ESD NEWS

Joseph Bailey (TMP PhD alum) has been selected as an Edison Scholar with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Read the full announcement on the Department of Commerce’s blog.

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The latest MIT IDEAS Global Challenge kicked off this week. One of the 13 winning teams from last May included ESD PhD student and TPP alum Vivek Sakhrani, who appears briefly in this video with the team GridForm.

WORKING PAPER

A new paper has been added to the ESD Working Paper Series:

Striving for Safety: Communicating and Deciding in Sociotechnical Systems

John M. Flach
Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, Wright State University

John S. Carroll
Gordon Kaufman Professor of Management, Sloan School of Management, MIT

Marvin J. Dainoff
Director, Center for Behavioral Sciences, Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety

W. Ian Hamilton
Partner, Human Factors Team – Global Head, ERM, Ltd.
Bristol, United Kingdom

IN THE MEDIA

Professor Asuman Ozdaglar (EECS) announced as new director of LIDS and associate director (designate) of the new MIT entity focusing on complex, sociotechnical systems

“Letter regarding new LIDS director”
MIT News – September 23, 2014

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Article by Yossi Sheffi in MIT Technology Review
“A Failure to Treat Workers with Respect Could Be Uber’s Achilles’ Heel”
MIT Technology Review – September 22, 2014

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NPR blog post on paper co-written by Richard Larson
“After The NIH Funding ‘Euphoria’ Comes The ‘Hangover’”

Here is the paper referenced: “Magnified Effects of Changes in NIH Research Funding Levels” - Richard C. Larson, Navid Ghaffarzadegan, and Mauricio Gomez Diaz – Service Science

This coverage was also picked up in the Sept. 25th issue of the ASEE First Bell newsletter.

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A summary of research by 2014 SCM alumni Hang Shi and Daniele Primavera
“Unlocking the Power of POS”
Supply Chain Management Review – September 14, 2014

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Joe Coughlin featured in Fast Company special HP Issue on the future of transportation
“The Baby Boomers Drive Change, Again”
Fast Company – Issue No. 2, Fall 2014

Also, Coughlin quoted in article about grandparents talking to their grandchildren about money:
“Grandparents: Talk to Your Grandchildren About Money”
USA Today – September 24, 2014

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Additional coverage of BioSuit, including quotes from Dava Newman
Below is a sampling of selected clips:

“MIT’s New BioSuit Shrinkwraps Astronauts to Hold Them Together”
Gizmodo – September 23, 2014

“Shrink-wrapping spacesuits”
Space Daily – September 22, 2014

“New MIT biosuit could herald new age in form-fitting spacesuit”
Tech Times – September 19, 2014

Also:
“Wearable robot-skin could be worn by drones”
Wired.co.uk – September 25, 2014

EVENTS

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
2014 MIT SDM Conference on Systems Thinking for Contemporary Challenges: Systems Thinking for Emerging, Evolving, and Established Leaders
Location: Wong Auditorium
Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
SDM Information Evening  
Time: 6-9pm  
Location: Bush Room (Building 10, Room 105)

Friday, October 10, 2014  
Distinguished Speaker Series: Dave Wheeler, Senior Vice President of Global Supply Chain, Cintas Corporation  
Topic: The Journey to a Fully Integrated Global Supply Chain  
Time: 12-1pm  
Location: W20-306  
A light lunch will be served at 11:45am. The lecture will begin at noon.

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