ESD NEWS

Reminder: The 2012 Charles L. Miller Lecture will be next week on Wednesday, April 25 at 4pm in Building 34, Grier Room B. (Refreshments available at 3:30) ESD Interim Director Professor Joseph Sussman will present the talk “Complex Sociotechnical Systems: The Case for a New Field of Study.”

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The MIT Lean Advancement Initiative (LAI), in collaboration with MIT Collaborative Initiatives (CI), is partnering with the U.S. Military Health System (MHS) to develop innovative recommendations for transforming the military psychological health care system related to post-traumatic stress in support of service members and their families. A current $8 million, three-year grant cooperative agreement is jointly sponsored by MHS and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, and extends across the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines. Read full news item here.

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The MIT Sloan Management Review – BCG 2012 Sustainability and Innovation research report “Sustainability Nears a Tipping Point” prompted an invitation to participate in a White House Sustainable Supply Chain Dialogue on March 30 in Washington, DC. Organized by the U.S. General Services Administration, the event brought together leaders from the federal government, industry, academia and nonprofits to discuss how the launch of a sustainable supply chain community of practice can help “assure a secure and sustainable supply chain” which is “essential to both industry and government.” Knut Haanaes, coauthor of the report and head of The Boston Consulting Group’s global sustainability practice, as well as Edgar Blanco, of MIT’s Center for Transportation Logistics, both attended. More details here.

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A number of semi-finalist teams participating in the MIT IDEAS Global Challenge and MIT $100K Competition feature individuals from ESD. These projects highlight innovative approaches toward substantial, real-world challenges. Read the news item on the ESD website here. (If you notice a team missing from this list, please email skoperni@mit.edu.)

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A group of Technology and Policy Program students have started a new blog, Science Wonks, which aims to provide new perspectives on issues at the intersection of science, policy, and society. If you would like to follow the blog, you can subscribe to its RSS feed, like it on Facebook, or subscribe to their Twitter account. The blog writers welcome feedback on the blog content and mission. You can enter the conversation either by contacting sciencewonksblog@gmail.com or commenting on articles.
As mentioned previously, ESD’s Jennifer Kratochwill recently received a School of Engineering Infinite Mile Award in the category of Excellence. Read more here.

IN THE MEDIA

Seth Lloyd is quoted and his research discussed in this piece about the plausibility of time travel “Is Time Travel Real? Physicists Say It Happens All the Time”
The Huffington Post – April 17, 2012

LGO to host major manufacturing conference in May
“MIT Leaders for Global Operations to Host Conference; The Future of Manufacturing in the U.S.--May 8 and 9”

EVENTS

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
ESD Faculty Lunch
Warren Seering – SDM update
Time: 12-1pm
Location: E40-298

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Dissertation Defense of Woei Ling Leow
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Location: E40-298
Title: Zoning and Occupancy-Moderation for Residential Space-Conditioning under Demand-Driven Electricity Pricing
Committee: R. Larson (chair), J. Kirtley, R. Welsch Defense Chair: E. Moniz

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Charles L. Miller Lecture
Time: 4:00-5:30pm (Refreshments available at 3:30)
Location: Building 34 - Grier Room B
ESD Interim Director Professor Joseph Sussman presents this year’s Miller Lecture, entitled "Complex Sociotechnical Systems: The case for a new field of study."

Thursday, April 26, 2012
Lean Program Management Web Knowledge Exchange Event
Time: 2-3pm
Hosted by Dr. Josef Oehmen

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