ESD NEWS

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) Department Head Anantha Chandrakasan announced today the appointment of Professor Munther Dahleh to the William A. Coolidge Professorship at MIT. Professor Dahleh’s research is broadly in the area of systems and control, with specific interest in distributed systems. He has also made outstanding contributions to service in the past few years as the Associate and Acting Director of LIDS, Associate Head of EECS, and currently as the Acting Director of ESD, and Director-designate of a potential new organization that would incorporate the people and programs of ESD, LIDS, and a significant new initiative in statistics.

William Coolidge, a Harvard College graduate (1924) and founder and chair of the National Research Corporation, was a devoted member of the MIT Corporation (from 1948 as a term member to his appointment as a Life Member Emeritus in 1976). The professorship was established in 1988 in recognition of Coolidge’s years of thoughtful advice and generosity to MIT.

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Jarrod Goentzel was the 104th commencement speaker for Tabor College. His commencement speech was titled, “What will be your profession?” Read more here: “Tabor graduates largest senior class” (Hillsboro Free Press – May 20, 2014).

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WORKING PAPER

This new paper has been added to the ESD Working Papers Series:

**Concepts and Mechanics of Evaluating Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships: A discussion of key practical issues, illustrated through a case example**

Vivek Sakhrani  
Doctoral Candidate, Engineering Systems Division, MIT

Richard de Neufville  
Professor of Engineering Systems and of Civil and Environmental Engineering. MIT

View this and other papers in the ESD Working Papers Series here.
IN THE MEDIA

Joel Moses talks about the history of computer science at MIT
“MIT Commemorates 50 Years of Computing” (includes audio)
WGBH – On Campus blog – May 28, 2014

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A look at MIT AgeLab’s AGNES (Age Gain Now Empathy System) suit
“Meet Agnes, the ageing empathy suit at MIT” (video)
BBC News Online/Interactive – May 29, 2014

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Sandy Pentland mentioned in article about social networking
“What’s Next in Social Networking? Meaningful Simplicity”
The Huffington Post – May 29, 2014

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Steven Eppinger quoted in article about parts commonality and recent General Motors recalls
“Parts Commonality Can Make for Big Recall Headaches”

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Lawrence Bacow talks about potential impacts of technology on higher education
(Bacow spoke about this topic at the 2013 Charles L. Miller Lecture)
“Will EdX Save GenX from Rising College Costs?”
The Huffington Post – May 29, 2014

EVENTS

Monday, June 2, 2014
SDM Systems Thinking Webinar Series
“The Maturation of Model-Based Systems Engineering: OPM as the ISO Conceptual Modeling Language Standard”
Dov Dori, PhD, Visiting Professor, Engineering Systems Division, MIT

Wednesday, June 4, 2014
SDM Info Evening
Time: 6-9pm
Location: Boston Marriott Cambridge Two Cambridge Center, 50 Broadway, Kendall Sq., Cambridge

Friday, June 6, 2014
ESD PhD Graduation Party
Time: 2-4pm
Location: E40-298

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