website about the ESD students/projects participating in both of these important competitions.

***

Cheered on by many ESD colleagues, ESD Assistant Director for Administration and Finance Jennifer Kratochwill received a School of Engineering Infinite Mile Award this week in the category of Excellence. Photos and more details will be available on the ESD website next week.

**PUBLICATION**

A paper ESD PhD student David Ramberg wrote with John Parsons (Executive Director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEPR)) was published in the latest edition of *The Energy Journal*, the publication of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE):


**IN THE MEDIA**

**Recent coverage of AgeLab**

"Graying America gets wired to cut healthcare costs"
CNBC – April 12, 2012

"Conference Looks At Older Adults In Cities"
WBUR (via Associated Press) – April 7, 2012

**EVENTS**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

**Supply Chain Analytics Roundtable**

Time: 8am-5pm
Location: MIT Faculty Club
Tuesday, April 17-19, 2012
STAMP/STPA Workshop
Marking the publication of Professor Nancy Leveson's new book, Engineering a Safer World: Systems Thinking Applied to Safety, she is holding a workshop in system safety approaches on April 17-19. On Tuesday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Stata Center, the first day of the workshop will feature a tutorial for beginners and a parallel advanced tutorial. This event is co-sponsored by the MIT Engineering Systems Division, the MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the MIT Industrial Liaison Program.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
LAI Research Seminar: Tina Srivastava
Time: 4:15-5:30pm
Location: E38-615

Thursday, April 19, 2012
CTL Distinguished Speaker Series - Challenges in the Truckload Trucking Market
Woody Richardson - Vice President of Engineering and Business Transformation for Schneider National, Inc.
Time: 12:00–1:30pm
(Complimentary lunch served at noon. Lecture starts at 12:30pm.)
Location: E51-315

Thursday, April 19, 2012
LAI Web Knowledge Exchange Event
TRL-based Modeling for Cost and Schedule Uncertainty
Time: 2–3pm
Hosted by Dr. Bob Kenley and Bernard El-Khoury

###